

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30am

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45am

Sunday PM Worship6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....11:00am

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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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

Please give any updates on prayer requests to the office.

CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet
Dot Haught
Nita Faye Leach
Gwen Lucas

Debbie Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters

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)

Ohio Valley

Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Stonrise Healthcare

John Rockhold

Wyngate

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

Genesis

Ray Sams

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (Beck Linda Bowie
(Van Sprague's mother) y 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)
Jim Frashure (a friend of the Hughes')
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)
Sandi Spitler-Klingler (Aidan's grandma)
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

- ♥ Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece) surgery was postponed for further testing.
- ♥ Jenny Reynolds is out of the hospital and now at The Willows, room 218.
- ♥ Joyce Wright's surgery was canceled.

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.

BOOK OF THE MONTH — The books for the month of December are Titus and Philemon. When you have completed the reading, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office. That will complete the Pauline Epistles for 2023!

Books of the Month for 2024 will be the Wisdom Literature, beginning with the first part of the book of Proverbs, chapters 1-9. A planned schedule for the year will be posted on the bulletin board.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Today following morning worship and Bible class in the multi-purpose room, which can be found down the stairwell at the end of the hallway in the back of the auditorium. Please, come join us!

MEN'S MEETING — Next Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 in the MP room.

YOUTH DEVO — Next Sunday, December 17 following evening worship.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — Sunday, December 31 at 5:00 at the Barlow-Vincent church of Christ.

SACK THE PULPIT — This year we are adding a twist to our traditional "Sack the Pulpit." Tables in the front of the auditorium will be used to collect our donations of non-perishable food items. You will be able to place your donations on either the PHS Big Reds red and white table or the PSHS Patriots blue and white table. Running totals will be posted from December 1st to 31st. Those who support the winning team will be awarded bragging rights. Let the race begin!

RIDES TO SERVICES — We are looking for volunteers to provide rides to services as needed. If you would be able to help with this effort, sign the sheet in the lobby to be added to our contact list for when the situation arises.

TEDDY BEAR STARTER PACKS — There are teddy bear starter packs available in the office for anyone that would like to help make bears at home for the Teddy Bear Ministry.

New Sister in Christ

We rejoice that Leah Hoover decided to put on Christ in baptism. Congratulations Leah!

Thank you for all the birthday cards. They really mean a lot!

-Carol Vincent



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

Remember Him in Your Youth

If someone is still living, it is not too late for them to turn to the Lord. There's still hope for the grandparents and great-grandparents out there who have not yet obeyed the gospel. Certainly keep praying for them. I've heard many a beautiful story of a wife who prayed for her husband for forty years and, FINALLY, he came to see the beauty of Jesus Christ. What a relief that, before he died, he became saved! An eternal difference has been made. For that difference, it is worth taking every opportunity to reach out until there are no opportunities left.

With all that being said, I think younger professing unbelievers could learn something from these older converts. Deep down, I think we all know the truth. For God's "eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). These older believers have finally surrendered to the love of Christ and to the obvious knowledge of God, and have chosen to live according to the truth. But do you know what so many of them have communicated to me after their conversion? Regret. Over and over again, those who wait to be saved are kicking themselves for wasting so many years and not following the Lord sooner. May younger people currently resisting the love of God take note! There is no guarantee you will come to your senses later, but if you do, you will surely regret what you're doing now. Why waste another day?

This is the poetic plea of Ecclesiastes 12. It begins: "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them' – before the sun and the light and moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; when the keeper of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim." Hopefully, we can swallow our pride enough to acknowledge that, as we get older, our strength and abilities fade. The offering you can bring to the Lord at the end of your life is not the same as what you can bring in your impassioned youth. And there is the regret. When someone converts late in life, they think – "I wish I had lived for the Lord when I was young. There is so much more I could have done."

