

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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

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

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

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

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

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

“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*



HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS  
FROM THE  
ELDERS & STAFF

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CLAYTON HUBER  
TODD KIRK  
PAUL SAUNDERS  
WES COCHRAN

DANIEL P. CURRY JR.  
DOUG WELLS  
RICK STANLEY  
CODY & KRISTI HOOVER  
BRANDI HESCHT



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**Bible Call**  
304-420-2416  
Recorded  
information on  
many Bible  
subjects

# TO KEEP IN PRAYER

In an effort to keep our prayer list up-to-date and give adequate focus to all those in need of prayers, please give any updates on prayer requests to the office.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet  
Dot Haught  
Nita Faye Leach

Gwen Lucas  
Debby 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

### Cedar Grove

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

### Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

### Love & Care

Susan Haid  
Mildred Gault

### The Willows

Doris Newberry  
Deloris Boyce  
(Jo Langler)  
Jenny Reynolds

### Stonerise Healthcare

John Rockhold

### Wyngate

Rosellen Allen  
(Carol Vincent)

## FRIENDS & FAMILY

Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)  
Linda Bowie (Van Sprague's mother)  
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  
Gloria Morris (Darrell & Norma Vaught)  
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)



# 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.

**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.

**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.

**HOLIDAY CARDS** — Lists for Holiday Cards are available in the lobby. There are boxes in the back hallway to deliver and pick up cards.

Our next **Teddy Bear Making** will be on Thursday January 4th in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 9:30 AM. Thanks to everyone's hard work Camden Avenue members have produced well over 200 bears since the start of this ministry. Please bring whatever tools you believe necessary for this work. If there are any questions please see DJ Curry."

Thank you for the wonderful box of food from the church.  
-Madeline Gregg

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to thank you all for the Christmas Cards I received.  
-Lucille Hardeman

Thanks to everyone who sent me Birthday cards. I enjoyed them all.  
-Mary Daniel

## UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Billy Barber (Susan Anderson's nephew) passed in a fatal shooting incident. Please keep his mother, Donna Berber, and the rest of the family in your prayers.
- ♥ Carl Curtis's brother passed last week.
- ♥ Steve Fought (Bob Miller's friend)

- had surgery on Monday.
- ♥ Connie Lynch (Stephanie Halstead's grandmother) is now out of the hospital and doing better.
- ♥ Ronda Moats-Redman (a friend of Brenda Dougherty) is close to kidney failure.

### 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

## *Coincidence or Judgement?*

A few days ago, a Turkish lawmaker stood up to make a speech in parliament. At the age of fifty-three, he delivered an attack on Israel, which ended with a curse. His remarks concluded with: "If only you could be saved from the torment of history, you cannot be saved from the wrath of Allah. Salutations to you all." After saying the last word of his speech, this man dropped to the ground on live television. Doctors believe he had a heart attack. I'm sorry to say he died two days later. The speech and the dramatic fall to the ground immediately afterward are easy to find and see for yourself online.

Heart attacks are not newsworthy. They happen every day. What has captured the imagination of many people around the world is the timing of the event. It is odd that someone would be struck down seconds after an Islamic curse on the descendants of Abraham. A people who had an ancestor who was once told: "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3). How much has that blessing faded in this time of the new covenant? I think Romans 11 would caution us against saying this blessing is entirely gone. Verses 28-29 say that the Israelite people are "loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." OR you could say that this whole thing with the lawmaker is a coincidence due to the man's poor health and the stress of standing before a government body where the majority party currently disagrees with him.

I'll leave conclusions on modern history up to you. I only have two things to say about the matter; it reminds me of something, and I hope it reminds everyone of something. What this reminds me of is an event recorded in Acts 12. A ruler named Herod stood in front of people wearing royal robes, and the people called him a god. Herod accepted that praise, refusing to give glory to God. That choice had immediate consequences. Acts 12:23 says, "Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died." Well . . . that's not pleasant, but it leads me to what I hope everyone is reminded of. God is a very loving and patient God, but the judgment of God is something that actually happens. One day everyone will be judged. Those who are not in Christ will be repaid for all the wrong they have done in this life. I think that future reality is sometimes hinted at by things that happen in the present. Maybe the case of this Turkish lawmaker was a coincidence, maybe not. I don't know. But I do know that God will judge the world, down to even evil thoughts and ideas. Being reminded of that, and letting that reminder turn you toward what is right, would not be a bad thing.

