

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.....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 monthly unless there are new updates or otherwise indicated.

CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet
Dot Haught
Judy Hupp
Nita Faye Leach

Gwen Lucas
Mike Lucas
Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad

Ray Peters
Janet Plant
David Potts
Summer Rich

Cotton Sayre
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright
Sarah Wilcoxon

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery
Patty Dawson
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman

Jo Langler
Linda Moncrief
Ed & Lois Porter

Van Putnam
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Cedar Grove

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

Wyngate

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)
Jenny Reynolds

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Zach Adams (from Elizabeth)
Jaon Barker (Charlene Donahue's g-son)
Sawyer Bennett (Tabetha Rich)
Linda Bowie (Van Sprague's mother)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Tessa Burrows (online prayer request)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
John Daggett (Aiden Klingler's granddad)
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 (friend of Tabetha Rich)
Cathie Haught (Brian Haught's mom)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)
Pat Hoover (Sherry Hoover's sister)
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 sister-in-law)
Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister)
Amanda Muncy (Dylan Muncy's mom)
Trish Nemsek (Patty Dawson's daughter)
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Elizabeth Scarbrough's family
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Dianne Sommerville (Stephanie Halstead)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Huber's' 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)
Gary Vincent (Carol Vincent's brother-in-law)
Danny Wilson (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law)

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

♥ Jean Huber (Clayton Huber's mom) is out of the hospital and now back at Cedar Grove.

♥ Diane Sommerville (Stephanie Halstead's aunt) is now home from the hospital.

♥ Jo Langler's tremors are getting worse. She has an upcoming appointment for it.

Thank you for paying for my Aunt, Dianne Sommerville. She was able to come home last Friday.

-Stephanie Halstead



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.

LADS TO LEADERS RECOGNITION – There will be a Lads to Leaders Recognition this Sunday evening after worship. Pizza will be provided; please bring drinks and sides to go with it.

LADIES DAY PLANNING MEETING – This afternoon at 4:30 in the multi-purpose room there will be a final planning meeting for the Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day. If you are interested in helping with the Ladies' Day, please come!

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER – Tomorrow, April 8, at 6:00 we will be having pizza and then working on various ministry projects. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for additional items to bring. The next MNFTM will be April 22.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY – The next Teddy Bear Making Session will be this Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 in the multi-purpose room. There are Teddy Bear kits available in the office for those wishing to help with the effort.

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP WORK DAY – WVCYC needs volunteers on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 9:00 to help set up new beds, including those with trucks to help haul away the old beds. Contact Chris Saunders at 304-376-5645 with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL – Our April fellowship meal will be next Sunday, April 14 after morning Bible classes. Care group 1 will be hosting and everyone is invited!

FRIDAY NIGHT SING – The next Friday Night Sing will be next Friday, April 19 at Sissonville church of Christ beginning at 7:00.

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY – Saturday, April 27 will be the 2024 Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day hosted by Camden Avenue. The theme will be "Tell Your Story" and Hannah Colley will be our guest speaker. There are fliers available in the front lobby.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE STATE CAPITOL – Thursday, May 16 the Golden Agers will be visiting the State Capitol in Charleston, WV. The bus will leave at 7:45. There will be a tour of the capitol building at 9:30 and a visit to the West Virginia Cultural Center at 10. There will be a \$5 bus fee plus the cost of lunch at the capitol building cafeteria.

OHIO VALLEY TENT MEETING – Sunday, June 2 through Saturday, June 8 at 161 Huber Drive, Parkersburg, WV, from 5:00-7:00 each evening. There will be many different speakers and topics. Fliers are available in the front lobby.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – Midwestern Children's Home is looking to fill several positions. There is more information available on the bulletin board.

SINGLES GROUP SCAVENGER HUNT – The Singles Group will be having a scavenger hunt on April 20 from 2-4 pm with pizza afterward. Meet at the multipurpose room and bring drinks and desserts.

Thank you all for the birthday cards, messages, and well wishes. It makes getting older easier.

In Christian Love,
Cody Hoover

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful birthday cards.

-Normal Vaught



I would like to thank my brothers and sisters in Christ for the birthday cards.

Thank you so much,
Ted Miler

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

Fighting Sin . . . and Raccoons

I never thought I would ever say this . . . but I got into a fight with a raccoon today. The rotten thief took advantage of our absence during Lads to Leaders and decided our cat's outdoor home and larger-than-usual supply of cat food looked rather inviting. He showed up, ate all the cat food, and went to sleep on my cat's blanket. This just wasn't a situation that could continue! My wife and I had an initial plan where I would carry the cat box to the stairs, leaving the deck so I could gently tip the house and shoo him out. Instead, after being picked up, the raccoon left the house and went for my leg. Apparently animal squatters get cranky when being evicted. Fortunately, my wife was ready with the garden hose, and he was redirected off the premises. The bandit heard "AND DON'T COME BACK!" on his way out. Hopefully, he tells his friends.

