

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



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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
Dave Nulter

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)
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)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)
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)

Marilyn Miskcvish
Ronda Moats-Redman (Brenda Dougherty)
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)
Gloria Morris (Darrell & Norma Vaught)
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)

We rejoice with Teagan Hescht in her decision to put on Christ in baptism! Congratulations, Teagan!



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.

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

MEN'S MEETING — Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

SUNDAY YOUTH DEVO — Sunday, January 21 after evening worship.

LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE — There will be a quick meeting after evening worship on Sunday, January 21. If you are interested in helping with this year's Ladies' Inspiration Day, we welcome you to attend! Please see Pam Bayer or Brandi Hescht if you have any questions.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — Sunday, January 28 at the Little Hocking church of Christ beginning at 5:00.

We'd like to thank the members who brought food, called & stopped by to check in on Jim and Sallie, and sent messages to us when Sallie broke her foot. Your help meant so much to Doug and me and it made a difficult situation less difficult. Thank you for showing your love to them.

-Doug and Shannan Hinzman

Thank you for your prayers, calls, visits, food, and cards for 2023.

Take Care
Stay Safe
God Bless,

Dorothy Stevens



We enjoyed all the Christmas cards. We are blessed to be around such kindness. Thanks again!

In Christian Love,
Bob & Penny Eddy

P.S. The birthday cards were appreciated.

Thank you,
Bob Eddy

Thank you for all you've done for me. I loved the beautiful birthday cards, flowers, cake, and visits. I hope to get back to church soon.

-Patty Workman

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Sawyer Bennett (baby of a friend of Tabetha Rich) has a ventricular septal defect that will require open heart surgery and is currently in Akron Children's Hospital with covid.
- ♥ Steve Fought (Bob Miller's friend) had surgery and is recovering well.
- ♥ Lorina Hartshorn (Carol Collins's sister-in-law) is in Morgantown for internal bleeding. She is stable for now but on a ventilator.
- ♥ Janet Looney (Connie Hickman's mom) is Camden Clark, room 519B, with pneumonia.
- ♥ Lucille Hardman is in Camden Clark, room 131
- ♥ Helen May (Verna Huber's mother) is in Camden Clark. She has a bacterial infection and has moved to 515B.
- ♥ Trish Nemsek (Patty Dawson's daughter and Alisha Hershman's cousin) had a heart attack. They put in a shunt, but she was still experiencing pain.
- ♥ Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother) has had hospice has been called in.
- ♥ Kay Miller has been released from the doctor and is back to work.

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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Camden Avenue
coC Live

CURRY CONNECTION

New Means New

Isn't it exciting to be part of a new year! What is it that makes this new year new? Is it not that the old has been given up? We no longer date our forms with last year's date unless you are like me and get stuck in the habit and now must relearn how to date things again. If we still label the new with the old, we would be in error.

Becoming a Christian is a tremendous accomplishment! This accomplishment is the most important event in your life. After your belief in Christ is triggered by hearing God's word combined with your repentance, confession, and baptism, you are then located in Christ after your baptism (Rom 6:3; Gal 3:27). Like the new year, we become new in Christ at a precise moment. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Cor 5:17 NKJV).

As it is said by man, old habits die hard. Just as I struggle to write the correct date after the new year, a new Christian may repeat "things" of the past, and by "things," I mean sinful things. When that happens, an error has occurred, and that error must be corrected. We are no longer new when we are living as our old selves. We must, as Christians, continue to repent when we sin a new sin or relive an old sin. We Christians accomplish this by, once again, turning away from sin and praying to the Father for forgiveness (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9).

A Christian has repented of their past sins and, upon having them washed away in baptism, will work to remain faithful by continuing to live a life of righteousness in the eyes of God, therefore remaining a new creation. If and when sin does enter our lives, we repent and pray, turning back to the light of Christ. New means new, not the old thing with a new title.

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:6-7).

