

Camden Avenue Church of Christ
2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

Volume 45, Number 46 - November 4, 2012



Rake and Run

Saturday, November 10

Two sign-up sheets in the foyer

- If you would like your yard raked.
- If you would volunteer to rake.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Josh Barclay
 Delmas Carr
 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Doug Hershman
 Rob Hoover
 William Hoover
 Kyle Inman
 Scott Johnson
 Todd Kirk
 Paul Saunders
 Dwain Shears
 Keith Smith
 Jeff Taberner
 David Wadlington

Minister:

Dana Slingluff
 304.483.3546

Associate**Minister:**

Paul Nygard
 304.966.6842

**Camden Avenue
Church of Christ**

2900 Camden Avenue
 Parkersburg, WV
 26101

Office: 304.428.0504

Fax: 304.428.0505

E-mail: camdencoc@
 casinternet.net

Website:

Camdenavenuechur-
 chofchrist.com

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob and Lillie Fox, David Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jo Langler, Ted and Rebecca Miller, Gypsy Newberry, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Jim VanCamp

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.

HealthSouth - Linda Moncrief (Room 215)



♥ Thank you for your kind wishes for my birthday.
 Loved each one! **Walter Morgan**



Announcements



LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 4 will be in charge of the service at Love and Care today at 2:30 and Thursday at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

RAKE AND RUN

Rake and Run will be Saturday, November 10. Two sign-up sheets are in the foyer - If you would like your leaves raked and if you would volunteer to rake.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 will host the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible classes. Everyone is invited. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, VETERANS DINNER

The Widows, Widowers, and Veterans dinner will be Monday, November 12 in the MP Room at noon. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday evening ladies class will meet at 7:00 next week in the MP Room.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Da Vincis Friday, November 16 at noon. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

WVCYC CD'S AVAILABLE

West Virginia Christian Youth Camp CD's are still available on the counter. They are \$15.00 each. Checks need to be made payable to the West Virginia Youth Camp (WVCYC) and given to Ron Riddle or any of the Elders.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

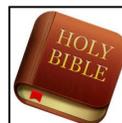
The 36th Street congregation has planned a card shower for Betty Ann Miller. She will be celebrating her 90th birthday on November 12. Cards may be sent to 3006 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

We will host the last Friday Night sing of the year on November 16 at 7:00.



Please bring refreshments to be served in the MP Room following the sing.



Daily Bible Reading Schedule

November 4 - 2 Tim 3, Jer 30-31
November 5 - 2 Tim 4, Jer 32-33
November 6 - Titus 1, Jer 34-35
November 7 - Titus 2, Jer 36-38
November 8 - Titus 3, Jer 39-41
November 9 - Philemon, Jer 42-45
November 10 - Hebr 1, Jer 46-48
November 11 - Hebr 12, Jer 49



DANA'S DIRECTION

Natural Disasters: What should we think?

Over the past two weeks, we have been kept informed by weather services that were tracking the path of a historically powerful storm that became Hurricane Sandy. This past week we have been shown the damage done by the 90 mph winds and 16-20 foot wave surge. In New Jersey whole portions of the coastline have been altered. In Atlantic City houses, businesses – including several luxury casinos were washed away. In New York City water ran through the streets like rivers, subways and tunnels were filled with water, Wall Street was shut down, over 100 houses in one neighborhood were destroyed by fire, and more than a million people were without electricity.

I have been interested in the commentary. One woman who was a government official said, “We just weren’t prepared for a storm of this capacity. We need to sit down and plan. What could we have done to avoid such devastation? What can we do to avoid such destruction in the future?” My thought was “the answer is easy – nothing!” Some say “We are witnessing the power of God!” Actually, we are witnessing the power of nature. God’s power is much greater – He is the one who created it! What truths should we understand in order to put events such as this into proper perspective?

First, there is a God – Creation proves it! “And God said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear...God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called seas. And God saw that it was good.’” (Gen. 1:9-10) “When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command.” (Proverbs. 8:27-29)

Second, God is in control. Not only did God create the world, He commands it. God asked Job, “Who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth and issued from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; when I fixed my limit for it, and set bars and doors; when I said ‘This far you may come, but no farther and here your proud waves must stop?’” (Job 38:8-11) The waters will not transgress His command (which infers that if water goes beyond its normal boundaries, it is with God’s approval or by His command.)

Third, God is providentially involved in the affairs of men. We read throughout scripture where God used the power of nature – even the weather – to protect those who were faithful to Him and to punish those who were not. Hail was one of the plagues in Egypt and also used by God to defeat Israel’s enemies in war (Joshua 10:11). The flood was sent both to destroy the wicked and to save Noah and his family.

Fourth, God has used nature as a warning of judgment. To an apostate Israel Jeremiah penned “Do you not fear Me? Says the Lord. Will you not tremble at My presence, who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it?” But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; they have revolted and departed. They do not say in their heart, “Let us now fear the Lord our God, Who gives rain...and reserves for us the appointed weeks of harvest.” Your iniquities have turned these things away, and your sins have withheld good from you. (Jeremiah 5:22-25)

Finally, although God has promised to not again destroy the world by water (Gen. 8:21), He does warn of a final judgment to come. “By which the world which then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men... The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” (II Peter 3-9)

Hope in Suffering

(Romans 8:18-28)



Why? “Rabbi, who _____, this man or his _____, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered _____.” (John 9:2-3) “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse _____ than all other Galileans, because they _____ such things? I tell you _____.” Or those eighteen on whom the _____ in Saloam fell and _____ them, do you think that they were worse _____ than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? “I tell you _____.” (John 13:1-5)

