

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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information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet
Dot Haught
Nita Faye Leach

Gwen Lucas
Ray Peters
Bill Porter

Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle
Cotton Sayre

Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson
Charlotte Deem
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman

Jo Langler
Linda Moncrief
Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter

Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
Helen May
(Verna Huber)
Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber)

Genesis

Ray Sams

Ohio Valley Healthcare

Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)

Wyngate

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Sharron Daggett (Aidan Klingler grandma)
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Robert Fox (Ralph Fox's brother)
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Gary Herridge (former elder)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Michelle Jones
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
Kassie Lucas (daughter of Rob & Pam)

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)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Kathy Plant
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
John Rockhold
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Rex Scarbrough (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)
Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Linda Bowie (Van Sprague's mother) is in the ICU at Camden Clark.
- ♥ Sharon Daggett is in the hospital with fluid on her heart and a kidney infection.
- ♥ Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband) needs a second biopsy. He will be having the biopsy and treatment in Florida.
- ♥ Helen May (Verna Huber's mother) fell and broke her hip. She is in Camden Clark and was scheduled for surgery Saturday morning.
- ♥ Jenny Reynolds is in Camden Clark. She is out of the ICU and in room 428. She is paralyzed on her right side, having respiratory issues, and on heavy oxygen.
- ♥ John Rockhold is in Camden Clark, room 312, for testing.
- ♥ Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth Scarbrough's husband) is back in the hospital.

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.

LOVE & CARE – We will be hosting the worship services at Love & Care this afternoon at 2:30 and Thursday at 7:00. Care Group 4 will be in charge.

WEDNESDAY 11AM BIBLE CLASS – Class will begin this Wednesday, November 8. Doug Wells will continue his study on 2 Corinthians.

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS & VETRANS LUNCHEON – Friday, November 10 at 1:00. There are sign-up sheets on the counter in the front lobby for volunteers and attendees. Volunteers are also needed to cook turkeys. Please see Amanda Cochran if you can help.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL – Next Sunday, November 12 after morning worship. Care Group 4 will be hosting. Please, come join us!

GOSPEL SING – There will be a sing at Stonerise Nursing Home next Sunday, November 12th at 2:30.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING – The final Friday Night Sing of 2023 will be here at Camden Avenue on Friday, November 17. Refreshments will be needed. Please have them to the building by the Wednesday before the sing.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP – There will be a trip to the Oglebay Festival of Lights Thursday, November 30. The bus will leave the building at 2:00. The cost will be \$5 up front plus the cost of dinner at Mehlman Cafeteria.

Welcome!

We are thrilled to welcome Mona Bennett to the Camden Avenue family. She was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. She is a friend of Earl McConnell.

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Thank you for all the Birthday cards. They were very much appreciated.

-Susan Haid

Thank you, everyone, for all the prayers and cards.

-Cindy Huxley

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and support. When things are not encouraging, I have your cards to lift me up.

-Kay Miller

Sympathy

Our deepest condolences also go out to Linda Moncrief and her family in the passing of her brother-in-law, Glenn Morrel. His funeral will be on November 7 in Cocoa, Florida.

