

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Theme: Footprints of Jesus

(Matthew 14–17)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9 - 12

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Activities for all ages, including adults.

The nursery will be available.

Sunday evening we will have the 6:00 service and VBS will begin at 6:30.

There will be an ice cream party after VBS Wednesday evening.

Plan to attend and invite others.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
 Jim Galloway
 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Bill Mills
 Ron Riddle
 Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

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 Delmas Carr
 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Brian Haught
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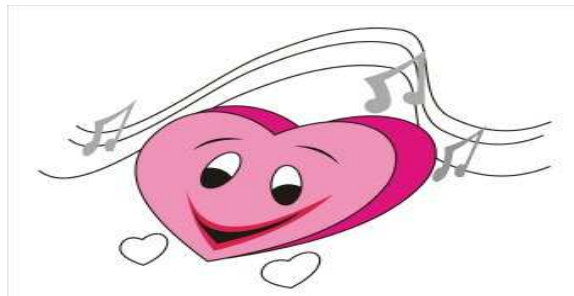
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**THANK YOU NOTES**

- ♥ Thank you to everyone who attended our wedding shower and for all the amazing gifts. A special thank you to Jenny Ware and her shower group helpers for hosting the day! We are truly blessed to have such a supportive and wonderful church family...we love you all! **Calle and Brandon**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **John Rockhold III**
- ♥ Thank you for the graduation cards and gifts. **Darlene Pickering**
- ♥ I appreciate all acts of kindness shown while I was having back problems. Thanks for the kind words, cards and visits. **Keith Smith**
- ♥ Thank you for all the special birthday cards. They all had a "special" person in them and special is how they made me feel. Love, **Cindy Huxley**
- ♥ Daniel and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful wedding shower that you all put together for us Sunday! It was beautiful and thank you all for the sweet gifts! We love you all!! Love, **Daniel and Candice Rich**

**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Mary Ann Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Chelsea Doonan, Melva Farris, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Calvin Martin, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Gabbi Cook, Bob, Janet and Todd Crugger (Glenn Snider's friends), Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), David Dillion (Sharon Smith's nephew), Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, David Heck (Candice Rich's father), Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), Donna Ludwig, Lisa Miller (Damon Miller's wife), Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), David Smith (friend of Bob Miller), Patty Smith (Mike Lucas' sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Mary Spence (Ruth Fox's aunt), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office and update or add names to the Prayer List.

Church News & Announcements

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR/VBS ICE CREAM PARTY

Everyone is encouraged to stay after VBS Wednesday, June 12 for an ice cream party in the MP Room. The list of needed items is on the counter.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Murvin & Kathy Simmons will celebrate their 50th Anniversary Saturday, June 15. There will be celebration at the Akers Guest Room at 1706 Suite 3 on Blizzard Drive, South Parkersburg from 2:00-5:00. No gifts, but cards are welcome. (Murvin and Kathy are former members here.) Congratulations to them on 50 years!

MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE WILDS

The Golden Agers will be going to The Wilds in Cumberland, Ohio Tuesday, June 25. It will include a covered-vehicle safari ride to see 31 animal species and an early dinner at Theo's in Cambridge, OH. A \$25.00 fee will cover admission and fuel fee. Dinner will be an additional \$13.50. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

COUPONS

Please leave coupons in the library for the exchange. Coupons are clipped and sorted for anyone to pick up.



Daily Bible Reading

June 9—John 13:21-38, 2 Ki 22-23
June 10—John 14:1-14, 2 Ki 24-25
June 11—John 14:15-31, 1 Ch 1-2
June 12—John 15, 1 Ch 3-5
June 13—John 16, 1 Ch 6
June 14—John 17, 1 Ch 7-8
June 15—John 18:1-24, 1 Ch 9-10
June 16—John 18:25-40, 1 Ch 11-12



The following items are needed for the church pantry:

Peanut butter, jelly, saltine crackers,
applesauce, gravy, canned potatoes
and carrots.

Items may be left in the library.



DANA'S DIRECTION

Footprints of Jesus

Through the years I have had an ongoing frustration with materials purchased for Vacation Bible School programs. In order to market VBS and make the Bible “interesting” to children, I have “prospected for gold” in the Yukon, “gone on safaris” by traveling down the Amazon, and “run with the dogs,” in the Alaskan Iditarod. Believe me, it is sometimes quite a stretch to bring Biblical lessons and applications from such fare.

