

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 26 - All youth and their parents are invited to the Love and Care monthly sing at 7:00PM.

December 28 - Wednesday evening service will be a singing service followed by a fellowship in the MP Room

December 31 - New Year's Eve Get-Together at Mineral Wells Elementary School

January 8 - Area Wide service held here at 2:30.
Hosted by the Sunrise congregation

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
 Brian Haught
 Doug Hershman
 Rob Hoover
 William Hoover
 Kyle Inman
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HOSPITAL

Camden Clark

Colleen Ash (Room TC 7), Pat Barclay (TC 17)

Dana Slingluff suffered a fall Tuesday at his home. Remember him in your prayers.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Gary Vaught. He passed away Monday morning, December 12. A funeral service was held here Friday. Remember his wife, Jane and this family in your prayers. Her address is: 1010 East Cross Street Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr. Sheila Conner, De Fleak, Bob Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Cotton Sayre, Leonard Shears, and Mike Stone

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Jamie Atkinson, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Margaret Cowdery, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Frank Love, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Alexander Trippett, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, and Angel White

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

THANK YOU NOTE

♥ Thank you for the birthday and holiday cards. They are greatly appreciated. **Allen Coe**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

LADIES TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet this week at 7:00 in the MP Room.

DECEMBER DEACON'S MEETING CANCELLED

The Deacon's Meeting scheduled for December 25 has been cancelled.

LOVE AND CARE SING MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

All youth and their parents are invited to the monthly sing at Love and Care Monday, December 26 at 7:00PM. If you need a ride, contact Paul Saunders or Todd Kirk.

SINGING SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

We will have an evening singing service Wednesday, December 28. Bring snacks and beverages to be served in the MP Room following the service.

NEW YEARS EVE GET-TOGETHER

Saturday, December 31 there will be a get-together at Mineral Wells Elementary School starting at 7:00PM with a devotional at 8:00. Bring snacks, beverages, games, and athletic equipment. Everyone is invited.

AREA WIDE SERVICE JANUARY 8

The area wide service will be held here Sunday, January 8 at 2:30. The Sunrise congregation will be in charge. Theme: *Faith That Can Move* by Elvis Galbreath. Everyone is encouraged to attend and worship together.

CARDS - VISITS - PRAYERS



Our Brother Dana Metz is a patient at HealthSouth. He would appreciate prayers, visits, and cards of encouragement.

His address is: HealthSouth (Room 206)
3 Western Hills Drive
Parkersburg, WV 26105



Congratulations, Carla and Chelsea!

Carla Wadlington has received her WV Provisional Social Worker license. (She wants to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, and support.)

Chelsea Fleak received her RN degree from WVU-P yesterday. Way to go, Chelsea!

2012 YOUTH CALENDAR



We are in the process of compiling a 2012 youth calendar. If you have an idea for a youth event, please email or give them in writing to Todd Kirk or Paul Saunders by Wednesday, December 28.

HOLIDAY CARDS



Please check the table in the rear foyer for your holiday cards.



DANA'S DIRECTION WHAT DOES GOD WANT?

One would think that surely God would be pleased with people who worshiped daily, and delighted to know His ways. With those who humbled themselves and fasted. With people who asked righteous judgments of God, and found delight in drawing near to Him.

It must have come as a shock to the people of Isaiah's day that God was not pleased with their worship - and I am made to wonder if He is pleased with ours.

If you read carefully chapter 58 of the book of Isaiah, you will see what God wanted from those ancients. It involved forsaking oppression, pointing the finger, and speaking wickedness. It meant sharing food with the hungry, opening one's home to destitute and distressed brethren who had been cast out, and providing clothing for the unfortunate. It meant pouring oneself out for the hungry. In short, they needed to consider the demands of social righteousness.

In the New Testament I read, "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." And who could ever forget the example the apostle Paul left: "I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls?"

When it came to the Sabbath, God's holy day, He wanted them to quit following their own pleasure, going about their own way, and engaging in idle talk. It would mean making the Sabbath "a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable."

I know what GOD wanted then. What do you suppose He wants today?

John Gipson



Paul Nygard will be bringing us the sermons today.



Christmas On Sunday? How Inconvenient.

By: Steve Higginbotham

I've been reading in the news lately of several churches who are deciding to cancel their Bible classes and worship services on Christmas Day because it falls on Sunday.

Several rather influential churches have announced that they are closing their doors on Christmas day, which of course, falls on Sunday this year. Apart from the obvious inconsistency in this practice and their oft repeated statement, "Jesus is the reason for the season," there is another factor I would like for you to consider.