Was it God’s _____? “Every _____ gift and every _____ gift is from _____ and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no _____ or shadow of _____.” (James 1:17) **Why is there _____ in the world?**

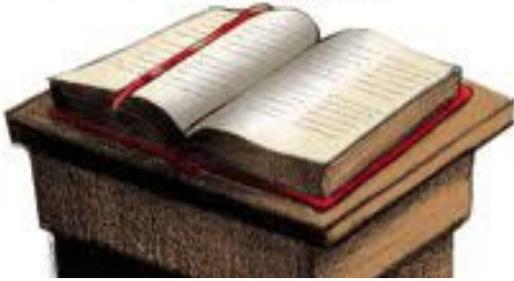
Suffering is the _____ lot of all. “For all _____ was subjected to _____.” (Romans 8:20) “For we know that the whole creation _____ and _____ with birth pangs until now.” (Romans 8:22) “And that not only they, but _____ we also, who have the first fruits of the _____, even we ourselves groan within ourselves.” (Romans 8:23) “The creation eagerly _____ for the revealing of the sons of _____.” (Romans 8:19) “Creation itself will be _____ from the bondage of _____.” (Romans 8:21). **What advantage does the Christian have in suffering?**

#1) For the Christian who suffers - there is _____. **When the Christian suffers he knows that it is _____.** **Knowing the _____ ahead - Jesus endured the _____.** “Who for the _____ that was _____ him endured the _____, despising the _____, and has sat down at the right _____ of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

#2) For the Christian who suffers - there is _____. **Jesus promised _____ for his disciples.** “And I will _____ the Father, and He will give you another _____, that He may _____ with you forever - the _____ of truth, who the _____ cannot receive, because it neither _____ Him, or _____ Him; but you know Him, for He _____ with you and will be in you.” (John 14:16-17) **The Holy Spirit helps us to _____.** “Likewise the _____ also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know _____ we should _____ for as we ought, but the _____ Himself makes _____ for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the _____ knows what the _____ of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the _____ according to the _____ of God.” (Romans 8:26-27) **We have the _____ of God’s _____.** “Lo, I am _____ you always.” (Matthew 28:20) “Casting all your _____ on Him, for he _____ for you.” (1 Peter 5:7) “For He, Himself, has said ‘I will never _____ you or _____ you,’” (Hebrews 13:6)

For the Christian who suffers - there are the _____. “And we _____ that _____ things work _____ for _____ to those who _____ God, to those who are called according to His _____.” (Romans 8:28)

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



You are
Needed!

Our education program aims to create opportunities for student and teacher alike to grow. In this regard, teachers welcome the challenge of teaching a different grade from time to time or they wish for a break to attend a class for themselves.

With this in mind, I am working on the teacher schedule for 2013 and **I need your input to make this a great year.**

I have schedules available for each teacher for you to look at and need your preferences for teaching next year as soon as possible. This will also help to make sure that enough materials are printed and in your hands immediately.

Books are coming in every day to help with the new curriculum! Check the table in the teacher's workroom for materials to help make your class great.

Thank you all for your help, suggestions and the love you have for teaching God's word.

Paul Nygard



IF WE WOULD

If we would notice little pleasures
 As we notice little pains,
 If we would quite forget our losses,
 And remember all our gains;

If we would look for peoples' virtues,
 And their faults refuse to see,
 What a comfortable, happy,
 Cheerful place this world would be.

Copied

LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS.

Youth Section



6th - 12th Grade Devo. CANCELLED

The 6th - 12th graders devo. this evening has been cancelled.

Rake and Run

Saturday, November 10 (Sign up sheets in the foyer: To rake and to have your yard raked.)

Widows, Widowers, and Veteran's

Luncheon

November 12

Bridgeport Youth Rally

November 16 - 17

K- 5th Grade Devo.

The K - 5th graders will have a devo. following evening service November 18.

6th - 12th Grade Devo.

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

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

There once was a little girl who walked to and from school every day. One day the weather in the morning was questionable and clouds were forming, but she went ahead and made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, and lightning was evident in the distance.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school that day. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route toward her child's school. As she got closer, she saw her little girl walking along.

At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and SMILE! More lightning followed quickly, and with each flash, the little girl would look at the streak of lightning and smile. When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "Lucy, what are you doing?"

The little girl answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

Remember what Jesus said when talking about children, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." May God bless you today and everyday as you face the storms that come your way **AND DON'T FORGET TO SMILE!**

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





The Road to Success

The road to success is not straight,

There is a curve called Failure,

A loop called Confusion,

Speed bumps called Friends,

Red lights called Enemies.

You will have flats called Jobs.

But, if you have a spare called Determination,

An engine called Perseverance,

Insurance called Faith,

And a driver called Jesus,

You will make it to a place called Success (Heaven).

Copied

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Your presence has been a blessing!*

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

November 11
HOPE

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:00 for the sing at the Pennsboro congregation.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, November 11

ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover

Close - Stan Inman

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Ethan Ash

SCRIPTURE

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Ron Riddle

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Delmas Carr

PM - Bill Camp

Jim Hughes

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 -

2 - Dearll Vincent

4 - Lenore Vaught

PM

1. David & Carla Wadlington

2. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

3. Don & Mary Nesselroad

4. Jay & Nina Cheuvront

5. Don & Brenda Dougherty

6. Mike & Pam Bayer

Facts and Figures

October 28, 2012

AM Service.....265

Bible Study.....211

PM Service.....217

Wednesday.....250

Contribution.....\$5840.50

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....11

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....6

Placed Membership....13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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