

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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The Wednesday afternoon class will begin meeting at 11:00 on October 24.

We will also have the Wednesday evening Bible study at 7:00.

Please make plans to attend the mid week service(s).

Elders:

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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
Ray Sams
Paul Saunders
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Thank You Notes

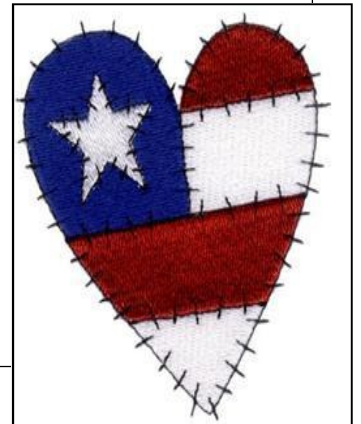
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful anniversary cards. We appreciate all of them. **Allen and Billie Coe**
- ♥ Thanks for the cards, food and well wishes for my recovery. Love, **Phyllis Johnson**
- ♥ Thanks for the many beautiful cards for my birthday. We love you all, **Ray Johnson**
- ♥ A very special thank you for the birthday wishes and cards that we received. Love, **Avery and Jo Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thank you - Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. You made my day so special. Much love, **Valeria Sprout**

Thanks to all who attended my 'surprise' party that honored me for doing what I love to do. Thanks to all who sent cards, gave words of encouragement, provided much needed hugs, and saved the newspaper article to give to me. Thanks for this loving congregation.

Rick Stanley

Congratulations to Rick!

He was honored last Thursday by a surprise reception to thank him for his service to the Counseling and Wellness center and to area veterans through his work with the Mid-Ohio Veterans Support Group.



Prayer List

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Jim Hinzman, Rheba Hirtzil, Zandra Holleron, Donna Keffer, Jack Newberry, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Jim VanCamp

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Debbie Boso (a friend of Robin Anthony), Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Ken Burton, Ronnie Dye (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), Glenn Jones (Tammy Kerns' father), Arnold Marcum (Leonard Haid's friend), Betty Morris

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS EVENING

This evening we will meet in break-out sessions with the Elders after a short devotional. Details are on page 7 of this bulletin.

LLL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a meeting next Sunday after evening services in Room 109 for anyone interested in participating in LLL..

WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

The 19th annual Wood County Life Chain will be next Sunday, October 7 from 2:00-3:00 along Grand Central Avenue. Details are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS, OCTOBER 9

Just a reminder - the next Tuesday Ladies Class will be October 9 at 7:00 in the MP Room.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING OCTOBER 14-17

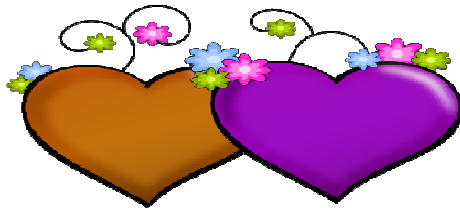
Our Gospel Meeting with Frank Higginbotham will be October 14 - 17.

GOLDEN AGERS CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL TRIP

The next Golden Agers trip will be to the Circleville Pumpkin Show Thursday, October 18. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Logan's Steakhouse in Vienna Tuesday, October 23 at noon.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Our Gospel Meeting will begin Sunday, October 14.
- Care Group 3 will host the Fellowship Lunch October 14.
- All teachers are asked to attend the training seminar at 2:00 on October 14.

Daily Bible Reading

September 30 - Galatians 2, Ecc 10-12
October 1 - Galatians 3, Song 1 - 4
October 2 - Galatians 4, Song 5 - 8
October 3 - Galatians 5, Isa 1 - 2
October 4 - Galatians 6, Isa 3 - 6
October 5 - Ephesians 1, Isa 7 - 8
October 6 - Ephesians 2, Isa 9 - 11
October 7 - Ephesians 3, Isa 12 - 15



DANA'S DIRECTION

Cast Your Vote – For God

Homosexuality – Same-sex marriage

The trailer for a new sit-com on NBC caught my attention: **The New Normal**. A visit to the network web sight confirmed my suspicions – it is about a gay couple, who have contracted a single-mother to be a surrogate to produce a baby for them to raise. Although the effort to promote its acceptance has certainly escalated over the past forty years, homosexuality is neither “**new**” or “**normal**.”

Although many point to ancient Greek leaders (such as Socrates and Plato) and Roman emperors as early practitioners of homosexuality, the references to homosexuality go back much further. In the days of Abraham, when angels of the Lord went to the city of Sodom to deliver Lot and his family, the men of that city called to Abraham “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out that we may know them carnally.” (Gen.19:5 NKJV). God destroyed this city for its wickedness. (Gen. 19:12-28; Jude 7) The Greek and Roman civilizations fell to such corruption as well.