We can't do anything about the choices we made yesterday, whether wise or foolish. All we have is now. I therefore encourage you, old or young, to serve the Lord today. Do not wait to do so another moment. You will regret it if you do.

Think Safety!
Please don't run.

We want everyone to have an uplifting and enjoyable time at Camden Avenue when we gather to study the Bible and worship God. It would be heartbreaking if someone were to be injured while we are together.

The elders are asking everyone to remind the young children to please stop running. Teens, grandparents, uncles and aunts, parents sometimes need your help. Encourage our energetic kids to just slow down.

Help everyone enjoy worship time together. Let's all avoid potential injuries. Please don't run in the building. The elders thank you for your help.

SERMON NOTES

Proverbial Preaching: *Humble Listeners Are Smarter*

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 12:1

Speaker: Doug Wells

1: If a police officer corrects your driving, but your anger makes you unable to listen to the correction, is that “smart person” behavior? (Why or why not?)

2: Are you ever wrong?

3: If I asked your spouse if you think that you’re ever wrong, what would they say?

4: What is the difference between the wise man and the fool in Proverbs 12:15?

5: Do you really accept that someone out there knows better than you? (And if you don’t, what will you hate?)

6: Why do you really think your dad or mom corrected you when you did wrong?

7: Can you think of any good reason to love discipline?

8: Hebrews 12 teaches that God will discipline us for our good. How will you respond when that happens?

9: What are you being if you hate God’s discipline? (You have permission to answer this Biblically)

PM Sermon: “The Water and the Blood”

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:21

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

CURRY CONNECTION

Overtime

He is all alone, and it is all on him, or so he thinks. He gets up before the sun, and his family carries on without him. Since he places the wrong things first, he misses several other firsts: the child's first steps, her first words, and many other firsts. After giving himself to the day's labor, he comes home hungry and tired. The kids are so eager to tell him of their adventures. Jimmy got an A+ on his spelling test. Sally reached a new height on the swing set. He hears them but cannot give them the time they deserve because he is already spent. He feels alone, being the sole provider for the family. Off to bed they all go, and he is out like a light switch only to repeat the same day, repeatedly. However, his conscience does not allow him to sleep well. He works alone.

In contrast, she is not alone. She rises while it is yet night and provides. Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also. She opens her mouth with wisdom; her clothing is strength and honor. What is the cause for this difference? Both are similar in their willingness to work, but one is at peace, and the other is perplexed. "Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised" (Prov 31:30 NKJV). She feared the Lord, and the man from early on never mentioned Him; instead, he wanted to do it all himself. Psalm 127 gives us encouragement on how to put in the overtime.

Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep. Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate. (Psalm 127:1-5)

In our work, we should recognize that we serve God, the great architect. We might be there physically, but God is laying the stone through us. If we try to do it all ourselves without the help of God, we will fail. Without Him, we can find no rest or peace. When a worker has his or her life work centered around God, the truly important things in life, such as our family, will prosper. God continues to provide while we are blessed to enjoy the peace He has delivered for us.



December

- 10 Fellowship Meal**
Care Group 1 will be hosting
- 17 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
multi-purpose room
- 17 Youth Devo - following PM worship**
multi-purpose room
- 31 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**
Barlow-Vincent church of Christ

A LETTER FROM THE ELDERS

Dear Camden Avenue Family,

The elders at Camden Avenue church of Christ are very concerned about the spiritual welfare of the children in our congregation. A situation has come to our attention that we feel you really need to be aware of.

The Wood County Library and the libraries at our area public schools have books that are sexually explicit and easily accessible by children. Some of these books graphically depict all manner of sexual activity, including homosexual physical relationships.

Young folks are curious. Having materials visually portraying sexual relationships can rob them of their innocence and lead to “experimentation” that could ruin their futures. Knowing that you are concerned about the children in your family, we felt compelled to share this information with you.

