

Camden Avenue Church of Christ
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Back to School



School Supply Give-Away



**The School Supply
Give-Away will be Tuesday
at 6:00PM in the MP Room.**

Our prayers is that all the students have a safe
and productive school year!

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
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- Whatever the need, take it
 to the CROSS!

Prayer List

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Zandra Holleron, Donna Keffer, Linda Moncrief, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Teresa Steed, Jim VanCamp

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Tony & Lynsi Adams, Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Olivia Alexander, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Chlorie Burns, Karen Caplinger, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Ronnie Dye, Barbara Elliott, Sharon Fluharty, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Mark Hickman, Reba Hirzil, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Glenn Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Bob and Colleen Kiester, Paul King, Julia Knight, Debbie Kreaps, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Betty Morris, Cathy Morrison, Jamie Moyers, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Ronnie Smith, Anne Spokes, Valerie Stevens, Lisa Taylor, Alexander Trippett, Gina Uhl, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LISTS.



Thank You Notes



- ♥ Thank you all for the beautiful birthday cards. I enjoyed them all.
Hugs, **Cassie Hennen**
- ♥ Thank you all so much for remembering me on this 42nd birthday!
Carla Wadlington
- ♥ We so appreciate all the cards to help us celebrate our 18th anniversary! Thank you! **Carla and David Wadlington**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. I received so many and I appreciate each one. **Colleen Ash**
- ♥ Thank you, everyone, for the beautiful birthday cards, wonderful gifts and thoughtful visits. You made my day very special. Sincerely, **Jane Pralley**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone who sent me birthday cards. They were beautiful and very much appreciated. Thank you, **Ron Riddle**
- ♥ Thank you very much for the nice birthday cards. I appreciated each one. **Sallie Hinzman**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the cards and well wishes on our anniversary. They were all appreciated. **Dana and Cindy Slingluff**



Announcements

MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

BABY WADLINGTON SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for Baby Girl Wadlington tomorrow at 6:30 in the MP Room. They are registered at Babies R Us and Target online.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

The School Supply Give-Away will be this Tuesday at 6:00PM in the MP Room

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be at the Haid's cabin this Saturday at 8:30. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

DEACON'S MEETING

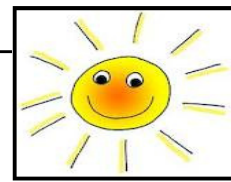
The Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

"SILVER FOR CHILDREN" COIN BANKS

Their (Potter Children's Home) goal this year is to have the cans filled with silver coins and bills to reach a goal of \$65.50 in each can. They ask each family to take just one can and fill it over the next several months. By participating in the "Silver For Children" Campaign you are helping to provide children with opportunities to become a Child of God-providing each child with their own Bible and having Christian adults in their daily lives, clothing, utilities, educational fees, transportation, church activities, and allowances. The coin banks are available in each of the foyers and in the office.

GOLDEN AGERS FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

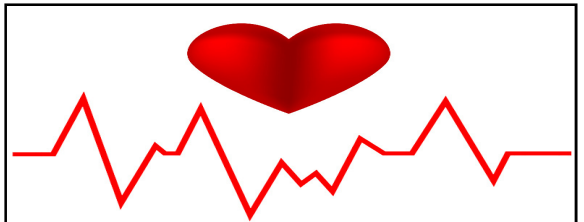
A Golden Agers fall foliage trip is being planned for Tuesday, October 2. They will be sight seeing different places in West Virginia. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.



Summer Series

Our Summer Series concludes this Wednesday at 7:00 with Tom Butterfield.

Topic: Walking with God in Golden Years



Great Blood Drive! Thanks to all who came. We had 33 that were able to donate.

A special thanks for the homemade cookies that Emma Hershman, Emily Williamson, Jordan Kirk, Madison Taberner, and their mother's prepared.

Thanks to Betty Lamb, Rosemary Merrill, Linda Camp, Carrie Nygard, Kay Stanley, Annette Kirk, and Jo Ann Goldsmith for their help.

The next Blood Drive is February 11, 2013. Plan to be there!