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
Roy Halstead

Yellow Team
Rick Stanley

Green Team
Mike & Teresa
Wade

Blue Team
Chris & Terry
Hofmann

Motivation Team
DJ Curry

Operations
Bill Hoover

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DOUG'S DISCUSSION

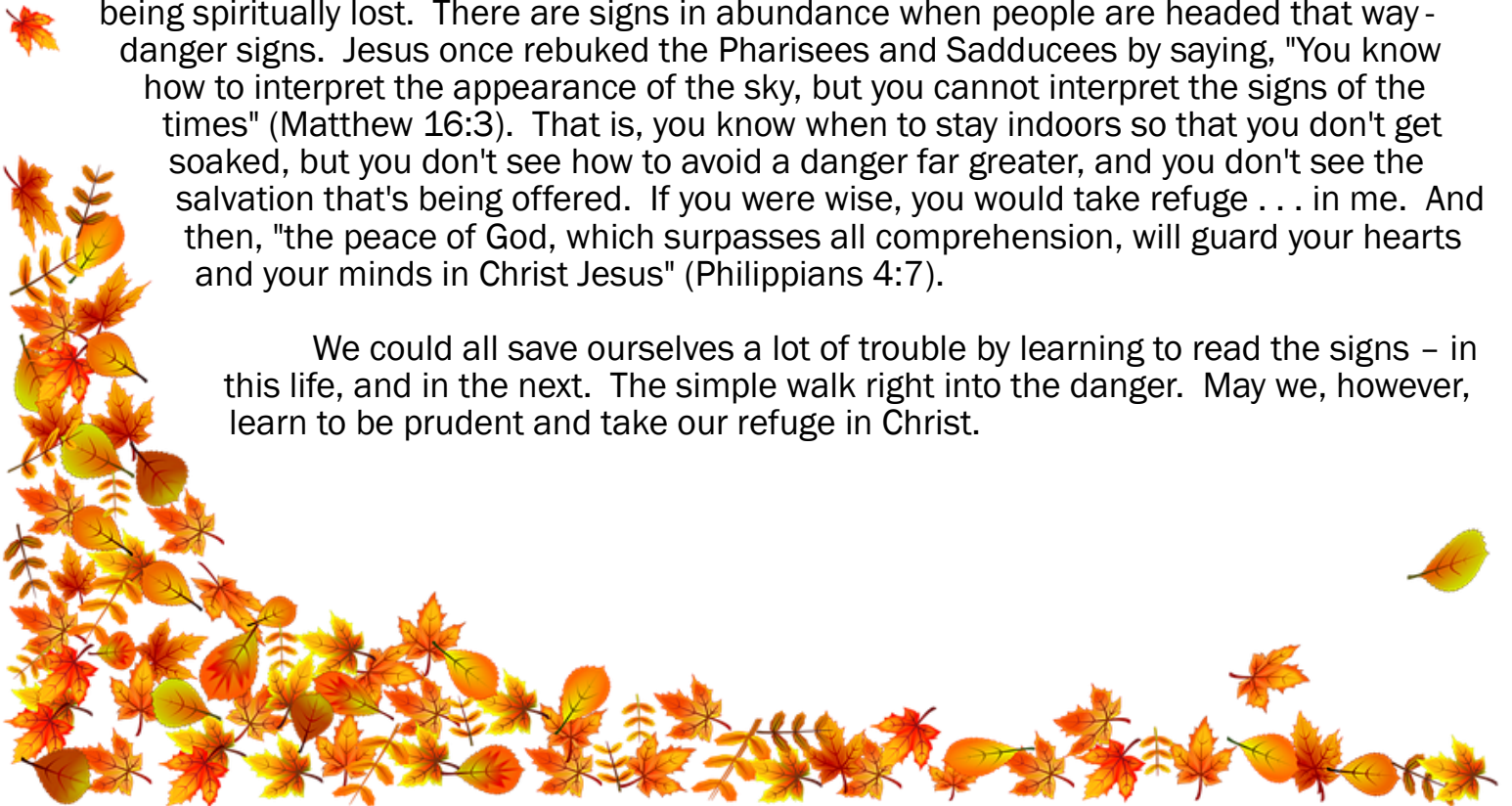
Read the Signs

We would all save ourselves a lot of trouble if we could learn to read the signs. When I drive down the street, our local government has seen fit to provide me with all kinds of warning signs. Heeding the deer crossing warning could very well save me an antler through my windshield. Paying attention to the sharp turn ahead may save the alignment on my car. "Speed checked by radar" . . . well, I don't suppose I need that one too much (my driving critiques tend to come from driving too slow), but perhaps it's a helpful reminder to some to drive in such a way that they avoid an expensive fine. Signs are helpful. They point out the future danger, and the wise take appropriate action.