This was my first fight with a raccoon, not my first fight with something that tried to take up residence in my life that shouldn't be there. Not my first fight with something that threatened to consume what was good and bring misery to those around me. "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires . . . For sin shall not be your master" (Romans 6:11-14). I know that living a life guided by righteousness is a wonderful life. I know that, but sin is always trying to creep in. And sometimes I look to heaven and proclaim along with Paul, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do" (Romans 7:14). When that sin does creep in it tries to take up residence in my mind and in my heart. Eventually the power of that sin is the guide to my decisions, not a devotion to the Lord. The easy thing to do would be to just let it live there. But this is not a situation that can continue!

I humbly suggest that it is always good to do a little self-examination to search for what shouldn't be in our lives. "But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment" (1 Corinthians 11:31). Just as a nasty raccoon can do a fair bit of damage in just a couple of days, sin can do quite a bit more. It has to go. Not later . . . now. And after you kick whatever that sin is out of your life, feel free to yell: "AND DON'T COME BACK!" After all, you are dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Remember that. And . . . watch out for that raccoon.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION

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

Yay! Spring is Here!

Let's take a minute to notice that Spring is here! As the earth awakens from its winter slumber, we're reminded of God's faithfulness in every season. With every season of life, we can see its beauty and its purpose. It is in the moments of change that we take easy notice of what we have left behind and what we are journeying into.

Just as spring brings new life to the land, it also brings renewal to our spirits. Isaiah 55:12 proclaims, "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands" (Isaiah 55:12 NKJV).

This is the gospel's effect on our souls! It brightens and awakens us like the new arrival of the long-awaited spring. Let's rejoice in the arrival of spring, recognizing it as a reminder of God's love and the promise of new beginnings. This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

SERMON NOTES

The Master Over Hunger

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 15:16

Speaker: DJ Curry

Sermon in a Sentence: We are to hunger for what Jesus can give us but not be starving for it.

Your _____ were found, and I _____ them, And Your _____ was to me the _____ and _____ of my _____; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.
(Jeremiah 15:16 NKJV).

I. Feeding the Spirit:

II. Nourishment from Heaven:

III. The Miracle of Feeding the 5,000:

IV. Jesus: The Bread of Life:

Hear – Believe – Repent - Confess Faith in Jesus Christ - Be Baptized - Remain Faithful

PM Speakers: Young Men of the Congregation

CURRY CONNECTION

Fostering Selfless Unity in the Church: Following Jesus' Example

Being selfless is not only denying yourself but also taking action by following Jesus in unselfish ways. "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me'" (Matthew 16:24 NKJV). Taking up your cross is the willingness to bear a burden we would not initially desire but do so unselfishly, following after Jesus. Fortunately, we are asked to take up our own cross when Jesus carries the cross for the world.

Today, those of us in the church make up Christ's body (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:24). This body of Christ is supposed to be active in many suitable activities with the same God (1 Corinthians 12:6). When a body loses its ability to remain active it begins to die. Our faith is like this, too. Without the works of our faith, our faith will die (James 2:26). A congregation that stops working does so because its members have stopped working. Their dead faith spreads as a disease to others in the body as a cancer.

One particular activity of the body of Christ is to remain unified in Christ. "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

This is a work of edification to remain and work towards unity of faith (Ephesians 4:13-14). The church at Corinth was on its way to becoming disorganized by departing from the unity of Christ. Strife and envy had begun to boil over because of the brewing divisions and lack of unity (1 Corinthians 3:3). James tells us, "For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there (James 3:16). "Every evil thing" is the product of not being unified.

The call to prioritize others above ourselves is significant within the church family. The apostle Paul's words in Philippians 2:3-4 resonate deeply within the context of our relationships within the church: "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

This divine commandment encourages us to foster an atmosphere of selfless love and unity within our church community. It's a call to set aside personal agendas, preferences, and ambitions for the greater good of the body of Christ.

When prioritizing others within our congregation, we imitate Christ's example of sacrificial love. Jesus modeled this selflessness in His interactions with His disciples, teaching them to serve one another and put the needs of others before their own.

Amid differing opinions, diverse backgrounds, and personal goals, prioritizing others becomes a cornerstone of building a robust and unified congregation. It's an intentional choice to esteem the needs and concerns of our fellow brothers and sisters, fostering an environment where everyone in Christ feels valued and supported.

This selfless love driven toward unity in Christ within the church manifests in practical ways—extending grace in moments of disagreement in liberty, actively listening to understand, offering support in times of need, and rejoicing in one another's successes.