I pray we enjoy the new year and continue as a new creation in Christ.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION

Heard on V96.9 and WVAM 98.1 FM, 107.9 FM, and AM 1450

Start of a New Year

Let's take a minute to appreciate a new year. The beginning of the year seems quiet (Following the holidays)—a time when nature seemingly rests, preparing for revival. In the midst of this quiet, God's voice resonates with purpose. As the Psalmist proclaims, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). The beginning of the year whispers a tale of fresh starts. It beckons us to seek God in the calm, to listen to His gentle whispers guiding our steps. Amidst the new year, let's resolve to draw closer to Him, embracing His plans. As the year unfolds, let's use this time to lay the foundation of our faith. Let's invest time in prayer, seeking His presence and wisdom. In this great opportunity, may we find strength, courage, and assurance, knowing that in the stillness, God is crafting a beautiful story for our lives. This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

SERMON NOTES

Evil for Evil is Evil Indeed

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 17:13

Speaker: Doug Wells

Whoever rewards _____ for _____ ,
_____ will not _____ from his _____ .

Proverbs 17:13

1: Even in our world today, if someone does something terrible to someone who did something good for them, are there typically consequences for that? (Proverbs 17:13)

2: How did Saul repay David's good with evil? (1 Samuel 18:10-11; 24:17)

3: How did that turn out for Saul? (1 Samuel 31:6)

4: How did David repay Uriah's good with evil? (2 Samuel 23:39)

5: How did that turn out for David? (2 Samuel 12:10)

6: How would you describe the "levels" of Christian ethical responses to good and evil? (Matt. 5:46-47, Rom. 12:17, 1 Peter 3:9)

7: How did Abigail intercede and avert the disaster that was hanging over her household? (1 Samuel 25:17)

8: Why do we need an intercessor as well?

9: Are you ready to return God's goodness with good instead of evil?

PM Sermon: Driven: Determined to Succeed

Scripture: 1 Cor 15:58

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry Jr.

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

A Shield About Me

Modern warfare makes an actual metal shield for typical soldiers unfeasible, but in previous times a front-line foot soldier would be wise to not leave home without one. If the other side decided to shoot a volley of arrows before their soldiers got to the line, you would certainly want something to block them. Of course, as mentioned, shields have limits. The kinds of weapons used today have the power to punch through them or explode around them. There is also the problem of what to do if threats are coming from multiple sides. At that point, in which direction do you face your shield when enemies are in front of you but also to your left and right? And what do you do if the weapons that they are using aren't even physical? People can be attacked in many ways . . . and sometimes no sword or arrow is required. David once put it this way: "O Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!" (Psalm 3:1)

Real security in this life doesn't come from any metallurgical defense. No iron shield can be thick enough to save you from every blast, from every direction. How then can we ever be safe? I would suggest there is a way, but only with a different kind of shield. "But you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head" (Psalm 3:3). Notice what a wonderful shield this is! First of all, it is not a shield that only faces one direction. This shield is "around" us. God's people are surrounded by the shield of God's protection. Secondly, inside the "bubble" of production, God is there with us, comforting us and bestowing honor upon us. God's people cry out for this kind of protection, and God answers.

Some people look upon the righteous and believe them to be without protection. The "God shield" isn't as visible as an iron one. This leads to the occasional misguided comment like "God will not deliver him" (3:2). Yet, by faith, we know better. Those with the best shield that there is live life unafraid. They are able to say along with David: "I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side" (3:5-6). With a regular shield, you are in trouble in an attack from two directions. With God, you have nothing to fear from an attack from ten thousand directions! Sleep well Christian people, sleep well. Your God is a shield about you, the lifter of your head.

January



Upcoming Events

- 14 Fellowship Meal - 12:00**
- 14 Bridgeport One Day Lectureship**
Theme: Bringing Glad Tidings of Good Things
- 21 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 21 Youth Devo - 8:00**
- 21 Ladies' Inspiration Day Planning Meeting**
Immediately following PM worship
If you are interested, please attend!
- 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
- 28 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**
Little Hocking church of Christ

BIBLE CALL REPORT DECEMBER 2023

WV NUMBER 304 420 2416

OHIO NUMBER 740 651 2400

We had OVER 18 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in December. We had 135 Calls. December 7 had the most calls with 12 calls. SEVEN times people listened to the same lesson again.