Of course, sometimes the signs aren't so clearly written out. Then wisdom is needed all the more. May we all accept the call of James 1:5! "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." Sometimes, the sign is subtle body language: someone's face twitches in a certain way, arms go from relaxed to being crossed, or maybe someone starts leaning back. Basically, there are warning signs that the person you are talking to is becoming agitated. When that happens, do you have the wisdom to notice and see these signs for what they are, or do you just plow ahead in your current course of action? This is one of those big differences between the wise and the simple. "A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it" (Proverbs 22:3). Sometimes taking a break in a conversation and asking if the other person is all right is a really wise thing to do.

The greatest danger, however, that faces all who live on this earth is the danger of being spiritually lost. There are signs in abundance when people are headed that way - danger signs. Jesus once rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees by saying, "You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times" (Matthew 16:3). That is, you know when to stay indoors so that you don't get soaked, but you don't see how to avoid a danger far greater, and you don't see the salvation that's being offered. If you were wise, you would take refuge . . . in me. And then, "the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

We could all save ourselves a lot of trouble by learning to read the signs - in this life, and in the next. The simple walk right into the danger. May we, however, learn to be prudent and take our refuge in Christ.



SERMON NOTES

Identifying the Church

Scripture Reading John 4:23-24

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

I. Fill in the Blank

“_____ all things; hold fast what is _____. Abstain from every _____ of evil”
(1 Thess 5:21-22 NKJV).

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the _____ worshipers will worship the Father in _____ and _____; for the Father is _____ such to _____ Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in _____ and _____”
(John 4:23-24 NKJV).

II. Not All Kinds of Worship are the Proper Worship that God Recognizes.

(Draw a Line from the Worship Style to the correct Identifying Scripture.)

<u>Worship Style</u>	<u>Identifying Scripture</u>
Vain Worship	Acts 17:23
Ignorant Worship	Col 2:23
Self-Imposed Worship	Matt 15:9

III. New Testament Authority for Congregational Acapella Song.

(Write the Command Given Concerning Music Next to Each Scripture.)

Romans 15:9 _____ 1 Corinthians 14:15 _____ Ephesians 5:19 _____
Colossians 3:16 _____ Hebrews 2:12 _____ Hebrews 13:15 _____
James 5:13 _____

IV. Argument of: “It Doesn’t Say We Cannot Use Instruments.”

“...that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other” (1 Cor 4:6 NKJV).

V. Old Testament Thoughts

Instruments in the Old Testament were by the order of _____, and we follow _____.

Is the Old Testament the same religion for us Christians today? _____

PM Sermon: Make the Teaching Attractive

Scripture: Titus 2:11-14

Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

Church Hurt

James wanted to help, but no amount of encouragement seemed to help this sister come back. She had not been with the brethren in worship for some time, and he could not remember the last time she made it to a Bible study. James missed his sister in Christ. He missed her so much that his eyes would swell with tears as he remembered the sweet conversations they would have while sharing a pew. What was the cause? Did Covid frighten her away? No, this time, it was something more painful. She described to James an incident within the church which caused her to stumble. She was church hurt. James remembers one old man telling him, “There ain’t no hurt like church hurt!”

On several occasions, I have visited with erring members of the church and have tried my best to encourage them to return to the faith. In all these visits and interactions, I rarely succeeded. After nearly every visit, I think to myself that this is impossible, and I think about Hebrews 6:4, where it seems that the Holy Spirit agrees that it is impossible to restore a fallen member. Is it impossible for us to restore an erring member of the church?

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame (Heb 6:4-6 NKJV emp. added).

This Scripture details the existence of fallen-away Christians, the difficulty we face when restoring the lost, and how restoring the lost child of God mostly lies with the fallen.

The impossibility is upon the part of the would-be restorer and not on the one who falls away. It does not say he cannot repent, but it is impossible for anyone else to i(n)duce him to. The reason is that the apostate already knows as much about the subject as the one who wants to renew him, and hence the exhorter cannot offer any new arguments or reasons.¹

James was placing too much pressure on himself, and he realized, “I am not the one who restores the erring; they do it for themselves with God.” James cannot repent for them. However, this doesn’t mean that we are not to get involved. The Scriptures encourage us to work like James did so that we may encourage them one day to repent (Gal 6:1; Jas 5:19-20; Jude 23). God has given us the tools in His word to help us with this difficult task of restoring the fallen if we have the faith to put them into practice. Hopefully, one day, James will help this sister realize her love for Jesus is more robust than any discouragement she has faced and will be reunited again in fellowship with his dear sister.

