

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101      304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30

Sunday PM Worship.....6:00pm

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm

“Where you are always welcome!”

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*



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304-420-2416  
Recorded information on many Bible subjects

# TO KEEP IN PRAYER

## CHURCH FAMILY

Mandy Bunting  
Linda Camp  
Barbara Cramlet  
Carl Curtiss  
I saac Curry  
Charlotte Deem  
Don Dougherty

Paula Franklin  
Dot Haught  
Carolyn Henry  
Nita Faye Leech  
Gwen Lucas  
Earl McConnell  
Debby Nesselroad

Mary Nesselroad  
Ray Peters  
Bill Porter  
Summer Rich  
Peggy Riddle  
Cotton Sayre  
Elizabeth

Scarborough  
Eloise Smith  
Theresa Steed  
Dorothy Stevens  
Ayla Wells  
Joyce Wright  
Martha Whited

## SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong  
Harvey & Mary Caplinger  
Naomi Carr  
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson  
Jim & Sallie Hinzman  
Jo Langler  
Linda Moncrief

Merilee Morgan  
Ed & Lois Porter  
Van Putnam  
Jenny Reynolds  
John Rockhold

Bonnie Sams  
Sue Vancamp  
Patty Workman

Cedar Grove  
Janet Looney  
Helen May (Verna Huber's mother)  
Jean Huber (Clayton's mom)

Colonial House  
Lucille Hardman  
Love & Care  
Susan Haid  
Mildred Gault

Genesis  
Ray Sams  
Ohio Valley Healthcare  
Rosie Knox  
Gloria Morris

The Willows  
Doris Newberry  
Deloris Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)

Wyngate  
Rosellen Allen (Carol Vincent's sister-in-law)

## FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby  
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)  
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)  
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)  
John & Jerry Davis's dad (Randy White)  
Megan Bailey Daugherty  
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)  
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)  
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)  
Betty Dunn (Ryan Highman's g-g.ma)  
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)  
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)  
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)  
Matthew Frykenburg (Ted Miller b-in-law)  
Scott Gordon  
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)  
Charles (Bill) Haid  
Hazlett Family (relatives of the Riddles)  
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)  
Gary Herridge (former elder)  
Caroline Harrington  
Mike Hill (Mike and Pam Bayer's friend)  
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)  
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)  
Adam Johnston  
Michelle Jones  
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)  
Jarod Kiggans (minister at Winget Run)  
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)

Mike Lucas  
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)  
Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller)  
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)  
Marilyn Miskcvish  
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)  
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)  
Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)  
Chris Mullins (Saunders's brother-in-law)  
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)  
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)  
Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)  
Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)  
Kathy Plant  
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)  
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)  
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)  
Rex Scarborough (Elizabeth's husband)  
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)  
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)  
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)  
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)  
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)  
Chad Treadway  
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)  
Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)  
Eilene Weekley (Shane Weekley's mom)  
Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)  
Lisa Wright (Paul Saunders's cousin)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VISITORS** — We are so glad that you are here today! Please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you and pass it to the nearest aisle. Tomorrow evening at 6:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for sides and drinks to go with pizza for the first meeting. These will continue twice a month through November.

**MISSING ITEMS** — Please check the main office for any missing items collected in preparation for the recent cleaning of the auditorium. Unclaimed items will be disposed of.

**FOOD PANTRY** — Our Food Pantry is critically low on food. Donations are needed to keep the pantry running for all those in need.

Care Group donations for the month of September are:

- 1: cereal or peanut butter    3: pancake mix & syrup  
2: canned meat                    4: instant mashed potatoes & canned carrots

**MNE'S MEETING** — Will be today at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

**YOUTH DEVO** — Will be this tonight following the evening worship.

**OVC REUNION OF '60-'66** — Friday, September 22 at 6:00 at Camden Ave. and Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 at the Comfort Inn Suits in Mineral Wells. For more information, contact the planning committee on Facebook or at OVC1960through1966@gmail.com.

**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER** — Next Monday, September 25

**37TH ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL** — October 6-7. The book this year will be Romans (NKJV). There will be dinner and activities Friday evening and the Bible Bowl on Saturday.

**HOMEMISSION** — John Orr from HomeMission will be returning for a follow-up workshop October 15-18.

**WE CARE/HABANERO MINISTRY** — The Habanero Ministry has a new name, We Care, in order to better reflect our mission. Nothing has changes about the work of the ministry. See Paul Inman if you have any questions about the ministry or how you can help.

## UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Isaac Curry has pneumonia.
- ♥ Don Dougherty is now home from the hospital and doing much better.
- ♥ Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend) is having trouble with his memory. He will be seeing the neurologist in the near future.
- ♥ Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar) has been having health issues.
- ♥ Theresa Steed was restored to Christ last Sunday evening and would appreciate the prayers of the church for strength.
- ♥ Ayla Wells had two serious allergic reactions this week.
- ♥ Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller) has moved to a rehab facility. Cards would be appreciated. Charlene Kay Miller, The Grand of Dublin, 4500 John Shields Parkway, Room # C 322, Dublin, OH. 43017

## Deacons:

Kevin Cochran  
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman  
Financial

Jon Hescht  
Technology

Ryan Highman  
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann  
Maintenance

Cody Hoover  
Education

Kevin Inman  
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman  
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner  
Benevolence

## We Care Ministry:

Red Team

Yellow Team  
Rick Stanley

Green Team  
Chris & Terry Hoffmann

Blue Team  
Mike & Teresa Wade

Motivation Team  
DJ Curry

Operations  
Bill Hoover

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# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## *The Same Seen Differently*

How people act toward us is influenced by our actions. This can be really obvious in cases with an ex-girlfriend or boyfriend. Let's say you have two girls who have both come to know the same guy, and if you ask both of them about what kind of person he is you might get a very interesting variety of responses. One girl tells you he is the worst. One tells you he is the best. But which is it? He cannot be both the worst and the best, can he? Perhaps he matured quite a bit between the two relationships. Another possibility is that he was pretty much the same guy, but certain choices made in the first relationship led to negative responses and those choices don't exist in the second one. (For example, trust issues leading to checking his phone, leading to frustration from the lack of trust.) Same guy, different responses to different choices.

In our culture today we don't really like to think that our actions might have anything to do with our situation. It seems many people would rather play the victim. If a relationship isn't working out it HAS to be the other person! That's an unfortunate view of life because I believe that can affect even our nearness to God. How we experience God is also affected by our actions. Why does it seem like God is ignoring all my prayers? That's not how that believer over there is experiencing God, so why me? It must be God's fault. OR . . . maybe it's because of your decisions. Here's a couple of choices from the Bible that can affect prayers: "If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered" (Proverbs 21:13). Yeah, remember when you didn't give a tip on your last five trips to Applebee's? So does God. "Husbands . . . be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect . . . so that nothing will hinder your prayers" (1 Peter 3:7). You how you keep yelling at your wife to shut up? "Back at ya." -God

God is unchanging, immovable, immortal. And yet, despite this consistency, two people will come to this same Lord and come away with two entirely different experiences. "To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd" (Psalm 18:25-26). The "crooked" person might not be a big fan of his experience with God, but the pure and the blameless walk away in awe of God's magnificence. What accounts for the difference? I submit that it is our actions, our moral choices, that affect how we experience the Lord. Don't be conformed to the pattern of this world's victim mentality. Instead, be conformed to the likeness of Christ. Such a decision, your decision, changes everything.

## MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

### *Ordinary Might Not Be*

Have you ever joked around with a noisy kid and said something like "what's the deal with all the racket? Are you trying to raise the dead?" Well . . . the truly enthusiastic toddlers among us might make us wonder, but the dead don't seem to mind, and they certainly don't get up to protest.

I think some might say that the dead hear nothing, and nothing will raise them. However, when Jesus walked the earth, He challenged that wisdom. John 5:25 records Him saying: "I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live." That was not an empty boast, and Jesus didn't even need to shout. He would speak normally, words like "little girl I say to you, get up." The girl was dead at the time, but that's exactly what she did. The dead girl heard the voice of Jesus. Think on that! She heard, and she got up.

And Jesus says, "do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out . . ." So no, your noisy kids cannot raise the dead, despite their excessive volume. But Jesus can. Marvel at the power of the voice of Jesus. I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

# SERMON NOTES

## The Parable of the Chief Seats

Scripture Reading is Luke 14:11

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry Jr.

### I. Question & Answer

*(Circle the Correct Answer)*

1) Where was Jesus when He told this parable? (LK 14:1)

School      Synagogue      Pharisee's House      Unknown

2) What did Jesus take note of before telling the parable? (LK 14:7)

They were all rich.      They chose the best places.      They did not eat their bread.

3) Jesus said those who help others who cannot repay will be repaid at what? (LK 14:14)

The resurrection of the just.      The Sabbath      Now

### II. Fill in the blank.

For whoever \_\_\_\_\_ himself will be \_\_\_\_\_, and he who humbles  
\_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 14:11 NKJV).