### Book of the Month readers November (2 Corinthians):

John Bonar  
Kay Mills  
Dave Nulter  
Steve Taylor  
Addie Miller  
Mary Daniel  
Bill Hoover  
Leon Hupp

Debbie Bonar  
Naomi Carr  
Sonya Hescht  
Sandy Keller  
Charlotte Galloway  
Charlene Donahue  
GPC, III  
Judy Hupp

Bill Mills  
Delmas Carr  
Melva Farris  
Denny Keller  
Dorothy Stevens  
Sherry Hoover  
Jim Hughes  
Bill Davis



# SERMON NOTES

## The Gift of Grace

Scripture Reading: John 1:14

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry Jr.

**Sermon in a Sentence:** In this lesson, we learn of the gift of grace delivered to God's children through Jesus Christ, and it is by His example we see how we can apply this gift in our lives toward others.

“And the \_\_\_\_\_ became \_\_\_\_\_ and dwelt among us, and we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ as of the only begotten of the \_\_\_\_\_, full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_”  
(John 1:14 NKJV).

I. **Introduction:** What is your favorite day of the year?

A biblical example of assembling on the Lord's Day (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).

The significance of the day as His day (Revelation 1:10).

II. **The Gift of Grace:** We obtain eternal life by the gift of grace through faith.  
(Romans 5:18; Ephesians 2:8)

III. **Display of Grace:** The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:2–11)

A. **Lessons from Jesus' Actions:**

Jesus' humility in stooping down and taking time before responding.

B. **The Gift of Grace Through Jesus Christ:**

There is an absence of condemnation for those in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

Jesus' mission is to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).

C. **Closing Call to Action:**

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

**Conclusion:** God's grace is truly a wonderful gift! However, just like any other gift, we must accept and open it. The Word has taught us how to open this gift by the plan of salvation.

PM Sermon: Light Shines Bright  
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 13:9  
Speaker: Doug Wells

# CURRY CONNECTION

## The Gift of Grace: Embracing the Gift of Unmerited Favor

In the whirlwind of life's chaos, there's a serene path found in the embrace of sobriety—a journey free from the entanglements of beverage alcohol. The Scriptures shed light on this tranquil path, guiding us away from the pitfalls that intoxicating drinks will bring into our lives.

Scriptures such as Proverbs 23:29-35 offer a vivid depiction of the dangers entwined with the allure of alcohol. It paints a picture of woe and sorrow, of staggering and confusion, highlighting the way alcohol can ensnare and deceive. The passage serves as a stark reminder of the havoc that indulgence in alcohol can wreak upon our lives.

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit” (Eph 5:18 NKJV). The apostle Paul urges us not to be weakened by wine, for it leads to debauchery. Instead, he encourages us to be filled with the Spirit, to find joy, clarity, and a deeper connection with God through a sober mind. Teachings warning Christians against the evils of drinking have not been limited to just the apostle Paul. It is also the apostle Peter who proclaims sobriety, listing drinking alongside such sins as lust and lewdness. “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries” (1 Pet 4:3). The apostle speaks directly to the life we once led—consumed by drunkenness, revelry, and drinking. It calls us to break away from the patterns of our past, choosing sobriety as a conscious decision to live in alignment with God's will.

“Abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess 5:22). This Scripture delivers a concise yet potent message, instructing us to abstain from every form of evil. This encompasses not only the act of drinking but also the potential harm and moral implications that can arise from the influence of alcohol. Choosing a life free from the intoxicating grip of beverage alcohol grants us clarity of mind and spirit. It allows us to fully immerse ourselves in God's presence, embracing peace and wisdom rather than the temporary euphoria offered by drinks. Sobriety isn't merely the absence of alcohol; it's a conscious decision to live abundantly in God's grace. It's a commitment to mental acuity, emotional stability, and spiritual clarity—a state that allows us to navigate life's challenges with unwavering faith and resilience. In a world where the allure of alcohol is often disguised as a remedy for stress or a means of celebration, let us remember the deeper peace found in choosing sobriety. It's a lifestyle that aligns with God's plan for our well-being, offering a haven of peace amidst the chaotic currents of life. May we find solace in the clarity of a sober mind, embracing the peace that surpasses understanding as we walk this journey guided by faith and wisdom, shunning the evils that lurk within the grasp of beverage alcohol.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### December

- 31** **Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**  
Barlow-Vincent church of Christ

### January

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

### February

- 4-8** **88th Annual Freed-Hardeman Lectureship**  
Triumph of the Lamb:  
The Battle with Evil in Revelation

### March

- 22** **Walk Worthy Teen Girls Retreat**  
**-24** **Crestfield Camp & Conference Center**  
Slippery Rock, PA  
middle school & high school ages

# NOVEMBER 2023 BIBLE CALL REPORT

We had OVER 18 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in November. We had 201 Calls. November 9 had the most calls with 25 calls. ELEVEN times people listened to the same lesson again.

