

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 prayer, please give any updates on prayer requests to the office. Names are rotated from the bulletin monthly unless there are new updates or otherwise indicated.

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

In the hospital:

Camden Clark:
Janet Looney, 519B
Helen May, 515 B
Jenny Reynolds, 194
Clarksburg VA:
Ron Moncrief

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson
Charlotte Deem
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman

Jo Langler
Linda Moncrief
Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam

Jenny Reynolds
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Cedar Grove

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

Encompass Health

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)
Sawyer Bennett (Tabetha Rich)
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)
Lorana Hartshorn (Carol Collins, sis-in-law)
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)
Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister)
Amanda Muncy (Dylan Muncy's mom)
Trish Nemsek (Patty Dawson's daughter)
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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES — We are in need of someone to coordinate the Red Cross blood drives. If you are willing to help with this, contact one of the elders by February 4th. Without a coordinator for this, the blood drives will be discontinued.

CARD SHOWER — There will be a card shower for Betty Lamb in honor of her birthday on February 1. She will be 96 years young! Her address is 2600 Unity Plaza Apt. 101, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

MEN'S MEETING — Today at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room. }

SUNDAY YOUTH DEVO — Today 21 after evening worship. }

LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY PLANNING MEETING — There will be a quick meeting this evening after evening worship. 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 — Next Sunday, January 28 at the Little Hocking church of Christ beginning at 5:00.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY — The next Teddy Bear Making Session will be in the multipurpose room on Thursday February 8th, 2024 at 9:30 am.

LOVE & CARE — We will be in charge of the worship services at Love & Care on Feb 11 at 2:30pm and Thursday Feb 15 at 7pm. Care Group 2 will be in charge.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Lucille Hardman has been discharged from the hospital. She is now at Encompass Health. She asks for prayers while she recovers.
- ♥ Janet Looney (Connie Hickman's mom) is in Camden Clark, room 519B.
- ♥ Amanda Muncy (Dylan Muncy's mom) is in need of prayers.
- ♥ Lorana Heartshorn (Carol Collins' sister-in-law) is continuing to have health problems.
- ♥ Jenny Reynold is in Camden Clark.
- ♥ Ron Moncrief is in the VA hospital in Clarksburg in the ICU.



Thank you to all who sent get well wishes to Cotton and to those who remembered our anniversary. Church family is a blessing.

-Cotton and Patty

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

Zoom Out

I am amazed at how much of a role perspective plays in how we perceive what goes on around us. Are things life-shattering or not a big deal? Two people experiencing the same event may have two different answers based on their perspective. Let's zoom WAY in. A young lady believes that she has selected a certain color of hair dye when, actually, it is three or four shades darker than she intended. She doesn't realize the error until the process of dying her hair is complete, and she sees herself in the mirror. At this point, she says: "NOOOOOOOOOOOO! It's over! My life is ruined! My relationships are in shambles! The hideousness of my visage is demoralizing!" (This teenager has excellent vocabulary). Now, if she would zoom out her perspective a bit, she would become aware that her slightly darker-than-intended hair is really just a minor inconvenience, and it will be back to what was intended in the time it takes her to buy another box of hair dye.



Isn't this the case with many of life's most difficult moments? Seen from a higher perspective (usually something we are only able to achieve in hindsight), these times look entirely different. Take, for example, the day Joseph was thrown into a pit by his own brothers. I've had some bad days, but I have to say that this day tops all of mine. He was probably thrown in there to die, but then that got downgraded to slavery. That's nice. That moment, seen just from that day's perspective, looks life-shattering. Truly. I'm sure there were many moments when it felt that way, even for a man as righteous as Joseph. However – even THAT, even a day of almost murder and forced slavery, zoomed out, looks very different. Here's what Joseph said about it years later: “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid” (Genesis 50:20-21). What looked like a meaningless pit was actually, when zoomed out, part of a greater plan that saved countless lives from starvation. (Read more of the story if you are interested in the details).

The point is this: the complete plan for someone who loves the Lord is beautiful, even if one little pixel of it here and there looks ugly. Even most diamonds, under the microscope, have ugly spots. Do we tend to care? No, because the overall stone is beautiful. I guess what I'm saying is don't be afraid to take a step back when life is a little overwhelming. If you are looking at the individual moment as all that there is, sure, feelings of fear and trepidation make sense. But I have a feeling that if you wait and see, a wider, more beautiful picture might become clear. “My soul is quiet and waits for God alone. My hope comes from Him” (Psalm 62:5).



