

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Sunday AM Worship.....9:30am
Sunday Bible Class.....10:45am
Sunday PM Worship6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....11:00am
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm
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“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

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 (BeckLinda 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)

- ♥ Jim Frashure (a friend of the Hughes') has been approved for a kidney transplant and is waiting on a match. He would appreciate your prayers.
- ♥ Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband) will be visiting the gastroenterologist this week for stomach pain and to schedule his second biopsy.
- ♥ Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece) is having cancer removal surgery next Thursday at the Cleveland Clinic.
- ♥ Cotton Sayer was in Marietta Memorial with RSV. He is now home
- ♥ Joyce Wright will be having surgery this Tuesday, December 5.

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.

WINTER ADULT BIBLE CLASSES — Classes for the winter quarter begin today.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

Auditorium Class: Acts (Cont.)
Room 109: 1 & 2 Timothy

Teacher: DJ Curry
Teacher: Rick Stanley

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

Auditorium: Denominational Doctrine vs. Biblical Teaching

Teacher: DJ Curry

109: Growing My Christian Faith (Cont.)
(primarily designed for new converts)

Teachers: Rick Stanley

11am Auditorium: 2 Corinthians (Cont.)

Teacher: Doug Wells

GLEANER CANS — If you have any gleaner cans for Potter's Children's Home, please return those to the building today.

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!

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY — The next teddy bear making session will be this Thursday, December 7 at 9:30a.m. in the multi-purpose room.

LADIES' HOLIDAY PARTY — This the season for all our ladies to enjoy an evening of fellowship this Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 in the multi-purpose room. Bring your favorite snack to share. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange - fill a pair of holiday socks with an assortment of small treats, wrapped and ready for cozy feet! (It was previously incorrectly reported that gifts should be unwrapped.) Gifts should be approximately \$12.

RAKE AND RUN — December 9 at 12:00. There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for those that need their yard raked as well as volunteers. Meet at the church building for lunch. Please bring drinks and chips, pizza will be provided.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Sunday, December 10 following morning worship and Bible class. Care Group 1 will be hosting and everyone is invited!

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.

CALENDAR CORRECTION — A previous copy of the December calendar was published with some mistakes, among which it listed December 12th as Barbara Cramlet's birthday. This should have been listed as Barbara Saunders's birthday. We apologize for the mistake to both Barbaras! Barbara Cramelet's birthday is March 22.

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

You Don't Want to Know

I suspect many of us have experienced the unpleasant sensation of walking into a room and suddenly the people who were talking stopped talking. Well . . . that's not suspicious at all! It's easy to let our imaginations run with that one. What were they saying that was so secret that it couldn't be said once I walked in? Was it about me? Was it bad? Well . . . maybe not. Maybe the conversation was about the best way to deal with smelly feet, and the person with the problem doesn't know you well enough to feel comfortable with you knowing that they have smelly feet. Did you think of that possibility? I did. (I may spend too much time at my desk.) Or maybe your imagination is right, and they are in fact discussing their views on what a horrible disgrace of a person they believe you to be. Perhaps their collaboration of negative opinions might have gone on for hours longer without your untimely interruption!

I have a couple of questions for you to consider as you experience this hush in conversation. First of all, if they are really talking about you, is that something you want to know? Is it worth listening in at keyholes to find out? Secondly, would it really benefit you to know that they are talking about you? I guess you may find out that someone you previously trusted isn't trustworthy. I fear, however, that the most likely thing you are to gain from catching yourself in other people's private conversations is pain. Perhaps that is why Ecclesiastes contains this interesting advice: "Do not pay attention to every word people say, or you may hear your servant cursing you – for you know in your heart that many times you have cursed others" (Ecclesiastes 7:21-22). The wisdom of the teacher is that you're better off NOT knowing, so don't pay attention to the whispering in the hall.

I would encourage you to know that your self-worth does not come from the way other people view you. At least, it should not. You are intrinsically valuable! That is, you have built-in value that comes from being made in the image of God. If you are serving God, if you are doing what is good and right in good conscience, if you love the Lord and His people, then I wouldn't worry too much about what anyone says. I'm sure people will say all kinds of things. These things may be fair sometimes. Many times they aren't. Brush it off and hold your head high. Unfair critics need to learn: "Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls" (Romans 14:4). And you need to learn that the most important words that you will hear are, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:23) Words that don't help you aren't worth your attention.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for all of your prayers for my health and the nice cards you sent me.

-David Rice

Thank you to all those that helped with food for Jim and Sallie Hinzman. It was very much appreciated!

-Rick Stanley

Thank you for all of the wonderful birthday cards.

-Kay Stanley



SERMON NOTES

Identifying the Church: The Work of the Church

Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:20-21

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry Jr.

“Now to _____ who is able to do _____ above all that we _____ or _____, according to the power that _____ in _____, to Him be _____ in the _____ by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
(Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV).

I. The church: What is and who is the church?

A. “What is it?” - The church is Christ’s, what (Eph 1:22-23)?

B. “Who is it?” - Who is the church made up of (Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:20, 27)?

II. The church: What does the church do?

A. What are the works of the church?

1.