Some of the most called topics were:

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| (7) 110 Overcoming Worry                    | (64) Self Improvement and Personal topics |
| (9) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About it. | (12) Times about SALVATION                |
| (4) 126 The Secret of Contentment           | (27) FAMILY LIFE,                         |
| (4) 224 Guilt                               | (24) BIBLE STUDY                          |
| (5) 407 Divorce and Remarriage              | (16) THE CHURCH                           |
| (6) 422 Divorced Women's Work in the Church | (6) ETERNITY                              |
| (6) 556 Instrumental Music In Worship       | (8) EVIDENCES                             |
|   | (5) TEENS                                 |

Often, people start with things of personal interest and then move on to other topics. THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWERS FOR LIFE HERE AND LEADING INTO ETERNITY. Each lesson offers a free copy of the lesson, a FREE Bible Course, or the opportunity to talk with someone. We offer studies in Survey of the Bible, Topical Study of the Bible, and Book Studies such as Acts and Romans. WHY NOT OFFER THESE TO THOSE YOU TALK WITH?

At Camden Avenue, we continue to mail in our immediate and surrounding area monthly. In November, the Romney congregation mailed to the rest of Hampshire County. In what area would you like to assist with a mailing? KEEP LEAFLETS ON YOU AND MENTION IT TO YOUR FRIENDS. Several congregations are putting a partial list of topics on the back page of their House to House mailings.

Pray about this work. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world.... Let us help each other to keep this work effective. Let me know if you want more information. If you have any questions, call, text, or email David Epler at [djepler@hotmail.com](mailto:djepler@hotmail.com), Cell (616) 554-0990, or House (304) 834-1935.

## MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

### *The Best Gift*

It's your birthday, and your mom brings out your gift, and you love it! But wait . . . there's more! The real gift was hidden in a closet somewhere – and when that gift is brought out, which is ten times bigger and better than the first one, you lose your mind. You're probably ten years old, but hey, if that happened at thirty-eight, I won't judge.

As you reflect on this wonderful thought, remember that the best giver is God. Long ago, God gifted mankind the Law of Moses, which taught people everywhere how to love God and to love their neighbor. Kids everywhere want to know how to make their fathers happy, and in this gift we read how to make the Heavenly Father happy. And we read how to do no harm to the people around us, or to ourselves. Amazing gift, God!

But there was always more. Another gift. And compared to the first gift, 2 Corinthians 3:10 says, "For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison to the surpassing glory." The gift of Jesus is incomparably better, and brings us closer to God and each other in ways that were never possible before. If you're not rejoicing, you must have forgotten to take off the wrapping paper or something, because God has so loved the world.

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

# Serving in Worship

December 31, 2023

**Elder in Charge**

Jim Galloway

**Deacon in Charge**

Doug Hershman

**Song Leader**

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Brian Haught

**Scripture**

AM - Jordan Alton

PM - Klay Cochran

**Prayer**

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Korey Inman

6:00 PM - Daniel Rich

Close - Connor Curry

**Communion**

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Kevin Cochran

**Welcome Center**

AM - Robin Anthony

PM - Teresa Wade

Wed - Joann Goldsmith (12-27)

Announcements - Ken Barnes

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Scott Johnson



# Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Dec. 24: Rev. 6-7 & Pro. 24  
[When Will the Kingdom Come?](#)

Dec. 25: Rev. 8-9 & Pro. 25

Dec. 26: Rev. 10-11 & Pro. 26

[No One Left Behind](#)

Dec. 27: Rev. 12-13 & Pro. 27

Dec. 28: Rev. 14-15 & Pro. 28

The Truth About Angels

Dec. 29: Rev. 16-17 & Pro. 29

Dec. 30: Rev. 18-19 & Pro. 30

[Premillennialism:](#)

[A Deeper Study](#)

Dec. 31: Rev. 20-22 & Pro. 31

## Sack the Pulpit

Cast your vote by placing your non-perishable food 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.

## Suggested Items

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

This week:



New: Total: 409



New: Total: 644

## Facts and Figures

December 17, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....222  
 Sunday Bible Class.....183  
 Sunday PM Worship.....167  
 Wednesday 11am Class.....44  
 Wednesday Bible Class.....71  
 Contribution.....\$6,662

**Membership 2023**

Baptisms.....14  
 Restored/Req. Prayer.....10  
 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 31, 2023

"A Good Conscience"



IN **SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

December: Titus & Philemon



**2024: Wisdom Literature**

January: Proverbs 1-9  
 February: Proverbs 10-20  
 March: Proverbs 21-31  
 April: Job 1-21  
 May: Job 22-42  
 June: Psalms (Book I) 1-41  
 July: Psalms (Book II) 42-72

*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.*