

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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

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

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

Sunday PM Worship6:00pm

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

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

“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
Ron Moncrief
Debby Nesselroad

Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters
Summer Rich

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

Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Cedar Grove
Janet Looney
(Connie Hickman)
Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber)
Helen May
(Verna Huber)

Colonial House
Lucille Hardman

Wyngate
Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

The Willows
Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)
Jenny Reynolds

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Zach Adams (from Elizabeth)
Sawyer Bennett (Tabetha Rich)
Linda Bowie (Van Sprague's mother)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Julanne Deitrich (Debra Bonar's sister)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Becky England (Tabetha Rich's Aunt)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith'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
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
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)
Scott Pralley (Bill Pralley's son)
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Elizabeth Scarbrough's family
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Danny Wilson (Cindy Huxley's bro.-in-law)

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Zach Adams (from Elizabeth) is in hospital in Charleston. after a serious UTV accident.
- ♥ Sawyer Bennett had open heart surgery Thursday that went very well.
- ♥ Barbara Cramlet had surgery Thurs.
- ♥ Becky England (Tabetha Rich's Aunt) has metastatic lung cancer.
- ♥ Dot Haught is home from the hospital.
- ♥ Jeff Huxley's (Cindy Huxley's husband) cancer has returned to his lungs.
- ♥ Scott Pralley (Bill Pralley's son) has pancreatic cancer and will be starting treatment soon.
- ♥ Paul Saunders' surgery went well.
- ♥ Elizabeth Scarbrough requests prayers for her and her family as they navigate a difficult time.
- ♥ Mike Wade had an eye procedure in Morgantown on Thursday.
- ♥ Amy Ware (Jennifer Inman Martin's sister-in-law) passed away last week.

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.

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

MONDAY NIGHT MERGE — Tomorrow at Dewey Avenue at 7:00. We will be taking the bus and it will leave by 6:15.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE — The Challenge Youth Conference will be February 23-25. If you would like to help with the cost of CYC, donations can be given to Kevin Cochran or Kyle Inman.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY — There are Teddy Bear kits available in the office for those wishing to help with the effort.

BIBLE TEACHERS NEEDED — The next quarter of Bible classes will be starting in March. Teachers are needed in the cradle roll and 2/3-year-olds for Sunday and the 4/5-year-olds for Wednesday. See Cody Hoover if you can help.

SINGLES MINGLE — Bowling at Pike Street Lanes Saturday, February 24th at 2:00.

LOVE & CARE ASSISTED LIVING — Love & Care Assisted Living is seeking a caring Christian to serve as Administrator for the facility. If you are interested in helping others through oversight of Love & Care, please send your resume to:

Clayton Huber, Love & Care Board Secretary
c/o Camden Avenue church of Christ
2900 Camden Avenue
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Applicants must have an Associates Degree or higher in a related field. Also, the individual needs to be a baptized member of the church of Christ. Other qualifications and information can be obtained by contacting the Board Secretary via email at one4poppy@gmail.com.

I would like to thank everyone for mom's Birthday and Christmas cards. We appreciated them very much. Also thanks for the many prayers that was given on her behalf while she was in the hospital. We appreciated them very much!

In Christian Love,
Connie Hickman

Thank you, Camden Avenue Church Family, for the cards, calls, and "comments" for my birthday. I appreciate time spent with Millie (my birthday partner) and friends.

God Bless,
Marion Goldsmith

I want to thank you all for the wonderful birthday cards I received.

-Paul Inman

Your prayers have impacted my life in a beautiful way - my vision has improved significantly! My humble Thanks to each of you for your encouragement, love and support!

-Peggy Riddle

thank you

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
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We extend our deepest condolences Carol Collins, Amanda Cochran, Bob Miller, and their families in the passing of Loraina Hartshorn.

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

See the Spiritual

What do you think would happen if you suddenly got a glimpse into the unseen spiritual world? All we see with our eyes, of course, is the material. This has led some to the unwise conclusion that the material is all that there is. But what if, for one second, the dividing curtain was torn and you beheld a deeper reality? In that moment you could see tempting demons and reassuring angels. In the moment you could see the state of the souls of people. Perhaps you even catch a fleeting glimpse of the Spirit of God hovering over the face of the waters. I imagine that such a moment would be terrifying. Such a moment would also be more real, more true, than anything that is normally witnessed by sight.

One day a select few disciples had such a moment. On a normal day Jesus looked like a regular guy. Isaiah predicted, "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2). But was he just a regular looking man? Multiple signs and wonders would tell any honest heart otherwise. People forget quickly though, and when he wasn't making blind people see he just looked like anyone else. But not on the day Peter, James and John went up a mountain. The truth is that Jesus was NOT just a man, and that human exterior concealed enormous divine power. On that mountain the Bible says, "There [Jesus] was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus" (Matthew 17:2-3). Can you imagine? The sun is mighty bright. This was so terrifying that Peter started blabbering without his brain being engaged, and I don't blame him. He just got a glimpse into the spiritual world.

