

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Count Our Blessings

O precious Father, as we bow
Before thy throne today -
We count the many blessings
Thou hast shower'd upon our way.
The comfort of our humble homes,
Our health and happiness,
The strength provided for each day
To meet the strain and stress.
We thank thee for thy precious Son
Who brought salvation free,
And for this mighty land of ours -
A land of liberty!
So, Lord help us to give thee thanks
For all that we hold dear -
Not only on Thanksgiving Day
But each day of the year!

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OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Ronnie Dye (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), Glenn Jones (Tammy Kerns' father), Betty Morris, Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

In order to keep our prayer lists current, names will appear on our Prayer Lists for a few weeks. You may call the office and update or add names.

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ The widows, widowers, and veterans thank our youth group and their parents for the delicious meal served on Veteran's Day.
- ♥ It was so nice to be remembered on my birthday. Thank you. **Kimberlee Shears**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We rejoice that recently we have several to place membership with us. Bill and Mary Lemley will be in Care Group 3. Tim, Nancy, Lauren, Kelsay, Lindsay, and Katie Proffitt will be in Care Group 3. Jon and Brandi Hescht will be in Care Group 4. We are glad to have Brian, Natalie, Holly and Ben Haught back with us. They will be in Care Group 2.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

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

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

SACK THE PULPIT

December will be SACK THE PULPIT to restock our church pantry. Detail are on page 7.

POTTER'S CHILDRENS HOME

Everyone is encouraged to take a coin bank to fill. Coin banks are available in the foyers. They will be picked up the week of December 2.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking a trip to the Smuckers and Rubbermaid Stores near Wooster, OH on Thursday, December 6. Leaving at 8:00AM (*Weather permitting*) \$30.00 each, includes fuel costs and dinner at the Amish Door.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet Friday, December 14 at the Parkersburg Country Club for lunch. The cost is \$16.00 each and includes the buffet and dessert. The sign up sheet is on the counter.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

November 18 - Hebr 9, Eze 4-7
November 19 - Hebr 10, Eze 8-11
November 20 - Hebr 11, Eze 12-13
November 21 - Hebr 12, Eze 14-16
November 22 - Hebr 13, Eze 17
November 23 - James 1, Eze 18-20
November 24 - James 2, Eze 21
November 25 - James 3, Eze 22-23

Watch
"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"
Sunday mornings at 7:30 on
WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC
November 25
DO WE NEED GOD?



DANA'S DIRECTION

If I were the devil

"If I were the devil. . .If I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness.

And I'd have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population.

But I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree-Thee.

So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States.

I'd subvert the churches first - I'd begin with a campaign of whispers.

With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: 'Do as you please.'

To the young, I would whisper that 'The bible is a myth.'

I would convince them that man created God, instead of the other way around.

I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is 'square.' And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, 'Our Father, which art in Washington...'

And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting.

I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa.

I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentleman of distinction.

I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed.

"And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames."

If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions-just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing.

I'd have judges promoting pornography-soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the house of Congress.

And in His own churches, I would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science.

I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money.

If I were the devil, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil, I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

And what do you bet? I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich!

I would caution against extremes and hard work, in Patriotism, in moral conduct.

I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on TV is the way to be.

And thus I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with disease for which there is no cure.

In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing on what he's doing.

Paul Harvey, good day."

On April 3, 1965, 47 years ago, Paul Harvey, ABC radio commentator, delivered his piece called "If I were the devil." Read it. How much has become true? What would God have us do? (Proverbs 14:34)



Renewing our Vows: (Joshua 24:14-25)

In the Old Testament – God regarded Israel as His _____. Their covenant began with a statement of _____. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is _____. (Deut. 6:4) Continued with a _____: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your _____.” (Deut. 6:5) Concluded with a _____: And these words which I _____ you this day shall be in your _____; and you shall teach them diligently to your _____.” (Deut. 6:6)

When Israel renewed their vow: Challenged by Joshua “Choose you this day whom you will _____. But as for _____ and my house we will _____ the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15) **Israel renewed their _____ to God.** “The Lord our God we will _____, and His voice we will _____.” (Joshua 24:24) **King Jehoiada** made a _____ between the Lord, the king, and the people, that they should be the _____ people.” (II Kings 11:17) **King Josiah restored the rule of God’s _____ in Israel:** “The king stood and mad a _____ before the Lord, to _____ the Lord and to keep His _____ and His testimonies and His statues, with all his _____, and all his _____, to perform the words of the covenant that were _____ in this book. And all the people took their _____ for the covenant.” (II Kings 23:3)

The church is the _____ of Christ. The church at Ephesus needed to renew their _____. “Nevertheless I have this _____ you, that you have left your first _____.” (Rev. 2:4) “_____ therefore from where you have _____; _____ and do the first works.” (Rev. 2:5) **All relationships can grow _____.** **Remember:** “Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet _____ people have _____ Me days without number.” (Jeremiah 2:32)

Our marriage to the Lord began with a _____ of faith. “I _____ that Jesus Christ is the _____ of _____.” (Acts 8:37) **When we became Christians we made Him _____.** A commitment to _____. “Except you _____, you shall all likewise _____.” (Luke 13:3) **Repentance is the _____ of faith. Because He is our hope of salvation, we want to _____ Him.** “Beloved, we are the _____ of God... when He is revealed, we shall be _____ Him, for we shall _____ Him as He is. And everyone who has this _____ in Him _____ himself, just as He is pure.” (I John 3:2-3)

What _____ did you determine to make? _____ to break? Attitudes to _____. **Are you developing the _____ of the Spirit? A commitment to _____.** “A workman that need not be _____.” (II Tim. 2:15) **A commitment to be _____.** “Blessed is the servant, whom when his master comes, will find _____.” (Matthew 24:26)

RELIGIOUS VALUES AND GOVERNMENT

~ P Nygard



The Second President of the United States, John Adams, said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.