And a "\_\_\_\_\_ goes before \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ spirit before a \_\_\_\_\_" (Prov 16:18 NKJV)

"But He gives more \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore He says: ' \_\_\_\_\_ resists the \_\_\_\_\_,  
But gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_" (Prov 4:6 NKJV).

### III. Application Questions

- 1) After reading the parable, does Jesus teach us to place our interests above others?
- 2) Will living a prideful life be rewarded by God?
- 3) Is Jesus teaching us to be willing to place others above or before ourselves?  
If yes, how are you doing this today, or how could you improve?

### IV. Plan of Salvation

*(Write the Correct Scripture Reference Next to Each Step)*

- 1) Hear -
- 2) Believe -
- 3) Repent -
- 4) Confess Faith in Jesus Christ -
- 5) Be Baptized -
- 6) Remain Faithful -

PM Sermon: The Shrewd Manager  
Scripture Reading: Luke 16:10-13  
Speaker: Doug Wells

# CURRY CONNECTION

## Am I Able?

I believe it was Henry Ford who said, "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't—you're right." Our mind has a firm hold on what we are capable of. As I stood there after the twins were born, looking at two little boys tucked in tightly deep in sleep. I remember secretly asking myself, "Can I do this?" can I provide, protect, and fulfill my God-given responsibility as a father? It all appeared so scary for me at the time that someone else was utterly dependent on me. Could I succeed? As I have worked to accomplish challenging tasks in life, I have learned that there is wisdom behind the message of The Little Engine That Could. The little engine focused his mind by repeating the motto, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can...." Thanks to this positive reinforcement, that Little Engine could pull that other train over the mountain to safety. So, as it turned out, he could.

Now, what could this story mean to a Christian? Are Christians guilty of thinking we can't keep going when times get hard? Do we ever tell ourselves, "I can't, I can't, I can't...." instead of, "I know I can." "With God, all things are possible" (Matt 19:26), which means we can have confidence during difficult times. If we are operating according to God's will, we can't fail. "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31 NKJV). We can remember several biblical accounts where people thought they could not, but God still accomplished His will through them because they did not quit. Moses doubted he could free the Israelites, but it was God's will, and God supplied the help. Ester, thanks to the providence of God despite her being a little orphan girl, was able to rescue the Jewish nation. Elijah, battling deep depression and anxiety, was able to accomplish great things, all thanks to God supplying his needs. You are not alone when you think, "Am I able?"

When it comes to accomplishing the will of God, we should know it is thanks to Jesus Christ that we can have the strength to keep going. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). Why did God believe in Moses, Esther, Elijah, etc.? The Parable of the Talents illustrates that God is the One who provided the talents. "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey" (Matt 25:15). So, He knows what you are capable of. God believes in you. Since God believes in you, work to stay motivated to do His will. All of our good accomplishments are really His accomplishments through us. Strive to keep the positive mindset Paul mentions.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things (Phil 4:8).

Just as The Little Engine That Could, think positively, knowing God knows you can, I know you can, and you know you can. May God continue to bless your journey even if you feel you are currently in an uphill battle.

## *Congratulations*

to all those who read the book of 2 Timothy during the month of August!



John Bonar  
Debbie Bonar  
Naomi Carr  
Delmas Carr  
DJ Curry  
Cole Curry  
Connor Curry  
Sarah Curry

Marry Daniel  
Bill Davis  
Charlene Donahue  
David Epler  
Christine Epler  
Sonya Hescht  
Cadence Hescht  
Sherry Hoover

Bill Hoover  
Leon Hupp  
Judy Hupp  
Denny Keller  
Sandy Keller  
Addie Miller  
Bill Mills  
Kay Mills

Dave Nulter  
Carol Peters  
Paul Saunders  
Keith Smith  
Eloise Smith  
Dorothy Stevens  
Mike Wade  
Teresa Wade

# UPCOMING EVENTS



For more information, see the bulletin boards in the front and back of the auditorium.