We live in the material world, what we see is the material world, but as Christians we are not of the material world. Don't let this place lull you into a spiritual sleep! Though we can only see the underlying spiritual world by faith, "We live by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). On the mountain God told those frightened disciples that they should listen to Jesus. Unlike Moses and Elijah, Jesus was the Son of God, evidenced by the searing light shining from His momentarily revealed face. Remember this: if you could see the world as it really is it would straighten you right up. You would live with correct priorities and you would serve the Almighty God. So see it! Look not just at the material, but dig deep into the Word until you can see the more important spiritual things. The devil tempts us with the whole world but Jesus is God's beloved Son. Listen to Him!

MINUTE OF MEDITATION

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

Depth of God's Love

Let's take a minute to immerse ourselves in the depth of God's love — a love so vast that it transcends understanding and defies limitations. In Ephesians 3, we're encouraged to comprehend the width, length, height, and depth of God's love, surpassing our human grasp.

God's love, uncontainable and unchanging, is the foundation of our faith. Romans 8:38-39 assures us that nothing can separate us from His love—neither height nor depth nor anything in all creation. God's love is freely given to all. John 3:16 encompasses this truth: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 NKJV). Let's dwell in God's love, allowing it to shape our thoughts and actions. May this boundless love be our anchor, guiding us through life's storms and illuminating our paths with hope and grace. Allow His love to lead you to salvation through His word.

This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

SERMON NOTES

Bless The Lord, O My Soul

Scripture Reading: Psalm 103:1-2

Speaker: DJ Curry

Sermon in a Sentence: In this lesson, we will remind ourselves and praise the Lord for our past, present, and promised blessings. God is good!

“Bless the _____, O my _____; And _____ that is within me, _____ His _____ name! Bless the _____, O my soul, And _____ not _____ His _____:”

(Psalm 103:1-2 NKJV).

Record the blessings the speaker names with the corresponding Scriptures for this lesson. Also, be sure to record the personal blessings you are reminded of that have been accomplished in your life. “And forget not all His benefits:”

I. His Past Blessings:

II. His Present Blessings:

III. His Promised Blessings:

Hear (Rom 10:17) – Believe (Mark 16:16) – Repent (Luke 13:3)

Confess Faith in Christ (Matt 10:32) – Be Baptized (1 Pet 3:21) – Remain Faithful (Rev 2:10)

PM Sermon: The Poverty of Pleasure

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 21:17

Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

God Is Always Listening

In Acts chapter 10, we have Cornelius, a centurion. The Scripture calls him "(A) devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always" (Acts 10:2 NKJV). The Scripture compliments Cornelius well but does not name him as being saved or as being a disciple of Christ. (That is to come at the end of this chapter.) In Cornelius' description the Bible says that he prayed to God always. What would be of these prayers to God coming from a lost soul? An angel will shortly appear to Cornelius and say the following, "...Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4). Here in Acts chapter 10, we have an example of a man who is not in a saved condition, but his prayers are heard. His acts of charity are observed and accepted by God. Yet, he still was not saved. He needed the gospel spoken to him, so Peter was sent so Cornelius could hear, believe, repent, confess Christ, and be baptized for the remission of sins. This fact that God heard Cornelius' prayers further proves there is no such thing as a sinner's prayer for salvation.

However, we have heard of some teaching that God cannot hear the prayers of the lost. If we claim God cannot hear the prayers of the lost, then we have limited His all-knowing ability or omniscience. "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account" (Heb 4:13).

The most common Scripture I have witnessed people claim God cannot hear the prayer of the lost comes from John 9:31. "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him" (John 9:31). In this Scripture's context Jesus had just recently healed a blind man. Now, the blind man is being questioned by the Jews, and the blind man gives this statement. The one speaking here, the blind man, is not inspired and is capable of saying something incorrect like this, or the blind man could have meant that God does not heed sinners.

We know God can hear the prayers of the lost, such as Cornelius, and the best way to understand God's ear to prayer is that He can hear but will not always listen or heed. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear" (Isa 59:1-2).

We can see the error in taking the position of God not hearing the lost in the conversion of the apostle Paul. In Acts 9:9, 11, we can read that Paul had been praying for three days, and Jesus heard him. If we take the position that God can only hear the saved, then we must also say Paul was saved at this point before Paul's baptism, just as those who deny the essential act of baptism for the remission of sins. The correct way to put it is that God does not heed the prayers of a sinner. He can certainly hear the message but, due to their unrighteousness, will not give an audience to the message. "Therefore I also will act in fury. My eye will not spare nor will I have pity; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them" (Ezek 8:18).