There are actions you can take personally to address this assault on our young people. For a more complete background of the problem, there are resources you can contact. Chris and Terry Hofmann have been focused on defending our young folks against this effort to corrupt children. You can also turn to Doug Wells and D.J. Curry for more information about the offending materials and ways to protect the kids.

Our children are precious. Helping them to remain pure in God’s sight is a goal we must always keep before us. We pray that through our combined efforts, we can do what is right in protecting the young ones in our families.

May God help us in our struggle against the evil in this world!

The elders of Camden Avenue church of Christ:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber

Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders



January

- 26 Ohio Winter Lectures
-27 Fri 6:30-9 Sat 8-5
Fishfinger Road church of Christ
Theme: Faith on Fire: Igniting
Spiritual Growth & Unity
- 28 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00
Little Hocking church of Christ

April

- 6 Bible Bowl - 9:30
Alkire Road church of Christ
Book of Romans (KJV)
- 27 Mid-Ohio Vally Ladies' Inspiration Day
Hosted by: Camden Avenue
Speaker: Hannah Colley
Topic: Tell Your Story
- 21 49th Annual Southeast Lectureship
-24 Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies
Knoxville, TN
Encouraged: Finding Comfort in Christ
Studies in 2 Corinthians

Serving in Worship

December 17, 2023

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Doug Hershman

Song Leader

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Rick Stanley

Scripture

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Brandon Sheppard

Prayer

9:30 AM - Brian Haught

Close - Cody Hoover

6:00 PM - Korey Inman

Close - Ron Holleron

Communion

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - Jimmy Galloway

Welcome Center

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Stan Inman

Wed - Terry Hofmann

Announcements - John Life

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Ryan Highman

Security - Ken Barnes



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Dec. 10: Heb. 9-10 & Pro. 10

Dec. 11: Heb. 11 & Pro. 11

Dec. 12: James 1-3 & Pro. 12

SOTW: James and 1 & 2 Peter

Dec. 13: James 4-5 & Pro. 13

Dec. 14: 1 Peter 1-3 & Pro. 14

Dec. 15: 1 Peter 4-5 & Pro. 15

Dec. 16: 2 Peter & Pro. 16

Christian Growth

Dec. 17: 1 John 1-3 & Pro. 17

SOTW: 1, 2, & 3 John and Jude

Sack the Pulpit Suggested Items

- ◆ peanut butter
- ◆ spam
- ◆ granola bars
- ◆ spaghetti
- ◆ jelly
- ◆ tuna
- ◆ pop tarts
- ◆ pasta sauce
- ◆ pancake mix
- ◆ cereal
- ◆ crackers
- ◆ canned goods
- ◆ syrup
- ◆ mac & cheese

- 1- David Potts
- 2- Jimmy Stoops
- 3- Ryan Gaston
- 9- Patty Workman
- 10- Cody Hoover
- 10- Lorna Marshall
- 10- Doug Wells
- 12- Lucille Hardman
- 14- Bill Hoover
- 14- Ron Moncrief
- 17- Gala Miller
- 19- Keith Smith
- 22- Elizabeth Rich

- 24- Ben Haught
- 24- Sarah Inman
- 24- Joyce Wright
- 26- Kendra Halstead
- 26- Brittany Gray
- 26- Becky Inman
- 27- Betty Lamb
- 29- Ayla Wells
- 30- Brandi Hescht
- 30- Cotton Sayre
- 31- Livia Highman
- 31- Ledger Highman

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Facts and Figures

December 3, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....197
 Sunday Bible Class.....175
 Sunday PM Worship.....162
 Wednesday 11am Class.....44
 Wednesday Bible Class.....142
 Contribution.....\$9,009

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....15
 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
 December 17, 2023
 "When Your Heart Breaks"



December: Titus & Philemon



2024: Wisdom Literature

January: Proverbs
 February: Proverbs 10-31
 March: Proverbs 21-31
 April: Job 1-21
 May: Job 22-42
 June: Psalms (Book I) 1-41

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.