

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

- ♥ John Doll (Sandy Keller's father) is now home.
- ♥ Kay Stanley was in the hospital last week but is now home.
- ♥ Scott Johnson got good results from the test he had last week.
- ♥ Elizabeth Rich was in an accident on Thursday. She has a bad sprain and is recovering.

Our deepest condolences go out to Teresa Wade and her family in the passing of her sister, Carrie Pennybacker. Visitation was Saturday at Leavitt Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be today at 2:00.

Our deepest condolences also go out to the family of Todd Rine (Dana Rine's son) who 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.

MONDAY NIGHT MERGE — Tomorrow, Monday, February 26 here at Camden Avenue beginning at 7:00. The theme is “Time to Sit or Make a Move?” and the lesson will be “Sitting and Begging” from John 9:1-7; Do we sit and shout, or do we go and “wash”?

LOVE & CARE SING — Tomorrow, Monday, February 26 at Love and Care Assisted Living beginning at 7:00. There will be a Sing at Love and Care on the last Monday of every month.

BIBLE TEACHERS NEEDED — The next quarter of Bible classes will begin next Sunday, March 3. 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING — The Friday Night Sings of 2024 will begin next week on March 1 at Mt. Alto church of Christ. Sings will begin at 7:00. There is a 2024 schedule in the lobby.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Sunday, March 10, hosted by Care Group 4

LADS TO LEADERS DONATIONS — Our youth will be headed to the Lads to Leaders Convention on March 28-29. If you would like to help with the cost of the trip, please see Kevin Inman, Todd Kirk, or Bill Mills.

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

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.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards, texts and Facebook notes. I enjoyed my day spending time with family. The wishes from you made my day more special.

Gala Miller



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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YouTube
Camden Avenue
coC Live

CURRY CONNECTION

Bible Question!

Why Does the Church Not Use the Title 'Father' for Its Leaders?

I was asked, “Why does the church not use the title ‘Father’ for its leaders? This is my response to this question.

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11 NKJV)

It is the desire for Christians to adhere as closely as possible to the words of the Father, as did Jesus (John 12:50). When we align ourselves with the Scripture, we avoid moving away from the doctrine of Christ and substituting it with our own. If we depart from the doctrine of Christ, then we do not have God (2 John 9). We have seen this even during the Restoration Movement, which celebrated the mindset of sticking to the Scriptures for all authority. You might remember this slogan: “Let us Do Bible Things in Bible Ways and Call Bible Things by Bible Names.” This slogan states a biblical truth that was not only followed by those during the Restoration but also in the early church, which we read of in our New Testaments.

Proper vocabulary is important in the Lord’s church. Corrupt vocabulary has been seen to lead to corrupt practices. Corrupt vocabulary grows thanks to an incomplete or flawed understanding of vocabulary in the Bible. So let the faithful study to show themselves approved to God. Corrupt vocabulary is worthless and can cause troublesome issues that give no edification, and we have been warned in the Scripture against corrupt communication (Eph 4:29).

As for using the title “Father,” there is nothing wrong in thinking of those men who have led you into the kingdom or shepherded you as being fathers through the gospel. This is the same sense in which Paul puts it. “For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel” (1 Cor 4:15). Christian leaders who lead well are as fathers who have begotten us through the gospel, like the apostle Paul. So, in a sense, they are father figures (1 Cor 4:14, 1 Tim 1:2, 2 Tim 1:2, Titus 1:4) but only by the authority “in Christ Jesus.” Paul is careful to say where the authority lies “in Christ Jesus” and “through the gospel,” as he, as a father, encourages the Corinthian brethren to repent.

What the Scripture teaches against is using “Father” as a religious title or one of authority, as seen in some denominations today. “Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven” (Matt 23:9). In this context, Jews were content with the authority or judgment of the rabbi, and Jesus is teaching not to use religious titles that give men undue authority. We see why Jesus warned us of this because we have seen this to be true in the history of denominations that have used “Father” titles of authority. In some religions, they were given the right to forgive sins, to contradict Scripture, etc. The correct usage of “Father” boils down to using the word in the correct sense. Corrupt vocabulary is seen to lead to corrupt practices. Let us abide in His word and not our own.

SERMON NOTES

Achsah: Approaching the Father

Text: Joshua 15:16-19; Judges 1:12-15

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:14

Speaker: Jon Hescht

Then it came about when she came to him, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. Then she _____, and Caleb said to her, “_____?”

She said to him, “_____, since you have given me the land of the Negev, give me also _____.” So _____ the upper springs and the lower springs. *Judges 1:14-15*

1. Why does God use repetition?
2. Who was Achsah?
3. Why can minor characters be important?

I. Ask with _____.

Supporting Verses: _____

II. Ask with _____.

Supporting Verses: _____

III. Ask with _____.

Supporting Verses: _____

Considerations:

Does this affirm the idea of prosperity gospel?

What does it mean if you do not get the answer you want?