SERMON NOTES

A Few Big Questions

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:10

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry Jr.

Sermon in a Sentence: In this lesson, we will study three real questions many of us have asked ourselves that help us understand our identity, belonging, and purpose in the Lord.

“ For _____ are _____ workmanship,
created _____ Christ Jesus for _____,
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”
(Eph 2:10 NKJV)

I. We Need Answers.

- a. Is it wrong to question?
- b. Are we answering questions that no one is asking?
- c. What are we asking?

II. Three Big Questions

1. Identity: Who am I?
2. Belonging: Where do I fit?
3. Purpose: What difference do I make?

III. Questions Answered

- a. Has the Lord supplied us with the answers?
 - b. List additional passages that help us to answer these questions.
 - c. What must I do to be saved?
- Hear — Believe — Repent — Confess Faith in Christ — Be Baptized — Remain Faithful

PM Sermon: Brother of Destruction

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 18:9

Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

Be a Role Model

When you cross the threshold of the doorway to your teenager's room, you have entered into what can seem to be another world attached to your home. It is not just the smell of the moldy slice of pizza under the bed that grabs you, but the décor. The shelves are full of items they value, and the walls might be covered with large posters of the celebrities or athletes they love so dearly. If we are not careful, it might be those of the world our children only invite in, and the world would love the opportunity. I remember being a teenager and struggling to learn who I was, where I was to fit in, and what I was meant to do. Those were the years I could have used some help from several solid Christian role models. This is strange because if you had asked me back then, I would have told you I had it all figured out and did not need any guidance. The truth was I thought I had it figured out, and I thought I did not need any guidance, but I thought wrong.

The first and greatest place of Christian influence for our children should not be inside the church building but inside the home. For this to be accomplished, we as parents need to begin with a self-evaluation and ask, "Am I placing the word of God in my heart as I should?" In order to help our children spiritually, we need to make sure we are taking care of ourselves spiritually. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deut 6:6-7 NKJV [emphasis added]). When the word is in our heart, we teach it to our children continually through our example; by how we communicate, "...talk...", by how we act, "...walk...", and that this is a consistent walk and talk "...when you lie down and when you rise up." The best role models during your children's most influential times are those in the home. Protect your homes from the world and allow your children to discover their role models inside you and their Bible, not inside their TV sets, cell phones, video games, etc.

When you continue to cross the threshold of the doorway to your teenager's room, it begins to feel less like another world and more like an extension of your home. The message from this preacher today is to remind parents to keep God's word in their hearts and spend time with their children. Be the role model God wants you to be!



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 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 Fishinger Road church of Christ
Theme: Faith on Fire: Igniting
Spiritual Growth & Unity
- 28 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**
Little Hocking church of Christ

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



MINUTE OF MEDITATION

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

Not Cheap, Obviously

Every once in a while, I get an email from the prince of Nigeria and, for some reason, he wants to fill my bank account from the abundance of his royal coffers. Good deal. He's offering everything for nothing. Well – nothing but my savings account number.

Of course, I'm sure you know there will be no money coming my way from Africa. If the offer costs you nothing, clearly it is worth nothing. We get that – until it comes to how we worship God. There, we want everything for nothing. "God, I expect you to forgive all my sins and shower me with blessings, and maybe I'll come to Church when there isn't a good football game on." But long-ago King David would have had nothing to do with this kind of thinking. He said in 1 Chronicles 21:30: ". . . I will not take for the Lord what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing."

What is God worth? Everything. All that we have. Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." That's a lot – but I would be surprised by anything less.

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

Serving in Worship

January 28, 2024

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Ryan Highman

Song Leader

AM - Levi Wells

PM - David Epler

Scripture

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - Kaleb Cochran

Prayer

9:30 AM - Kaleb Cochran

Close - Keith Smith

6:00 PM - Roy Halstead

Close - Brandon Sheppard

Communion

AM - Connor Curry

PM - Delmas Carr

Welcome Center

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Terry Hofmann

Wed - Rick Stanley (Jan 31)

Announcements - Jeff Taberner

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Chris Tallman



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

Today at Camden Avenue

Men's Meeting

4:00 pm

multi-purpose room

Youth Devo

After pm worship

multi-purpose room

Ladies' Day Planning Meeting

after pm worship, room 109

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 14, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....186

Sunday Bible Class.....151

Sunday PM Worship.....147

Wednesday 11am Class.....22

Wednesday Bible Class.....128

Contribution.....\$6,110

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 28, 2023

"But He Lied"



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.