Not only difficult, but quite unnecessary! Why do we think that the stories of the Bible need help to make them interesting? A few months back, the five-week series on the Bible on the History Channel (with all of its shortcomings) was the most widely watched program in years! If taught well, the Bible is interesting, fascinating and always relevant. Kids know it too. A few years ago a little boy told me after a week of learning about Him, said to me “Jesus was kind of a super-hero wasn’t He?” I agreed.

This year, we did not want to interrupt our study through the Bible, so we took the chapters that we will study this coming week and divided them into four lessons (five if you include Sunday morning Bible study). In these lessons we learn of how Jesus dealt with rejection and loss of a friend (Matthew 13:53-58; 14:1-12); The miracles that Jesus performed (Matthew 14:13-33); The teachings of Jesus regarding our faith and our hearts (Matthew 15:1-28); The Good Confession and the cost of discipleship (Matthew 16:13-27); The coming of the kingdom and our place in it (Matthew 16:28-17:27)

We have called our VBS study **Footprints of Jesus**. It is our contention that the more we learn about Jesus, and the more we learn from Jesus, the more we will want to become like Jesus. This will all happen if we seek to walk in His steps. Peter wrote to us “for to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should **“follow in His steps”** (I Peter 2:21).

Are we willing to commit ourselves to that? Until we do, we cannot call ourselves disciples. Until we do, we will never know the joy nor the power of living the Christian life! As the familiar hymn says:

Sweetly Lord, have we heard Thee calling, “Come follow me!” And we see where Thy footprints falling lead us to Thee. Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow; we will follow the steps of Jesus, where-e’er they go.



The Compassionate Christ: (Luke 7:18-23)

Jesus' answer to John: "Go and tell John the things that you have seen and heard: that the _____ see, the lame _____, the _____ are cleansed, the deaf _____, the _____ are raised, the poor have the _____ preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." (Luke 7:22-23)

Prophecies about the Compassionate Christ:

"He will _____ His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the _____ with His arm and _____ them in His bosom, and _____ lead those who are with young." (Isaiah 40:11)

"Behold My _____ whom I uphold, My elect one in whom My soul _____. I have put My _____ upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the _____, He will not _____ our, nor _____ His voice to be heard in the street. A _____ reed He will not _____, and a smoking _____ He will not quench." (Isaiah 42:1-3)

"Surely He has borne our _____ and carried our _____; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But, He was wounded for our _____, He was bruised for our _____; the _____ for our peace was upon Him, by His _____ we are healed." (Isaiah 53:4-6)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the _____, He has sent Me to heal the _____, and proclaim liberty to the _____, and the opening of _____ to those who are _____; to proclaim the acceptable year of the _____." (Isaiah 61:1-2)

Jesus' life was a lesson in compassion.

Jesus had compassion on those who were downtrodden. "The foxes have _____ and the birds of the air have _____, but the Son of Man has nowhere to _____ His head." (Luke 9:58) "That though He was _____, yet for your sakes He became _____, that you through His _____ might become _____." (II Corinthians 8:9)

Jesus had compassion on those who were sick. "When Jesus went out He saw a great multitude and was moved with _____ for them and _____ their sick." (Matt. 14:14)

Jesus had compassion on those who were in sorrow. "When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not _____." (Luke 7:13) "Therefore when Jesus saw her _____, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He _____ in the _____ and was troubled.... Jesus _____... Then the Jews said "See how he _____ him." (John 11:33-38)

Jesus had compassion on the lost. "But when He saw the multitude, He was moved with _____ for them, because they were _____ and _____, like sheep having no _____." (Matthew 9:35-36)

To have the mind of Christ – we must have _____ too.

CHRISTIANS AND PERSEVERANCE

P Nygard

I recently told about following quote written on the walls of a large university: "On the plains of hesitation lie the blackened bones of countless millions, who, at the dawn of victory, sat down to rest, and resting, died."

Sad, but true, this can describe the lives of many Christians who no longer persevere. You see, my Christian friends, we are at the "dawn of victory." We are not talking about just any victory, but the ultimate victory found on the other side of the "gates of pearl." John described it this way, "*And I . . . saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband*" (Rev. 21:2). Paul was at the "dawn of victory," and said, "*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness...*" (2 Tim. 4:8). Yet, that victory is only for those who will faithfully persevere. Paul said, "**press** toward the mark..." (Phil. 3:14); "**Fight** the good fight of faith..." (1 Tim. 6:12); and "*I have **fought** a good fight, I have **finished** my course, I have **kept** the faith*" (2 Tim. 4:7).