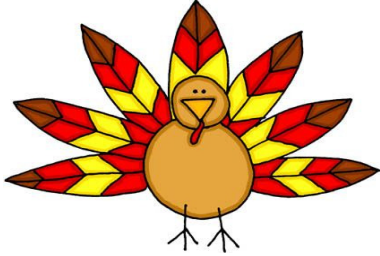
It is wholly inadequate for a government of any other." In other words, unless we abide by biblical principles the Constitution will not function properly.

Is John Adams right? Can our society survive without a biblically based faith? There are many who would say that religion does not have the influence it once had. That may be true. But they go on to say that religion is no longer relevant, that it is not necessary to creating a good world, that there are no absolutes, no objective truth. The former Governor of Minnesota, Jessie Ventura, said, "Religion is for those weak in mind." Was he right?

Say you are walking down an alley at 11:00 p.m. in New York, Miami, or Los Angeles. The dim streetlights illumine your car 300 yards away. Suddenly, you see ten young men wearing leather jackets swaggering down the alley toward you. Wouldn't you feel more comfortable if you knew that those young men had just come out of a Bible study? In spite of what they say in polls, on the most practical level, people acknowledge religion's positive influence.

Our society cannot exist without Christianity. This is why Solomon declared, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Pro. 14:34).

youth section



K-5th Grade Devo. 11/18

The K-5th graders will have a devo. this evening after services at the home of Kyle and Sarah Inman.

6th-12th Grade Devo.

Devo. at the Saunders' home at 7:00PM
November 30.

K-12th Grade GIRLS Devo. 12/1

The K-12 grade girls will have a devo. at the Wadlington's home starting at 1:30.

Youth calendars are available on the counter in the foyer.

December will be
SACK THE PULPIT
to restock our church pantry.

- . Any dry cereal
- . Pancake mix/syrup
 - . Soups
 - . Peanut butter
 - . Jelly
 - . Saltine crackers
- . Canned vegetables - carrots, potatoes
(We do not need green beans or corn.)
- . Canned fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail)
 - . Applesauce
 - . Spaghetti sauce/pasta
 - . Treet or Spam canned meat
 - . Vienna sausages
 - . Tuna
 - . Gravy

Please leave items on either side
of the pulpit area.
Monetary donations may be given
to the Elders.



Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A little boy came up to his mother and handed her a piece of paper. It read:
Cutting the grass: \$5.00
Cleaning up my room: \$1.00
Going to the store for you: \$.50
Taking out the garbage: \$1.25
Getting a good report card: \$5.00
Total owed: \$12.75

His mother looked at him, turned over the paper, picked up a pen and wrote:
For 9 months I carried you while you grew inside me: No Charge
For all the nights that I've sat up with you, doctored and prayed for you: No charge
For all the toys, food, clothes, and even wiping your nose: No Charge
Son, when you add it up, the cost of my love is: No charge

When the boy finished reading what his mother had written, he had big tears in his eyes. He said, "Mom, I sure do love you." The he took the pen and in great big letters wrote; "PAID IN FULL."

Sounds just like God with us, doesn't it!!

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, November 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Josh Barclay
 PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Mills
 Close - Brandon Sheppard
 6:00 PM - Leon Hupp
 Close - Ron Holleron

SCRIPTURE

AM - Kody Inman
 PM - Jim Merrill

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Russ Alton
 PM - Dwain Shears
 Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Jim VanCamp
 2 - Mike Wade
 4 - Teresa Wade

PM

1. Patty Dawson & Tammy Kerns
2. Cotton & Patty Sayre
3. Cody Young & Daniel Nygard
4. Dustin Hughes & Donovan Walton
5. Rick & Kay Stanley
6. Zoe Byrum & Valeria Sprout

Facts and Figures

November 11, 2012
 AM Service.....328
 Bible Study.....240
 PM Service.....238
 Wednesday.....255
 Contribution.....\$5088.98

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....11
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....6
 Placed Membership....24

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
 Bible Study.....11:00
 PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM

December Birthdays/Anniversaries



- December 1 - Jeff Taberner
- December 2 - Bob Eddy
- December 3 - *Chris & Debbie Tallman
- December 4 - Sheri Gaston
- December 7 - Rhonda Barclay, Don Nesselroad, Cailin Yoho
- December 9 - Shannan Hinzman
- December 10 - Ryan Gaston, *Jim & Sallie Hinzman
- December 11 - Allen Coe, Kathy Hoover
- December 12 - Barbara Saunders
- December 13 - Haley Johnson, Hayden Kelly, Cindy Slingluff
- December 14 - Mary Daniel, Darrell Vaught
- December 15 - Gene Cooper, Janet Looney, Jean Martin
- December 16 - Tammy Kerns, Amy Young, Eric Young
- December 17 - *Don & Sheri Gaston
- December 18 - Mary Vaught
- December 19 - Jordan Kirk
- December 20 - *Larry & Janet Plant, *Ray & Bonnie Sams
- December 21 - Brian Haught
- December 24 - Kim Ledsome, *Herb & Joyce Wright
- December 25 - Josh Gray, Heath Rogers
- December 26 - Annette Kirk, Dana Sponseller
- December 27 - *Cotton & Patty Sayre
- December 28 - Rosemary Merrill
- December 29 - Jay Goldsmith
- December 30 - Madison Taberner
- December 31 - James Dailey

*Anniversary

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the church office this week.