Thanks!
Marion Goldsmith



August 19 - Ro 11:1-21, Ps 48-51

August 20 - Ro 11:22-36, Ps 52-56

August 21 - Ro 12, Ps 57-61

August 22 - Ro 13, Ps 62-66

August 23 - Ro 14, Ps 67-69

August 24 - RO 15:1-21, Ps 70-72

August 25 - Ro 15:22-33, Ps 73-74

August 26 - Ro 16, Ps 75-77



DANA'S DIRECTION

This is NOT your Father's church

A few years ago, I was in the Nashville area visiting my son, I noticed a flyer that had been inserted in the community section of his newspaper. It was an advertisement for a new church that was being started in that community. (My son, said, "they're always starting new churches here.")

It was obvious that they were appealing to young, successful, professional-type people. The language was very "hip" as it described the new church. To accommodate everyone's busy schedule there would be only one service-Sunday evenings at 5:30. People were assured that it was alright to "come as you are" from the ballgame or the lake or whatever they had been doing. The worship hour would be a "multi-media spectacular" incorporating music performance and drama. Afterwards there would be "Starbucks coffee and gourmet ice cream for everybody."

The mission of the church was to "do church in an uplifting way," provide family time in a Christian setting, and for the people of this prosperous community to reach out to the poorer sections of town with service projects. The "hook line" used to draw people? "This is not your father's church." My thought was "they have said more than they intended" - only I was thinking of our Heavenly Father.

We must always be cautious not to confuse what is happening with what is right. It may be true that catering to what people enjoy will fill an auditorium, but worship is about pleasing God. Greg Tidwell wrote an article, The Church of What's Happening Now, in which he warned of five indications that a church is drifting away from the purpose and design for which God created it.

- Beware of any change in worship designed to gratify an audience rather than to glorify God.
- Beware of any shift of congregational focus away from the first century pattern of worship, edification and outreach.
- Beware of any shift in teaching and preaching away from the text of Scripture.
- Beware of outside influence diluting God's truth. Such influence may come from the world, from other congregations or from religious institutions.
- Beware of complacency. Any church not longing to excel stands in danger of evil's assault.

The psalmist warned "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it." (Psalm 127:1) Let's be sure that the church we build is our Father's church.



The Key to Christian Joy

(Philippians 4:4-9)

Paul had joy because he put importance in being in God's _____ body.

"I _____ God upon every _____ of you, always in every _____ of mine making request for you with _____." (Philippians 1:3-4)

Paul had joy because he _____ for and saw the _____ in every situation.

"But I want you to know, brethren, that the _____ which have happened to me have actually _____ out for the _____ of the _____." (Philippians 1:12)

Paul had joy because he lived life with an _____ perspective.

"For to me, to live is _____, and to die is _____. But if I _____ in the flesh, this will mean _____ from my labor; yet what I shall chose I cannot tell. For I am hard _____ between the two, having a desire to _____ and be with _____ which is for better. Nevertheless to _____ in the flesh is more _____ to you." (Philippians 1:21-24)

Paul had joy because he put the _____ of _____ first.

"Fulfill my _____ by being like-minded, having the same _____, being of one _____, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish _____ or _____, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem _____ better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own _____, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:2-4)

Paul had joy because he knew joy was the result of _____ yourself.

"Let this _____ be in you which was also in Christ Jesus... He _____ himself and became _____ to the point of _____, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

Paul had joy because he was in _____ of that which is _____.
"But what things were _____ to me, these I have counted but _____ for Christ." (Philippians 3:7)

Paul had joy because he found joy in the Christian _____ which produces _____.
"Therefore I take _____ in infirmities, in reproaches, in distresses for Christ's sake. For when I am _____ I am _____." (II Cor. 12:10)

A Cause to Rejoice.

~P. Nygard



When was the last time you felt like *jumping for joy or shouting good news from the rooftops*? There are times in our life when it is perfectly right to rejoice.

Luke records the value to Jesus of a lost sinner (Lk 15.11ff). The way ancient stories normally went, Jesus' hearers would expect the wayward son to get his just deserts. He had grievously insulted his father, so he should spend the remainder of his life feeding unclean pigs. Contrary to what anyone may have expected, Jesus portrayed the son returning home to a father who graciously receives him. Although running was considered undignified for an older man, the father throws dignity to the wind to embrace his beloved son (15.20).