Upcoming Local Events

February

- 19 **Monday Night Merge - 7:00**
Dewey Avenue church of Christ
"Sitting with the Crowd"
- 23 **Challenge Youth Conference**
-25 Pigeon Forge, TN
- 24 **Singles Mingle Bowling - 2:00**
Pike Street Lanes
- 26 **Monday Night Merge - 7:00**
Camden Avenue church of Christ
"Sitting and Begging"

March

- 1 **Friday Night Sing - 7:00**
Mt. Alto church of Christ, Mt. Alto, WV
- 2 **Men's Inspiration Day**
Norval Park church of Christ
Theme: The Serving Church (Mt. 20:25-28)
Speakers: Dale & Jeff Jenkins
- 4 **Monday Night Merge - 7:00**
Rockport church of Christ
"Sitting on the Colt"
- 8 **Friday Night Sing - 7:00**
Chapel Hol church of Christ, Gallipolos, OH

BIBLE CALL REPORT - JANUARY 2024

West Virginia Number 304 420 2416

Ohio Number 740 651 2400

We had OVER 16 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in January. We had 127 Calls. January 31 had the most calls with 19 calls. NINE times people listened to the same lesson again.

Some of the most called topics were:

- (8) 110 - Overcoming Worry
- (13) 111 - Loneliness and What To Do About It
- (8) 126 - The Secret of Contentment
- (11) 112 - God's Answer For Guilt
- (5) 226 - Are You Thinking of Suicide?
- (5) 208 - Things That Bring Happiness

General Topics:

- (115) Self Improvement and Personal topics
- (11) Salvation
- (27) Family Life
- (5) Worship
- (2) The Church
- (8) Eternity
- (4) Evidences

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 in your own personal spiritual growth? Why not commit to call daily as your daily devotional and share with others how this is blessing you? Have you considered posting an mp3 recording on your social media as a favorite message with a number others can call? I can help you with that.

At Camden Avenue we continue to mail in our immediate and surrounding area monthly. Hopewell is doing a mailing in their area. Other congregations are exploring the same. In what area would you like to assist with a mailing as a mission work? 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.

Pray about this work. Keep leaflets on you and mention it to your friends. 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.

If you have any questions, call, text, or email:

David Epler

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Cell (616) 554-0990

House (304) 834-1935.

March

Upcoming Events

- 22 **Monday Night Merge - 7:00**
Lubeck church of Christ
"Sitting in Judgement"
- 22 **Walk Worthy Teen Girls Retreat**
-24 Crestfield Camp & Conference Center
Slippery Rock ,PA
middle school & high school ages
- 23 **Sandyville Ladies' Day**
Theme: "Growing in Joy"
Speaker: Carrie Brainard
- 25 **Youth Night**
Norval Park church of Christ
- 31 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Hopewell church of Christ

April

- 6 **Bible Bowl Book of Romans (KJV) - 9:30**
Alkire Road church of Christ
- 7 **Rio Grande Gospel Meeting**
-10 Sun 10:00, 11:00 & 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
- 12 **Sunrise Youth Rally**
-13 Theme - Praise the Lord
Speaker - Peter Ray Cole
- 27 **Mid-Ohio Valley 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
- 26 **Helping, Healing, Humor**
-28 **Mental Health Workshop**
Norval Park church of Christ
Sponsored by Somerset and Norval Park
Presented by Ben Hayes and Travis Creasy

Serving in Worship

February 25, 2024

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Chris Hofmann

Song Leader

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Connor Curry

Scripture

AM - Bret Wilcoxon

PM - Kevin Cochran

Prayer

9:30 AM - Ryan Highman

Close - Ron Holleron

6:00 PM - Keith Smith

Close - Jon Hescht

Communion

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Roy Halstead

Welcome Center

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Stan Inman

Wed - Marion Goldsmith (2/28)

Announcements - Josh Hall

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Dustin Hughes

Security - Ken Barnes



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Feb 18: Exo 37-40 & Psalm 49

Feb 19: Lev 1-2 & Psalm 50

SOTW: Leviticus and Numbers

Feb 20: Lev 3-4 & Psalm 51

Feb 21: Lev 5-6 & Psalm 52

Feb 22: Lev 7-8 & Psalm 53

Feb 23: Lev 9-10 & Psalm 54

Feb 24: Lev 11-12 & Psalm 55

Bats; Birds; and a Bible

Feb 25: Lev 13-14 & Psalm 56



Facts and Figures

February 11, 2024

Sunday AM Worship	215
Sunday Bible Class	175
Sunday PM Worship	155
Wednesday 11am Class	29
Wednesday Bible Class	133
Contribution	\$6,990

Membership 2024

Baptisms	1
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
February 25, 2024

"Freedom in Christ"



Friday Night Sing

March 1, 2024

Mt. Alto
3370 Cottageville Rd.
Mt Alto, WV
25264

March 8, 2024

Chapel Hill
234 Chapel Drive
Gallipolis, OH
45631

February

Proverbs
10-20

March

Proverbs
21-31



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.