Most Called Topics:

- (15) 110 Overcoming Worry
- (21) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About it.
- (16) 126 The Secret of Contentment
- (10) 112 Gods Answer For Guilt
- (11) 115 Overcoming Depression
- (6) 102 What is The Church of Christ
- (5) 122 How to Help Yourself Become Better
- (5) 319 For What Should an Alien Sinner Pray

General Topics:

- 102 Self Improvement and Personal topics.
- 30 Times about SALVATION
- 25 FAMILY LIFE
- 13 EVIDENCES
- 7 MORALITY - GENERAL INTEREST
- 6 ETERNITY
- 4 WORSHIP
- 4 THE CHURCH
- 2 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.

Have you considered how this tool can be used not only in outreach and evangelism but your own personal spiritual growth? Why not commit to call daily as your daily devotional and share with others how this is blessing you.

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 work together to keep this work effective. At Camden Avenue we continue to mail in our immediate and surrounding area monthly. What area would you like to assist with a mailing as a mission work in the state? Several congregations are putting a partial list on the back page of their House to House mailings. Let me know if you want more information.

KEEP LEAFLETS ON YOU AND MENTION IT TO YOUR FRIENDS. IF ANY QUESTIONS CALL text or email David Epler djepler@hotmail.com, Cell (616) 554-0990, House (304) 834-1935.

February

- 3 Roller Skating - 5:30-7:30
New Concord church of Christ
Lind Arena, Zanesville, OH
- 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

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
Theme: 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

January 21, 2024

Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

Deacon in Charge

Ryan Highman

Song Leader

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Gary Alton

Scripture

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Cole Curry

Prayer

9:30 AM - Josh Hall

Close - Bill Merrill

6:00 PM - Brian Haught

Close - Jordan Alton

Communion

AM - Josh Carr

PM - Chris Tallman

Welcome Center

AM - Joann Goldsmith

PM - Robin Anthony

Wed - Teresa Wade (Jan 24)

Announcements - Ron Riddle

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Scott Johnson



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Jan 21: Gen 19-20 & Psalm 21

Jan 22: Gen 21-22 & Psalm 22

Jan 23: Gen 23-24 & Psalm 23

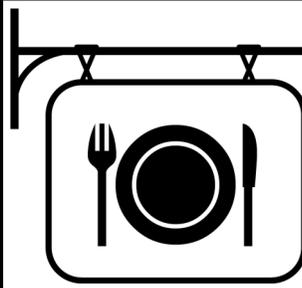
Jan 24: Gen 25-26 & Psalm 24

Jan 25: Gen 27-28 & Psalm 25

Jan 26: Gen 29-30 & Psalm 26

Jan 27: Gen 31-32 & Psalm 27

Jan 28: Gen 33-34 & Psalm 28



Fellowship Meal

Today following Bible class

Host: Care Group 2

The multi-purpose room can be found out the back of the auditorium and down the stairwell at the end of the hallway. Please, come join us!

January Food Pantry Needs

Care Group 1: Canned Ravioli

Care Group 2: Spaghetios

Care Group 3: Fruit Cocktail

Care Group 4: Black Beans



Facts and Figures

January 7, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....230

Sunday Bible Class.....189

Sunday PM Worship.....166

Wednesday 11am Class.....32

Wednesday Bible Class.....143

Contribution.....\$7,825

Membership 2024

Baptisms 2

Restored/Req. Prayer 0

Placed Membership 0

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP TV 15

8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM

January 21, 2023

"Meant for Good"



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

January :
Proverbs
1-9



2024: Wisdom Literature

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

August: Psalms (Book III) 73-89

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.