When the Lord comes in judgment, there will be many precious souls lost because they "sat down to rest." A man by the name of Jim Reeves recorded a song about a man and his horse caught in a blizzard as they headed for home. The horse wanted to stop, but the man knew that if they did it would be death for them both. The man finally gave in to his tired horse, so they stopped to rest, just a hundred yards from home. Later, the man and his horse were found frozen to death. How many times do we stop to take a rest from things spiritually important, when we are so close to eternity?

The way a man lives here will determine where a man lives hereafter. God expects us to endure, persevere unto the end. John wrote, "*...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life*" (Rev. 2:10). Jesus said, "*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved*" (Mark 13:13). May God help us so live here, that we may live with Him in the hereafter.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Heb. 12:1-3).



OVCYC (Camp Hervida)

Senior Week (ages 14-18): June 9-14

Junior Week (ages 8-11): June 16-21

Intermediate Week (ages 11-14): June 23-28

WVCYC (Pennsboro)

Sports Week (ages 12-18): June 23-28

Senior Week (ages 14-18): June 30-July 6

Intermediate Week (ages 11-14): July 7-13

Junior Week (ages 7-11): July 14-19

All Age Week (ages 8-18): July 21-27

Singing Emph. Week (ages 12-18): July 28-Aug.3

Fort Hill in Hillsboro, OH

Mountaineer Christian Youth Camp in
Barbour county, WV

Camp registration forms on youth
bulletin board by the church office.

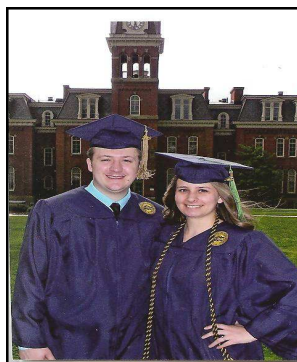


In Exchange

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good, but what I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it!

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good, and not evil, success, and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I have paid for it.

Borrowed



Congratulations to Josh Gray and Brittany Fleak. They are 2013 graduates of West Virginia University.

(They will be married later this month.)

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

As a new bride, Aunt June moved into a small home on her husband's farm. She put a shoe box on a shelf in her closet and asked her husband never to touch it.

For fifty years Uncle Bill left the box alone, until Aunt June was old and dying. One day when he was putting their affairs in order, he found the box again and thought it might hold something important.

Opening the box, he found two doilies and \$82,500 in cash. He took the box to Aunt June and asked about the content. "My mother gave me that box the day we married," she explained. "She told me to make a doily to help



ease my frustrations every time I got mad at you."

Uncle Bill was very touched that in fifty years she'd only been mad at him twice. "What's the \$82, 500 for?"

"Oh that's the money I made selling the rest of the doilies!"

As Solomon said, "A merry heart goes us good!" (Proverbs 17:22)

Have a great day!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, June 16

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught
PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Hoover
Close—Scott Johnson
6:00 PM—Gary Herridge
Close—Delmas Carr

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Merrill
PM—Bill Lemley

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Len Haid
PM—Dearll Vincent
Brian Knotts

PA SYSTEM— Steve Gray



10 Rules for Happier Living

1. Give something away (no strings attached).
2. Do a kindness (and forget it).
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged (their experience is a priceless guidance).
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel).
5. Laugh often (it's life's lubricant).
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough).
7. Pray (or you will lose the way).
8. Work (with vim and vigor).
9. Plan as though you'll live forever (because you will).
10. Live as though you'll die tomorrow (because you will die on some tomorrow).

Bulletin Digest

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Dean crew.

They include Mark Dean, Dwain Shears, Chris Tallman, Donovan Walton and Cody Young.



Facts and Figures

June 2, 2013

AM Service.....321

Bible Study.....253

PM Service.....254

Wednesday.....259

Contribution\$7556.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....0

Placed Membership....8

Schedule of Services

Sunday

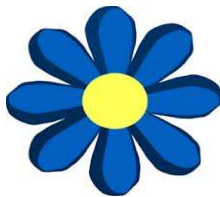
AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

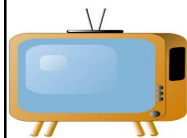
Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM



Humble people don't think less of themselves—they just think about themselves less.

Selected



Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV, Dish Ch. 259, DIRECT ch. 364, and at 6:30AM on local cable ch. 4.

UPCOMING TOPIC

June 16
CONVERSION

Friday Night Sing



The sing this Friday will be at the 36th Street congregation in Vienna at 7:00PM.