

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Golden Agers Amish  
Country Trip Monday,  
September 10.

Leaving the building  
at 8:00AM.

Details are with the sign-up  
sheet on the counter.

## September Golden Agers trips

Golden Agers Fall  
Foliage trip Tuesday,  
September 25.

Leaving the building  
at 7:00AM.

Details are with the sign-up  
sheet on the counter.



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Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Bill Mills  
Ron Riddle  
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Marion Goldsmith  
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## 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, Gabbi Cook, 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, Brandon Hupp, 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.**

Brenda Dougherty's uncle, Ronnie Dye, is beginning to make improvements following his massive stroke June 2. She has asked that we continue to pray for him.

Phyllis Johnson had surgery Wednesday at Mt. Carmel Hospital in New Albany, OH. She was doing well and hoping to be home Friday.



## Thank You Notes

- ♥ We appreciate the anniversary cards. **Dwain and Kimberlee Shears**
- ♥ Thanks to everyone that helped load the truck for our move to Florida. We appreciate your kindness. **Everett and Ruth Sams**
- ♥ Thanks to everyone that volunteered at our water stop at the marathon last Saturday. **Jimmy Galloway**
- ♥ A special thank you to Jean Martin for preparing the communion bread this month.



### **DEACON'S MEETING**

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

### **LOVE AND CARE SING**

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### **GOLDEN AGERS AMISH TRIP**

The Golden Agers Amish trip will be Monday, September 10. Sign-up sheet and agendas are on the counter.

### **GOLDEN AGERS FALL FOLIAGE TRIP**

A Golden Agers fall foliage trip is being planned for Tuesday, September 25. It will include sight seeing different places in West Virginia. The sign-up sheet and itineraries are in the foyer.

### **"SILVER FOR CHILDREN" COIN BANKS**

Potter Children's Home is asking each family to take a coin bank and fill it over the next several months. The banks are available in each of the foyers and in the office.



#### **Tuesday Evening Ladies Class**

The Ladies class will begin September 11 and meet the second Tuesday of each month through May 2013.

The material will be provided at the first class.

See Naomi Carr for details.



**August 26** - Ro 16, Ps 75-77  
**August 27** - I Co 1, Ps 78-79  
**August 28** - I Co 2, Ps 80-84  
**August 29** - I Co 3, Ps 85-88  
**August 30** - I Co 4, Ps 89-90  
**August 31** - I Co 5, Ps 91-94  
**September 1** - I Co 6, Ps 95-101  
**September 2** - I Co 7:1-24, Ps 102-103



# Worship God

As the book of Revelation opens, the apostle John had been banished to the island of Patmos *“because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.”* On the Lord’s Day he received a revelation of Jesus Christ. Marvelous indeed are the things which are told! By the time one reaches the nineteenth chapter of the book an angel reveals to John some wonderful things about the marriage supper of the Lamb. John then describes his reaction to the angel: *“Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that!’ I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.”*

The call to “worship God” is heard repeatedly throughout the Bible, and believers have responded eagerly, both individually and corporately, because God is worthy of our praise and adoration.

Have you considered how all of us can enhance our corporate worship of God?

**Be present.** You can’t fellowship an absentee. Let us take sweet counsel together and walk *“unto the house of God in company”* (Psalm 55:14). How beautiful is the picture of the early church in Jerusalem. With one accord they met together.

**Invite others.** The sincere heart seeks others to join in with him as did the psalmist, *“O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!”* (Psalm 95:6).

**Be reverent.** *“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe”* (Hebrews 12:28).

**Be involved.** Don’t just go through the motions. True worship must be done in spirit and in truth. Participate by listening, singing, praying, partaking of the Lord’s Supper, and giving liberally. Worship, which is worthy of the name, demands involvement.

*“Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness”* (I Chronicles 16:29).



# Disciples Indeed

(John 8:25-32)

“As He spoke, many \_\_\_\_\_ in Him. Then Jesus said to those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him, “If you \_\_\_\_\_ in My \_\_\_\_\_, you are My disciples \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 8:30-31)

**#1) To be a disciple indeed, we must \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.** “Whoever is \_\_\_\_\_ of Me and My \_\_\_\_\_, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in the glory of His Father.” (Luke 9:26). “Whoever rejects Me, and does not \_\_\_\_\_ my words, has that which \_\_\_\_\_ him – the \_\_\_\_\_ that I have spoken, the same shall \_\_\_\_\_ him in the last day.” (John 12:48)

**#2) To be a disciple indeed, we must \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord more than \_\_\_\_\_ else.** “If anyone comes to Me and does not \_\_\_\_\_ father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own \_\_\_\_\_ also, he cannot be My \_\_\_\_\_, and whoever does not bear his \_\_\_\_\_ and come after Me \_\_\_\_\_ be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26-27) “Martha, Martha, you are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about many things. But one thing is \_\_\_\_\_, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:41-42)

**#3) To be a disciple indeed, we must \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.** “I am the vine and you are the \_\_\_\_\_.” He who \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and I in him, bears much \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 15:5) “By this My Father is \_\_\_\_\_, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 15:8) “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit is love, \_\_\_\_\_, peace, longsuffering, \_\_\_\_\_, goodness, faithfulness, \_\_\_\_\_, self-control.” (Galatians 5:22). **The fruit of a \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ Christian.** “Go therefore, and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19) “Every \_\_\_\_\_ in Me that does not bear \_\_\_\_\_ He takes away.” (John 15:2) “If anyone does not \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, he is \_\_\_\_\_ out as a \_\_\_\_\_ and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the \_\_\_\_\_ and they are burned.” (John 15:6)

**#4) To be a disciple indeed, we must \_\_\_\_\_ others who are \_\_\_\_\_ disciples.** “A new commandment I give to you, that you \_\_\_\_\_ one another; as I have loved you, that you love one another. By this all will \_\_\_\_\_ that you are My \_\_\_\_\_, if you have \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.” (John 13:34-35)





# Where Do You Stand?

~Paul Nygard

Teenagers struggle for identity. Some will work extremely hard, yet be embarrassed by public recognition. Others want to please their parents, but resist too many rules or restrictions. They want to stand out, yet be included; an individual, but not different. It shows in the way young people usually dress. They are so desperate to be non-conformists that they all end up wearing the same things!