As we navigate our relationships within the church, let's echo Christ's sacrificial love. May we lay aside selfish tendencies, embracing a humble posture that seeks the well-being and unity of our church family. By valuing others above ourselves, we reflect the heart of Christ and contribute to a community built on love, grace, and mutual respect.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April

- 7 Ladies' Day Planning Meeting - 4:30**
All interested ladies welcome!
- 7 Lads to Leaders Recognition Night**
- 7 Rio Grande Gospel Meeting**
-10 Sun 10:00, 11:00 & 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speakers: Paolo Di Luca, David Brothers, Mark Aites, Scott Judge
- 8 Monday Night for the Master - 6:00**
Pizza night; bring chips, drinks, desserts
- 11 Teddy Bear Making Session - 9:30**
- 13 Fishinger Rd Contemporary Concerns Series**
"What Happens When Your Church Leaves You?"
Terry Edwards, Brandon Edwards, Gregory Tidwell
- 12 Sunrise Youth Rally**
-13 "Praise the Lord"
Speaker - Peter Ray Cole
Registration forms by front bulletin board
- 13 WV Christian Youth Camp Work Day**
Contact Chris Saunders at 304-376-5645
- 14 Fellowship Meal - 12:00**
Care Group 1 will be hosting
- 14 North End Gospel Meeting**
-17 Speaker: Mark Nichols Posey
- 14 Bridge St. Gospel Meeting**
-17 Speaker: Scott Judge
- 15 Henderson Gospel Meeting - 7:00**
- 18 "Discipleship"**
Speakers: Jonathan McAnulty, Daniel Hager
Jon Hescht, Ron Thomas
- 19 Friday Night Sing at Sissonville - 7:00**
Song Book: Songs of Faith and Praise
- 20 Singles Group Scavenger Hunt - 2-4**
Pizza will be provided, bring drinks and deserts
- 20 Alkire Road Ladies' Inspiration Day - 9:00**
"Deeper: A Study of the Life of the Apostle Peter"
Speaker: Brooke Pate
- 20 National Road Ladies' Inspiration Day - 8:30**
"Unexpected Blessings"
Speaker: Debbie Wallace
- 21 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 21 Youth Devo**
- 21 49th Annual Southeast Lectureship**
-24 Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies
"Encouraged: Finding Comfort in Christ"
- 22 Monday Night for the Master - 6:00**
- 26 Helping, Healing, Humor**
-28 **Mental Health Workshop**
Norval Park church of Christ
Presented by Ben Hayes and Travis Creasy
- 27 Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day**
Host: Camden Avenue church of Christ
"Tell Your Story"
Speaker: Hannah Colley

May

- 4 Masquerade Mystery Prom Alternative**
5:30 - 8:00 pm
North End church of Christ
Formal night of elegance, dining, & mystery
- 9 Spring Apologetics Lectures - 1:30-4:30**
North End church of Christ
Speaker: Phil Sanders
"Resurrection - Many Infallible Proofs"
- 11 Harrisville Ladies' Inspiration Day**
"Peace of Mind"
Speaker: CoCo Hardwick
- 16 Golden Agers Trip to the State Capital**
Bus will leave at 7:45
Cost: \$5 plus the cost of lunch
- 17 Fort Hill Men's Retreat**
-18 Speaker: Matthew Morine

June

- 1 End of School Year Ice Cream Social**
- 2-8 Ohio Valley Tent Meeting**
161 Huber Dr, Parkersburg, WV 26104
- 9-12 VBS - The Name of Jesus**
- 29 The Flood Experience**
-3 Lectures and tours with Dr. Jeff Miller at key flood-relevant sites in Northern Arizona
Cost is \$599 (ages 5 & under free)

Employment Opportunities

Midwestern Children's Home is looking to fill several positions. There is more information available on the bulletin board.

Serving in Worship

April 14, 2024

Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Inman

Song Leader

AM - Levi Wells

PM - Kyle Inman

Scripture

AM - Delmas Carr

PM - Marion Goldsmith

Prayer

9:30 AM - Dennis Keller

Close - Josh Carr

6:00 PM - Todd Kirk

Close - Kaleb Cochran

Communion

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Steve Gray

Welcome Center

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Joann Goldsmith

Wed - Sherry Sponseller (4/17)

Announcements - Ron Riddle

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Ken Barnes



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Apr 7: Joshua 1-3 & Psa 98

[SOTW: Joshua](#)

Apr 8: Joshua 4-6 & Psa 99

[Bible Land Passages: Pas. 9](#)

Apr 9: Joshua 7-9 & Psa 100

Apr 10: Jos 10-12 & Psa 101

Apr 11: Jos 13-15 & Psa 102

Apr 12: Jos 16-18 & Psa 103

[Bible Land Passages: Pas. 8](#)

Apr 13: Jos 19-21 & Psa 104

Apr 14: Jos 22-24 & Psa 105

Friday Night Sings

April 19, 2024

Sissonville

7007 Sissonville Dr.
Charleston, WV 25320

April 26, 2024

South Logan

13816 Walhonding Ave.
Logan, OH 43138

May 3, 2024

Pennsboro

205 E Penn Ave.
Pennsboro, WV 26415

April Needs

Care Group 1: Cereal & Jelly

Care Group 2: Pancake Mix & Syrup

Care Group 3: Canned Vegetables

Care Group 4: Pasta & Sauce



TELL YOUR Story

Mid-Ohio Valley
Ladies' Inspiration Day

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Facts and Figures

March 31, 2024

Sunday AM Worship 175

Sunday Bible Class 113

Sunday PM Worship 143

Wednesday Bible Class 169

Contribution \$7,580

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

April 14, 2024

"I Have a New Life"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

April :

Job

1-21



2024: Wisdom Literature

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

October: Ps. (Book V) 107-150

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.