2.

3.

(Provide Scripture Next to Each Work)

III. The church: How does the church do its job?

Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess Faith in Jesus Christ, Be Baptized, Remain Faithful

PM Sermon: “How is a Christian to Handle Crisis?”

Scripture Reading: is John 16:33

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry Jr.

CURRY CONNECTION

I Will Be Happy When

"I will be happy when this week is finally over!" or "I will be happy when I make it rich!" or "I will be happy when I get a new truck... job... friend... vineyard!" It was King Ahab who wanted his neighbor's vineyard. He was the king and already had so much, but when Naboth politely refused to part with his inherited land Ahab did this!

So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, 'I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.' And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food (1 Kings 21:4 NKJV).

The king behaved like a spoiled child, refusing to get out of bed or eat. His lack of contentment affected not only him, but also his wife, Jezebel. Often, we can forget how our behavior or even discontentment can affect others, especially our spouses. Over time, the constant display of discontentment can cause an emotional burden on others who feel helpless and unable to alleviate your dissatisfaction. Persistent dissatisfaction will impact everyone's mood, generating strain in the relationship and causing emotional distancing. Your spouse/friends/family may begin withdrawing from you to protect themselves emotionally from feeling responsible for your discontentment. However, in the case of severe discontentment in 1 Kings 21 with Ahab, the significant influence on his wife, Jezebel, was displayed in her decision-making.

She wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent these letters to the elders and nobles dwelling in the city with Naboth. She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, You have blasphemed God and the king. Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die (1 Kings 21:8-10).

Jezebel plotted and accomplished Naboth's murder all because her husband was unhappy with not being able to have Naboth's vineyard. After hearing the news of Naboth's death, King Ahab went to possess the vineyard. This is when the Lord speaks through the prophet Elijah and pronounces the Lord's displeasure and judgment upon him. One of the things Elijah told King Ahab was, "... 'I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the Lord'" (1 Kings 21:20). The king, having given himself over or having "sold" himself to the evil of discontentment, caused a lot of harm. He sinned, his wife sinned, others sinned by helping in the conspiracy, and Naboth was killed.

This is an extreme case of the possible outcomes of discontentment. Some matters in our lives should cause discontentment, but truthfully, selling ourselves over to dissatisfaction is generally not worth the trouble it causes. Instead of saying, "I will be happy when..." Be happy now.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December

- 7 Teddy-Bear Making Session - 9:00**
multi-purpose room
- 9 Rake & Run - 12:00**
Bring drinks and chips
There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for yards in need of raking and volunteers.
- 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

January

- 26 Ohio Winter Lectures - Fri 6:30-9 Sat 8-5**
-27 Fishfinger Road church of Christ
Theme: Faith on Fire: Igniting
Spiritual Growth & Unity

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

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

When Spam Beats Steak

I would like to encourage everyone to know the true value of being at peace, of having a harmonious home. To have that takes work. It takes a kind of submission to one another that some would rather run their own head into a wall than practice. But they don't understand how precious peace is.

Picture a can of Spam. Now picture a Texas Roadhouse steak. I have nothing against Spam. I'm sure I'd eat it in a pinch; I'm not that picky. But it's not steak. However, let's throw in another ingredient. The steak is in a house where there is constant fighting. The Spam is in a home where there is peace. Now I'm taking the Spam. THAT is the value of peace. It has such great power that it elevates Spam over steak. In fact, the Word says in Proverbs 17:1, "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife."

You may think forgiving isn't worth it. You may think patience isn't a valuable trait. But I suggest that anything that can make a crust better than a feast and that can make Spam better than steak is better than you think.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of mediation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving in Worship

December 10, 2023

Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

Deacon in Charge

Doug Hershman

Song Leader

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Ben Haught

Scripture

AM - Kevin Inman

PM - Kasen Inman

Prayer

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran

Close - Chris Hofmann

6:00 PM - John Life

Close - Ryan Highman

Communion

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Cole Curry

Welcome Center

AM - Teresa Wade

PM - Jeff Taberner

Wed - Robin Anothony

Announcements - Josh Hall

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Ron Riddle



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Dec. 3: 2 Tim. & Pro. 3

[Women's Role in the Church](#)

Dec. 4: Titus & Pro. 4

Dec. 7: Heb. 3-4 & Pro. 7

Dec. 5: Philemon & Pro. 5

Dec. 8: Heb. 5-6 & Pro. 8

Dec. 6: Heb. 1-2 & Pro. 6

Dec. 9: Heb. 7-8 & Pro. 9

[SOTW: Hebrews](#)

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



Sack the Pulpit Suggested Items

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

Facts and Figures

November 26, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....205

Sunday Bible Class.....153

Sunday PM Worship.....130

Wednesday 11am Class.....35

Wednesday Bible Class.....120

Contribution.....\$7,253

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 10, 2023

"Miraculous Gifts Today?"



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.