The son seeks not to regain his status in his father's house, but only to be a 'hired servant'. Yet the father, not answering directly, responds in a manner that is more dramatic. He calls for the fatted calf, which could have been enough food to feed the whole village and was typically reserved for the most special of occasions. He also calls for the best robe in the house, quite possibly his own; and for a ring which in all likelihood was the families signet ring, symbolizing reinstatement to sonship. Lastly, he furnishes sandals, worn by the sons of well-to-do households but rarely by hired servants.

The father's answer through these actions represents God's mercy to repentant sinners. In essence God is saying "No! I will not receive you as a servant. I will receive you only as a son." What better reason to rejoice is there?

The elder brother, protesting that he had been 'serving' in the fields, saw himself as a faithful servant who had not received any reward (15.29), yet he needed to learn a lesson. It is always *right* to rejoice over a life that is restored (15.32).

We all must harbor a repentant heart so that God will always have a reason to rejoice in us.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 1 - Lole Johnson, *Calvin and Jean Martin
September 2 - Calais Nygard
September 4 - *Paul and Barbara Saunders
September 5 - Wilma Lewis
September 9 - Delmas Carr
September 10 - Gloria Frazier, Zoe Merrill, *Keith and Peggy Cowdery
September 14 - Brenden Smith, *Steve and Holly Sprout
September 15 - *Andy and Deanna Hilliard
September 16 - Patty Sayre
September 17 - Jenny Reynolds
September 18 - Ray Johnson, LeeAnn Shears
September 20 - Valeria Sprout
September 21 - Connie Hickman
September 22 - Nancy Inman, David Wadlington
September 23 - Jo Goldsmith
September 24 - De Fleak, Sandy Keller
September 25 - Avery Goldsmith
September 26 - Gilbert Hardman, Alisha Hershman, Chloe McCloskey
September 27 - Sean Plant
September 28 - Everett Sams, Jean Sheets, *Allen and Billie Coe
September 29 - Cheryl Logston
September 30 - Naomi Carr



* Anniversary

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

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Recently, a political “spin doctor” explained how those he represented were planning to get their program across. He understood that the American people wouldn’t accept it in one huge dose. But, he said, “We’ll implement it incrementally.” What he meant was this: ***They won’t approve our plan if we give them the whole thing up front so we intend to give it to them a little at a time until we have the whole thing in place without their realizing what’s going on.***

Isn’t that the way Satan works to destroy Christians’ faith? Very few will just leap wildly into sin, and Satan knows that. But he also knows that he can, sometimes, get us to accept sin in small doses, then in greater and greater doses, gradually, until we’ve finally gone all the way in departing from the living God.



What’s the difference really, whether you surrender totally and immediately to Satan or take your trip down the Broad way one “little” step at a time? The end result is all the same, isn’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, August 26

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Life

Close - Don Gaston

6:00 PM - Delmas Carr

Close - Dwain Shears

SCRIPTURE

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Drake Logston

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - David Kimes

PM - Josh Barclay
Glenn Snider

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



Tiny Teachers

Children are the best teachers in the world. They teach young women how to be mothers and young men how to be fathers. They teach older men and women how to be grandparents. They teach brothers and sisters how to be brothers and sisters.

Think about all the skills children teach people. They teach moms how to be nurses and dads how to be heroes. They teach brothers and sisters how to share toys, rooms, dreams, and cookies. They even teach teachers how to teach in creative and fun ways.

Children teach the world how to love. They teach us to look past a person's skin color right to his or her heart. They teach us how to be honest, open and innocent. And they teach us how to hug and laugh and be enthusiastic.

Children make us keep our promises because they never forget one that we make. They even make us into scientists and professors by asking "Why?" about everything that moves and many things that don't.

Isn't it interesting that while we are teaching our children to be adults, they are teaching us how to be children? That's especially important when we remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

Bulletin Digest

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.

They include Mike Bayer, Mark Dean, and Dwain Shears.



Facts and Figures

August 12, 2012

AM Service.....281

Bible Study.....209

PM Service.....198

Wednesday.....222

Contribution.....\$5857.11

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....8

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....5

Placed Membership....13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at 5:45 for the sing at the Pursley congregation.

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

August 26

WORSHIP IN SONG