Nor is homosexuality normal. In the beginning, God created male and female. The purpose of the sexual nature and design of man and woman is procreation. God told them to “be fruitful and multiply,” this within the setting of marriage and the creation of family. (Gen.1:22-28) In this regard, only a man and a woman can be “one flesh” or bring forth life. (Gen.2:24) Other sexual behavior outside of God’s design (ie. homosexuality, bestiality) is a sin “against nature.” (Leviticus 18:22-23)

God clearly identifies such practices as sin. A man lying with a man was an abomination. The expression “as with a woman” proves that “lie” is sexual. In Romans 1:26-27, Paul clearly identifies the practice of homosexuality as part of the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, that God will punish.(Romans 1:18) “Men burning in lust for men,” clearly refers to homosexuality. Paul called it shameful and described it as “leaving the natural use of woman and exchanging the natural for that which is against nature. He says the same of women with women. Homosexuals and sodomites are included among those who “will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (I Corinthians 6:10)

Influenced by the liberal directives of education, media, and even Mainline Protestant churches, the cultural acceptance of homosexuality in our society has changed radically in the last 25 years. The majority of Americans (58%) accept homosexuality, 69% of those under thirty. On the question of same-sex marriage, Americans are nearly evenly divided with 45% in favor and 46% opposed (Pew Research 2011).

So, how does this issue play a role in our vote? Americans have been desensitized to the sin of homosexuality. The effort now is to bring about complete acceptance through the advocacy of same-sex marriage. The passage of such a law would not only make homosexuality appear to be normal and legitimate, it would be given legal equality to the marriage between a man and a woman. At that point homosexual marriage would become a civil “right” and opposition to it (such as this article) would be squelched. At this time thirty states have laws banning same-sex marriage (which would become unconstitutional if the Supreme Court rules in favor of it.) In six states, same-sex marriage is legal.

Our current President, has made a decided effort to promote this issue. In July of 2011, he certified the repeal of “Don’t ask, don’t tell”, the policy preventing homosexuals from openly serving in the military. In May of this year, although he was “opposed” to same-sex marriage in his 2008 campaign, he has “evolved” in his “understanding” and now supports it. The Democratic party became the first ever to oppose any “federal and state constitutional amendments and other attempts” to deny couples of the same sex to all of the benefits and blessings of marriage. The Republican Party platform affirms the rights of states and the federal government not to recognize same-sex marriage. It backs a constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

How important is our vote? Please examine the word of God and the positions of all candidates, and consciously vote to uphold the rule of God.



Esteem Our Elders Highly (I Timothy 5:17-22)

The scriptural pattern for leadership in the church: each _____ of the church is _____ (self-governing.) "So when they had appointed _____ in _____ church, and prayed with fasting, they _____ them to the Lord." (Acts 14:23).

The scriptural function of elders is spiritual: elders are _____ who oversee the flock. "Therefore take heed to _____, and to all the _____, among which the Holy Spirit has made you _____, to shepherd the _____ of God which He has _____ with His own body." (Acts 20:28)

Leadership that is authorized in the church is servant-leadership. "He who is greatest among you, let him be as the _____, and he who _____ as he who serves." (Luke 22:56)

The role of elders in the church: to _____ and to _____. The greatest emphasis is on _____. "_____ the flock of God." (Acts 20:28) "Remember those who _____ over you, who have spoken the _____ of God to you, whose _____ follow, considering the outcome of their _____." (Hebrews 13:7)

Our attitude/responsibility toward elders:

#1) We are to _____ them and acknowledge the importance of their work. "And we urge you brethren to know those who _____ among you, and are _____ you in the Lord." (I Thess. 5:17)

#2) We must _____ them. "Esteem them very _____ in _____ for their _____ sake." (I Thess. 5:13)

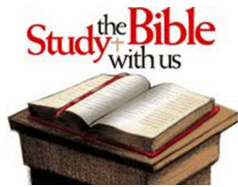
#3) We must _____ them. "Let the elders who rule _____ be counted worthy of double _____, especially those who labor in the _____ and doctrine. For the scripture says, 'You shall not _____ an ox while it treads out the grain.'" (I Tim. 5:17-18)

#4) We must be _____. "Obey those who _____ over you, and be _____, for they _____ out for your souls as those who must give _____. Let them do so with _____ and not with _____, for that would be unprofitable for you." (Hebrews 13:17)

#5) We must _____ their _____. "do not receive an _____ against an elder except from two or three _____." (I Tim. 5:19)

#6) We must keep _____ out of church leadership. "That you observe all these things without _____, doing nothing with _____." (I Tim. 5:21)

#7) We must exercise _____ and _____ in appointing men. "Do not lay hands on anyone _____." (I Tim. 5:21)



You are
Invited!

