

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 Worship6:00pm

“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
NEW YEAR
2024

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,
says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil,
to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

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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)



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

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.

PRAYER LIST

Peggy Riddle had her 5th eye surgery on Wednesday. It went well. Peggy has a follow-up visit this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sack the Pulpit update: this week Parkersburg High School surged into the lead with a total of 876 items. South has dropped into second place with a total of 759 items now. Donations can be placed on your team's table at the front of the auditorium.

Lads to Leaders students please get your mentee information sheets quickly to Kevin Inman.

HOLIDAY CARDS — Please check the boxes in the back hallway to pick up your holiday cards. There are folders for each member family. Today is the last day the boxes will be up.

Shut-ins Cards — There are holiday cards remaining in the back hallway folders for some of our shut-ins. If you can, please help by delivering those cards to our shut-ins.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our next **Teddy Bear Making Session** will be on Thursday, January 4th in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 9:30 AM. If there are any questions, please see DJ Curry.

The Traveling Youth Group will meet tonight at Barlow-Vincent at 5:00.

A New Year's Eve gathering is planned for tonight in the multipurpose room following our evening service. Bring board games and finger foods. For more information see Kyle Inman.

*Thank you for the lovely floral arrangement
and for keeping us in your prayers.*

The Rosie Knox Family

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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CURRY CONNECTION

Choosing Peace: Embracing Sobriety in a Chaotic World

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.

SERMON NOTES

AM Sermon: When God Doesn't Hear

Doug Wells

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 15:29

1: Does God “hear” every prayer? (Proverbs 15:29)

2: If someone isn't hearing what you're saying what's a good strategy for improving that?

3: What is a challenge of being close to God? (Habakkuk 1:13)

4: Why have true Christians overcome that challenge? (Hebrews 4:15-16)

5: Not that a Christian would generally think in a proud “I'm the biggest and the baddest” manner, but why would you say it's a really bad idea to do something unloving to a righteous person?

6: Name a couple of wonderful things that you might have access to if God hears your prayers. (Can use Psalm 34:17-18 and James 5:16)

7: Do wicked people ever pray? If so, why do you think that is? (And will God hear them if an unrepentantly wicked person does? -Ezekiel 8:18)

8: If you don't cherish the Word, is effective prayer for you? (Proverbs 28:9)

9: If you're not close to God, how can you get closer to Him today?



DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Happy (and Transformative) New Year!

A brand-new year is upon us. I love how God has set up the world. From the beginning He designed the universe so that we have a way to measure time. “And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky and separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years’ (Genesis 1:14). In God’s infinite wisdom He knew that we would greatly benefit from things that are new. A new hour. A new day. A new year. Through these separations we have a chance to start over and try something different than what we tried last time. We can seek improvement. We can renew our efforts to grow, even if we didn’t do so well in the previous block of time. After all, that’s the past! The future can be different.

Do you believe that? Do you believe that you can be different than what you were yesterday, or last month, or last year? I do. I believe that of anyone, but I especially believe that of those who are in Christ. As 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” Do you see it? Ever-increasingly we are becoming like Him. You CAN be different today. You can be more Christ-like this year than you were last year. I pray that this hope inspires you to do everything you can to gain this change. “For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love” (2 Peter 1:5-7).

I understand that last year might have been complete garbage in your mind. You might have done all kinds of things that you deeply regret. Fear not my friend. The expanse of the sky has signs that have marked off a division between this year and the next. What has been this year does not have to be continued next year. Personally, I don’t think I spent enough time in prayer in 2023. Does that have to be same in 2024? No! I can do better. I can be more Christ-like. I’m certainly going to try, believing that people can be better. How about you? I encourage you to know that people do grow and change, especially in Christ, and you can too. Any group of people who believes that has great hope for an exciting New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, see the bulletin boards in the foyers at 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 Fishfinger Road church of Christ
Theme: Faith on Fire: Igniting
Spiritual Growth & Unity

March

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

April

- 6 Bible Bowl Book of Romans (KJV)- 9:30**
Alkire Road church of Christ
- 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

New Year's Resolution

Let's take a minute to contemplate the New Year's resolution of—returning to worship. Let's get back to church. As the year begins anew, so does the opportunity to reunite with the community of believers.

The book of Hebrews exhorts us, “(N)ot forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching” (Heb 10:25 NKJV).

Returning to church is more than a resolution; it's a commitment to nurture our faith, to find solace in communion, and to uplift others in their journey. In this season of new beginnings, let's prioritize reconnecting with the body of Christ. Let's embrace the warmth of fellowship, the strength found in unity, and the spiritual nourishment that comes from gathering together. As we step into this new chapter, let our resolution to return to church be a step toward a deeper relationship with God.

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

January 7, 2023

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Ryan Highman

Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Roy Halstead

Scripture

AM - Chris Hofmann

PM - Kaleb Cochran

Prayer

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk

Close - Dave Nulter

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Scott Smith

Communion

AM - Cole Curry

PM - Cody Hoover

Welcome Center

AM - Terry Hofmann

PM - Sherry Sponseller

Wed - Jeff Taberner (Jan 10)

Announcements - Scott Johnson

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Ken Barnes



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

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

Jan 1: Gen 1-2 & Psa 1

SOTW: Genesis

Jan 2: Gen 3-4 & Psa 2

Jan 3: Gen 5-6 & Psa 3

Reality of Noah's Ark

Jan 4: Job 1-4 & Psa 4

SOTW: Job

Jan 5: Job 5-8 & Psa 5

Satan

Jan 6: Job 9-11 & Psa 6

Jan 7: Job 12-15 & Psa 7

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

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

This week:



New: Total:



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Facts and Figures

December 24, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....	221
Sunday Bible Class.....	198
Sunday PM Worship.....	132
Wednesday 11am Class.....	39
Wednesday Bible Class.....	88
Contribution.....	\$9,036

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....	17
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
January 1, 2023

"What God Hath Done"



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.