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

The Location of Enough

I've always enjoyed visiting mature Christian people. I don't always have the opportunity to do so, of course, because, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick" (Matthew 9:12). Some very wise person said that once. But, when a mature Christian has a bad day, and you think they might just be in desperate need because of it, you will often be surprised. You ask something like, "Hey, is there anything that I can do for you?" And they often will say, "Thank you, but I have everything I need." Yes, they will sometimes appreciate the dinner you bring over and will always appreciate your prayers, but their souls are at peace. As hard as their life may be, they don't look like they are in want. And how different that is from the people who are ALWAYS in want! Whose hearts are always empty and they are always hungry for something they don't have.

If you are content, you are blessed, and I think I have a pretty good idea how you got there. David once famously said: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul" (Psalm 23:1-3). Souls without God are broken and needy. They are in need of restoration. If this describes you, I encourage you to seek out your shepherd. Listen for His voice and follow Him. Jesus says about Himself: "... he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice" (John 10:4). I pray you are one of these sheep! The paths that you will go on will be good ones. You will finally find what is needed. The green grass, the still waters, and the voice of your Savior will bring you a contentment that you have never known out in the wild. People who come to visit you will recognize the beautiful spiritual state that you are in. Maybe you wouldn't normally be at peace – but you are because Jesus has brought enduring peace to you.

Can you even imagine saying the sentence, "I have enough"? That is so foreign to the mindset of our world today! Even better is the sentence, "I have enough today, and I will have even more later." For believers, this is a true sentence. "You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:5-6). Because I follow the Shepherd I walk in fields of goodness and love. If I choose to keep following until the end, I will come to His eternal house, where the fields are even richer. Do I have enough? I most certainly do. If you don't, I pray you know (and go to) where enough

MINUTE OF MEDITATION

Debt Cancellation

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

I have a proposition for Mastercard and Visa. I suggest every seven years or so they cancel everyone's debt. Wouldn't that be wonderful? The bill comes in the mail, and out of nowhere, it says zero instead of whatever unfortunate number it used to say.

Of course, I suspect neither of those companies are going to go for that. They would quickly go bankrupt because of the numerous people who would abuse the policy. But would it interest you to know that there was once a law in Israel that went something like that? It can be found in Deuteronomy 15:1-2: "At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts. This is how it is to be done: Every creditor shall cancel the loan he has made to his fellow Israelite or brother because the Lord's time for canceling debts has been proclaimed."

This old law wouldn't work for Mastercard, but if you wanted to reflect the grace that is found in Christ, it could be practiced by you. Does someone owe you something? You helped them in a hard spot, but they struggled to return the favor. Why not say – "Don't worry about it, your debt is canceled"? After all, praise Jesus, God has done that for us.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 Hill church of Christ, Gallipolis, OH
- 10 **Fellowship Mean - 12:00**
hosted by Care Group 4
- 11 **Monday Night Merge - 7:00**
Lubeck church of Christ
"Sitting in Judgment"
- 15 **North End Youth Rally**
-16 Theme - Interact: Jesus's Interactions
in the Gospel of Luke
Speaker - Matt Cook
Registration form by front bulletin board
- 17 **Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 17 **Youth Deco - 8:00**
- 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
- 28 **Lads to Leaders Convention**
-31 Louisville, KY
Theme: I am Not Ashamed - Romans 1:16
- 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
Registration forms by front bulletin board
- 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

Thank You

Thanks, everyone, for the calls, text, and cards concerning my recent surgery. They meant so much to me, Your kindness was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Saunders

Thank you for the get well cards and words of sympathy in the death of my brother, Don.

Mary Daniel



Serving in Worship

March 3, 2024

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Cody Hoover

Song Leader

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Klay Cochran

Scripture

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Bill Mills

Prayer

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley

Close - Josh Gray

6:00 PM - Paul Saunders

Close - Kody Inman

Communion

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Paul Inman

Welcome Center

AM - Sherry Sponseller

PM - Tammy Kerns

Wed - Joann Goldsmith (3/6)

Announcements - Josh Carr

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Dennis Keller



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Feb 25: Lev 13-14 & Psalm 56

Feb 26: Lev 15-16 & Psalm 57

Feb 27: Lev 17-18 & Ps. 58 6

[Amazing Scientific Facts](#)

Feb 28: Lev 19-20 & Ps. 59

Feb 29: Lev 21-22 & Psalm 60

Mar 1: Lev 23-24 & Psalm 61

Mar 2: Lev 25-27 & Psalm 62

Mar 3: Num 1-2 & Psalm 63

February Food Pantry Needs

Care Group 1: Instant Oatmeal

Care Group 2: Jelly

Care Group 3: Dry Beans

Care Group 4: Rice



Friday Night Sing

March 1, 2024

Mt. Alto

3370 Cottageville Rd.
Mt Alto, WV 25264

March 15, 2024

Freeport

112 Main St. POB 131
Freeport, OH 43973

March 8, 2024

Chapel Hill

234 Chapel Drive
Gallipolis, OH 45631

March 15, 2024

Wingett Run

Wingett Run Road
Wingett Run, OH 45789

Facts and Figures

February 18, 2024

Sunday AM Worship 215

Sunday Bible Class 162

Sunday PM Worship 173

Wednesday 11am Class 35

Wednesday Bible Class 139

Contribution \$7,599

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

March 3, 2024

"We Need God Again"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

February :

Proverbs

10-20



2024: Wisdom Literature

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

Sep.: Psalms (Book IV) 90-106

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.