## September

- 17 **Fall Gospel Meeting**  
-20 McConnellsville church of Christ  
Speaker: Charles Pugh III
- 17 **Gospel Meeting**  
-21 Glenville church of Christ  
Sun 9:45, 10:45; Sun-Thrs 7:00  
Speaker: Lloyd Tenney  
Theme: The Greatest of God
- 22 **Jeff Parsons Memorial Golf Outing - 9:00**  
Black Diamond Gold Course in Millersburg  
Cost is \$40
- 22 **38th Annual Men's Leadership Retreat**  
-23 Host: Richland Road church of Christ  
Theme: Spiritual Renewal  
Cost: \$60 or \$32 for one day only
- 22 **OVC Reunion of '60-'66**  
-23 Fri 6:00 at Camden Avenue  
Sat 9:00 at Comfort Inn Suites  
at Mineral Wells  
RSVP by September 8
- 23 **The Praise Him Lectures - 10-3:30**  
Elm Grove church of Christ in Piketon, OH
- 24 **Traveling Youth Group**  
Lubeck church of Christ
- 24 **Fall Gospel Meeting**  
-27 Sunrise church of Christ  
Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00  
Speaker: Bob Vincent
- 29 **Friday Night Sing - 7:00**  
Wingett Run church of Christ

## October

- 1-4 **Gospel Meeting**  
Henderson church of Christ in Columbus  
Sun 10, 11:00, 6:00; Mon- Wed 7:00-8:30  
Speaker: Tim Hatfield
- 6-7 **37th Annual Camden Avenue Bible Bowl**  
Book: Roman (NKJV)  
Friday - Kids Event and Dinner for all  
Saturday - Bible Bowl for all ages
- 7 **Ladies' Inspiration Day**  
Norval Park church of Christ  
Speaker: Laura Tonkery  
Theme: Recipe for a Faith to Face the World
- 13 **Gospel Meeting**  
-15 Lubeck church of Christ  
Fri & Sat 7:00; Sun 9:30, 10:30  
Speaker: Eric Lyons
- 15 **Widows Walk for a Potluck Picnic**  
Jackson Park in Vienna, Jaycee Shelter  
Bring a dish to share
- 15-18 **Home Mission Workshop**  
John Orr from HomeMission will be  
returning for a follow-up visit
- 20 **Adjusting to Aging Workshop**  
-21 Grand Central church of Christ
- 21 **WVCYC Fall Camp - 10:00-8:00**  
Ages 11 & up "God Can"
- 28 **Gospel Sing - 7:00-9:00**  
Twin City Opera in McConnellsville, OH
- 29 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**  
Camden Avenue



Thank you for all the card  
and well wishes after my  
surgery. And a special  
thank you to Kore Inman.

-Debby  
Nessleroad



# Serving in Worship

## September 24, 2023

**Elder in Charge**  
Paul Saunders  
**Deacon in Charge**  
Kyle Inman

### Song Leader

AM - Jon Hescht  
PM - Clayton Huber

### Scripture

AM - Cole Curry  
PM - Klay Cochran

### Prayer

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover  
Close - Marion Goldsmith  
6:00 PM - Chris Tallman  
Close - Roy Halstead

### Communion

AM - Clayton Huber  
PM - Paul Inman

### Welcome Center

AM - Stan Inman  
PM - Joann Goldsmith  
Wed - Robin Anthony

Ann. - Paul Saunders  
PA System - Jim Galloway  
Projector - Ryan Highman  
Security - Scott Johnson



## Interactive Bible Reading Plan

<https://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan>

Sept.: 17 Matt. 8-10 & Ps. 78  
Hypocrite!  
Sept.: 18 Matt. 11-12 & Ps. 79  
Sept.: 19 Matt. 13-15 & Ps. 80  
Sept.: 20 Matt. 16-18 & Ps. 81  
Sept.: 21 Matt. 19-20 & Ps. 82  
Marriage and Divorce  
Sept.: 22 Matt. 21-22 & Ps. 83  
Sept.: 23 Matt. 23-24 & Ps. 84  
Sept.: 24 Matt. 25-26 & Ps. 85  
Killing of Jesus

### September needs:

Care Group 1: cereal or peanut butter  
Care Group 2: Canned meat  
Care Group 3: pancake mix & syrup  
Care Group 4: Instant mashed potatoes & canned carrots



# Youth Devotional

## All-Ages

### Sunday, September 17

#### after evening worship



## Facts and Figures

September 10, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....225  
Sunday Bible Class.....191  
Sunday PM Worship.....180  
Wednesday Bible Class.....172  
Contribution.....\$5,271

### Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13  
Restored/Req. Prayer.....8  
Placed Membership.....9

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning  
7:30 on WTAP TV 15  
8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM  
September 24, 2023  
"The Epistle of Joy"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

## Lawn Crew

### Sep. 21-23

Team 3:  
Ken Barnes  
Doug Hershman  
Josh Gray



## September: Romans

### 2023 Schedule

October: 1 Corinthians  
November: 2 Corinthians  
December: Titus & Philemon



*We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.*