Light To My Path Workshop With

Charles Aebi

October 14th @ 2pm

Join in the excitement of studying God's
Word with us.

When was the last time you studied from the book of Nehemiah? Who were Bezaleel and Aholiab? Where can I turn in the Bible to find a gentile who was converted to Christ?

Discovering the answers to questions such as these can greatly enrich our understanding of God and His will for us. Sometimes the Bible becomes difficult to grasp and when that happens we will either seek out help or we will put it down and ignore it.

Please, don't ignore it. The hope of our soul rests within the pages of God's word. Without it we are lost. This is why the members of Camden Avenue are endeavoring to strengthen our love of God through study and knowledge of the Bible.

Here are some highlights to look forward to when our new Bible program starts in January.

We will study the entire Bible, leaving nothing out!

We will discuss the practical application of God's word to our lives.

Adults and children will study the same subjects each week.

This will give parents and children the opportunity to work together at home even more.

We will be using Bible class materials that are sound and beneficial to our souls; written by a trustworthy, god-fearing man.

We will see our children grow in their love for God and their spiritual foundations become stronger as we too are strengthened. With God's help we will send them into the world as young men and women...prepared.

Isn't that what a Bible class is for?



“Experience Ohio Valley University and Explore West Virginia”

Open to High School Juniors and Seniors

October 5-7

For specific information contact Lisa West at 304.865.6228 or LISA.WEST@OVU.EDU.

Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 24 after Bible classes.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS EVENING

This evening after a short devotional we will meet in break-out sessions with the Elders. Below is a list of the areas that will be discussed and the Elder(s) in charge. Every member is invited to attend one of these sessions.

Bring your ideas and questions.

Room	Area	Elder (s)
112	Evangelism	Ron Riddle Dearll Vincent
154	Missions	Bill Mills
250-251	Youth	Stan Inman Gary Herridge
109	Education	Paul Inman Pat Barclay
Auditorium (By Dana’s office)	Benevolence	John Life Jim Galloway

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

An African proverb states, “If you want to go fast - go alone. If you want to go far - go together.”

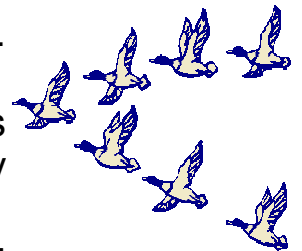
As is often the case with proverbs, this one contains much practical wisdom. We can generally go faster by ourselves than with others. However, we can’t usually go as far.

Likely, we all know something about how geese fly. As you know, each one takes a turn in the front of the V formation. The whole flock shares the burden of leadership. Furthermore, when they are not leading, they are honking support for the one that is. They may not fly as fast this way, but they certainly fly farther. Of course, the same is true of us as Christians. We need the support of one another to fly farther.

Solomon wrote, “Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-11)

Let us resist the urge to fly solo. Let’s team up so that we can all go farther!

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, October 7

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dave Wadlington
Close - Clyde Yoho
6:00 PM - Kody Inman
Close - Barry Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dustin Hughes
PM - Donovan Walton

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Camp
PM - Paul Saunders
Don Dougherty

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



EVENTS AT AREA CONGREGATIONS

Gospel Meetings

- October 1 - 4
Mineral Wells congregation
Various speakers
- October 4 - 6
Slate congregation (formerly Leachtown congregation)
Speaker: Tom Butterfield
- October 7 - 10
Latrobe Street congregation
Speaker: Keith Kress
- October 7 - 11
Chandlersville congregation
Speaker: Craig Matheny
- October 7 - 11
Harmar Hill congregation
Speaker: Charles Brown
- October 7 - 12
Congregation in Salem
Speaker: James Farley
- October 12 - 14
Rosemar congregation
Speaker: Charles Brown
- October 14 - 17
Sistersville congregation
Speaker: Randy Cook

The Lawn Crew for this week is
the Dean crew.

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



Facts and Figures

September 23, 2012
AM Service.....299
Bible Study.....223
PM Service.....195
Wednesday.....178
Contribution.....\$5309.75

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....8
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....5
Placed Membership....13

Ladies Day

- Saturday, October 6
Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH
Topic: "SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD"
Speaker: Megan Currey
- Saturday, October 6
University Church of Christ
Speaker: Marty Bartug
RSVP by September 30

Details of these events are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE
LORD'S WAY"

Sunday mornings at 7:30
on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

October 7
MIRACULOUS GIFTS TODAY?

Friday Night Sing



The sing Friday will be
at the Rosemar
congregation at 7:00.