¹E. M. Zerr, Matthew – Hebrews, vol. 6, Bible Commentary, (Marion, IN: Cogdill Foundation,

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November

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| 5 | Love & Care Worship Service - 2:30
Led by Camden Avenue | 12 | Gospel Meeting |
| 5-8 | Gospel Meeting
West Ripley church of Christ
Sun 10:00, 10:45. 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speaker: J.D. Conley | 15 | Bridge Street church of Christ
Sun 9:45, 10:30, 6:30; Mon-Wed 7:00
Topic: When Your Heart Breaks
Speaker: Phil Sanders |
| 8 | Wednesday Morning Bible Class - 11am
Will continue every Wednesday until March
Topic: 2 Corinthians (cont.)
Teacher: Doug Wells | 13 | Monday Night for the Master - 6:30 |
| 6 | Youth Night - 6-8
Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH
Singing, Bible Study, Friends, Food, Games! | 19 | Men's Meeting - 4:00 |
| 9 | Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00
Led by Camden Avenue | 19 | Youth Devo - 7:00 |
| 10 | Widow, Widower, Veterans Luncheon | 17 | Friday Night Sing
Camden Avenue |
| 12 | Fellowship Meal - 12:00
Care Group 4 will be hosting | 26 | Traveling Youth Group - 5:00
Dewey Avenue church of Christ |
| | | 27 | Monday Night for the Master - 6:30 |
| | | 30 | Golden Agers Trip
Oglebay Festival of Lights
Bus will leave the building at 2:00
Cost: \$5 plus
Dinner at Mehlman Cafeteria |

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

The Impossible Made Possible

Let's take a minute to see the impossible made possible. "Then He said, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches'" (Luke 13:18-19 NKJV). How is it possible that such a small plant and seed would grow to the strength of a tree? Jesus loved to speak in parables or messages that were cast alongside a heavenly message. It is seen in this parable of the mustard seed that in His kingdom, the impossible can be possible. How many marriages headed for divorce were rightened thanks to the church? The impossible is now made possible. How many families who were cold and hungry were fed because of the church? The impossible is now made possible. How many issues have you encountered in your life, and thanks to the church, you pulled through? With God, all things are possible.

This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving in Worship

November 12, 2023

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Cochran

Song Leader

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Aidan Klingler

Scripture

AM - Doug Hershman

PM - Cole Curry

Prayer

9:30 AM - Roy Halstead

Close - Bill Hoover

6:00 PM - Dennis Keller

Close - Steve Gray

Communion

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Stand Inman

Welcome Center

AM - Joanne Goldsmith

PM - Robin Anthony

Wed - Teresa Wade

Announcements - Kyle Inman

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Scott Johnson



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Nov. 5 Rom. 4-6 Ps. 125

Video Bible Study

Nov. 6 Rom. 7-9 Ps. 126

Nov. 7 Rom. 10-12 Ps. 127

Nov. 8 Rom. 13-14 Ps. 128

Christians & the Government

Nov. 9 Rom. 15-16 Ps. 129

Nov. 10 1 Cor. 1-3 Ps. 130

SOTW: 1 & 2 Corinthians

Nov. 11 1 Cor. 4-6 Ps. 131

Nov. 12 1 Cor. 7-9 Ps. 132



November Needs:

Care Group 1: Fruit cups, applesauce

Care Group 2: ramen noodles,
chicken noodle soup

Care Group 3: spaghetti sauce

Care Group 4: mac & cheese

Love & Care Services

Sunday, November 5 at 2:30

Thursday, November 9 at 7:00



Love & Care
Assisted Living

Facts and Figures

October 29, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....205

Sunday Bible Class.....157

Traveling Youth Group.....216

Wednesday Bible Class.....157

Contribution.....\$6,564

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....14

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

November 12, 2023

"Judging"



November:
2 Corinthians

2023 Schedule

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.