According to these churches, the reason for closing their doors on Christmas is because they value families, and want families to be able to spend time together. Having to schedule opening presents, a meal with all the trimmings, and all that goes along with Christmas, around Bible study and worship service is considered too inconvenient, so those who have preached we need to put "Christ back into Christmas," will be locking the doors to their houses of worship, keeping those who have accepted their message locked outside in the cold.

But now consider. Where will this end? How long will it take for someone to see the logical end of such a position, and call for its implementation less sporadically. Imagine this Spring the following AP News Headline...Churches Cancel Worship Services Since Easter Falls On Sunday. "In order to promote family time, churches across America will be closing their doors on Easter Sunday so that families won't be inconvenienced with having to schedule their Easter egg hunts and Easter egg paintings around Bible study and worship..."

Who are we fooling? This isn't about valuing family. It's about individualism. It's about consumerism. It's about having what we want, when we want it, the way we want it. And apparently, even God can't be allowed to get in the way.

Friends, while I value my family and respect others who value theirs, I am reminded that family should not be elevated above my relationship to the Lord. It was Jesus who said, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26).

Are these churches really prepared to stand by their logic which elevates family over the Lord when special occasions fall on Sunday? If so, I wonder what will occur on Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Labor Day Weekend, 4th of July, President's Day, Groundhog Day, etc... I guess time will tell

Mansions on the Hill

Some folks build mansions grand and tall
Perched high upon the hill;
Drive fancy cars, wear coats of fur
And spend their cash at will.
Their lust for gold and selfish whims
Soon leaves them sad and bored.
They cannot buy the joys that's found
Conversing with the Lord.
My home's a small and humble one
But filled with family and friends so dear.
Each day is blessed with joy and love
Because the Lord is here.
I walk through shady woods to shop
Where cash flow quickly ends.
The only fur I'll ever stroke
Belongs to forest friends.
I share the meager food I have
Content to serve God's will.
My wealth outshines the kind that's found
In mansions on the hill.

~Copied



A little that a righteous man
has is better than the wealth
of the wicked.

Psalms 37:16

Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP



There are a lot of things that stress can do for you. Almost all of them are negative. Did you know that stress can cause a wound to take an average of nine days longer to heal? That is just one of the things medical researchers found in testing the effect of stress. Researchers also found that psychological stress leaves us more vulnerable to infection by stopping the immune system from working at peak efficiency.

In Matthew 6:4 Jesus said, "Don't worry

about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own." That doesn't mean we shouldn't plan responsibly for tomorrow, but it does mean that we shouldn't stew and fret about it. Christians don't worry because we **know** who holds the day together. David said in Psalm 4:8, "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Never forget that God is in control and God loves us all!

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

MEN SERVING DECEMBER 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley

Close - Dave Lamp

6:00 PM - Pat Barclay

Close - Bill Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Leon Hupp

PM - Dave Nulter

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - David Kimes

PM - Dearll Vincent

Josh Barclay

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

Door Greeters

AM

- Door 1 - Bill Hoover
- 2 - Jim Hughes
- 3 - Sandy Hughes

PM

- 1. Bonnie Sams & Lenore Vaught
- 2. Scott & Gwen Johnson
- 3. Paul & Carrie Nygard
- 4. Mary Daniel & Debbie Beaver
- 5. Ron & Peggy Riddle
- 6. Peggy Dearth & Janet Cook



Weekly Bible Reading

December 18 - Rev 7, Amos 6-9

December 19 - Rev 8, Obadiah

December 20 - Rev 9, Jonah 1-4

December 21 - Rev 10-11, Micah 1-4

December 22 - Rev 12, Micah 5-7

December 23 - Rev 13, Nah 1-3

December 24 - Rev 14, Hab 1-3

December 25 - Rev 15-16, Zec 1-3

2012 Bible Reading schedules are in the foyers.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

every Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

December 25

A FRIEND TO JESUS

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ed Collins

Close - Keith Smith

6:00 PM - Ron Riddle

Close - Jim Hughes

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - John Hall

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dwain Shears

PM - Rick Stanley

Kevin Inman

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Jeff Taberner

2 - Bill Davis

4 - Julie Taberner

PM

1. Kevin Inman & Jim Dailey

2. Herb & Joyce Wright

3. Bill & Carolyn Davis

4. Cotton & Patty Sayre

5. Zandra Holleron & Valeria Sprout

6. Leon & Judy Hupp

Facts and Figures

December 11, 2011

AM Service.....304

Bible Study.....217

PM Service.....210

Wednesday.....222

Contribution.....\$5758.00

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....3



"Promise me you'll always remember: you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Christopher Robin said these words to his favorite bear, Pooh.

This saying may give you a nudge in the direction of courage and confidence - or just inspire you a bit.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Early Bible Study.....11:00

Evening Bible Study.....7:00