Never fear, the culture that is cultivated in our society has raced to the rescue by teaching a system of 'mandatory acceptance'. If you want to dress in the Goth style, you are accepted without ridicule. What about lifestyles and beliefs that promote out of body experiences, gay relationships, living together but not married, recreational drugs, pornography, abortion, justice-love? All are accepted as long as you do not harm another person. We even have a neat catchphrase that describes 'mandatory acceptance', it is called being *politically correct*.

So, our young people are being taught that it is right to do what you want and think want you want as long as you accept everything as valid. Our society has entered into a time of relative thought where right and wrong is based on personal experiences. Morality is defined by each person's individual situation in life, and absolute truth is thought not to exist. Perhaps you remember these words, "everyone did what was right according to his own eyes" (Judges 17.6, 21.25, Prov 16.2, 21.2).

God has shown man that there is such a thing as right and wrong, there is absolute truth. Sadly, if we choose today to voice a dissenting opinion to the world based on scripture, our culture of acceptance hypocritically starts spewing out words such as unenlightened, bigot, hate monger, and racist. None of which describe anyone with a true Christ-centered life.

No wonder our young people are confused (as many adults are), they lack a foundation to build on or an anchor for their faith. Their only hope is that Christian parents must bring God into the home and stand on **His** morality, **His** truth. As a body of God's called out people, we must recognize God's authority over our lives, search His truth, and say 'thus says the Lord' without embarrassment.

Let it not be said of us that 'another generation arose that did not know the Lord' (Judges 2.10), rather let us respond as the people did to Joshua:

"The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey"  
(Joshua 24.24)



Together with their parents  
*Chelsea Noel Fleak*

and

*Kody Scott Inman*

Request the honour of your  
presence

at their marriage,

On

*Saturday, the Eighth of September*

*Two thousand and twelve*

*at 12:30 in the afternoon*

*First Assembly of God*

*139 Hill Avenue*

*Parkersburg, WV 26101*

*(Paul Inman will officiate.)*

The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

## I Know Something Good About You!



Wouldn't this old world be better  
If the folks we met would say,  
"I know something good about you!"  
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,  
If each handclasp, warm and true,  
Carried with it this assurance,  
"I know something good about you?"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If the good that's in all of us  
Were the only thing about us  
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
That fine way of thinking, too;  
You know something good about me;  
I know something good about you?

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## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

You know, everyone has imperfections (and I'm not talking about facial blemishes!). It might be an irritating habit or some other type of personality flaw. We are all individually different! We don't have the same intelligence, and we have different ways of working.

So if you are looking for faults in someone else, guess what? You will surely find them. But that is **NOT** the approach that God wants you to take.

Focusing on the deficiencies of someone else will cause you to think less of that person (and more about yourself). You will find it hard to cooperate with that person, and you are likely to be critical.

God wants you to overlook the faults you see in other people. He

wants you to be patient with them and help them in the areas where they are weak.

Most of us examine other people with a microscope. We would all be better off if instead we used a mirror. Follow the example of Paul when he was telling the Ephesians how to treat others, "be humble and gentle, be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love" (Ephesians 4:2)

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





## “BE OF GOOD CHEER”

One thing in life is certain; we all have our share of pain, difficulty and suffering. Bad things happen, and they often happen to good people. Age, disease and sickness seek to destroy our health. Family problems often threaten to destroy the lives and souls of those we love most dearly. Such problems, along with financial strain, job related stress, and the everyday challenges of everyday life seem to be like Jesus’ description of the poor - *“With us always.”* (Mark 14:7).

This, though, should not surprise us. Didn’t Jesus warn, *“In the world you shall have tribulation?”* (John 16:33).

We can be thankful that Jesus didn’t conclude his thought on that somber note, but continued by promising, *“. . . but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33).

No problem, no catastrophe, no sorrow is larger than our God. And God, who *“cannot lie”* (Titus 1:2), has promised to help his own.

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”* (Psalms 46:1).

The question is not *“Does God care?”* He does. The real problem that each one must answer is *“Do I believe what God has promised?”*

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## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, September 2

**ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life**

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman**

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Josh Barclay

PM - Ethan Ash

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Cowdery

Close - Russ Alton

6:00 PM - Bill Merrill

Close - Steve Allen

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Dave Wadlington

PM - Leon Hupp

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Walter Morgan

PM - Ryan Gaston

Ralph Conner

**PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway**

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Taberner crew.

They include Josh Barclay, Korey Inman, Kyle Inman, Scott Johnson, and Jeff Taberner.



## Facts and Figures

August 19, 2012

AM Service.....286

Bible Study.....209

PM Service.....212

Wednesday.....232

Contribution.....\$5757.08

### 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

Watch “**IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY**”

Sunday mornings  
at 7:30 on  
WTAP-TV.

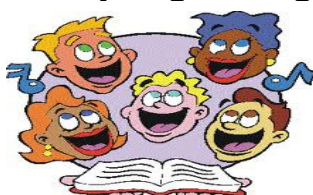


### UPCOMING TOPIC

September 2

**HEARING THE GOSPEL**

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave  
Friday at 5:15 for the sing  
at the Reader congregation.