

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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I pray for moon and stars and wonderful dreams.

I pray for sunshine and cool water.

I pray for kittens and puppies that are so soft and cuddly.

I pray for happiness and love from my family and friends.

I pray that there will always be a loving touch from the ones  
that love me.

And that I shall always have the same loving touch for them.

I pray that God will be there for all who need Him.

And that I will know in my heart that he will always be there.

I pray for others to know that there is someone who will  
always be there for them too.

Whenever they need that extra hand, hug, or love . . .

If they can't find that special person

Let it be me.

**Elders:**

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

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 Delmas Carr  
 Marion Goldsmith  
 Leonard Haid  
 Brian Haught  
 Doug Hershman  
 Rob Hoover  
 William Hoover  
 Kyle Inman  
 Scott Johnson  
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## Card Showers

Jim Henry had aortic heart valve replacement surgery Tuesday.  
 His address is: OSU Medical Hospital (Ross Heart Unit)  
 Jim Henry (Room 4018), 410 W 10th Avenue, Columbus, OH  
 43210

Dana Metz would enjoy receiving cards of encouragement, phone  
 calls and visits. His address is:  
 Dana Metz (Room 17), Cedar Grove Personal Care Home, 110  
 Nicolette Road, Parkersburg, WV 26104. Telephone number:  
 304.422.2631.

Denver Cooper suffered two mini-strokes June 17. He was in the  
 Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glen Dale, WV.  
 Cards may be sent to: Denver Cooper, 230 Sandy Avenue,  
 Moundsville, WV 26041.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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

**OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

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, Reba Hirzil, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda  
 Jones, Glenn Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Bob and Colleen Keister,  
 Paul King, Julia Knight, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas,  
 Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Betty Morris, Cathy  
 Morrison, Jamie Moyers, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Sharon Pugh, 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.**



### **DEACON'S MEETING RESCHEDULED.**

The Deacon's meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled. It will be next Sunday, July 1 at 5:00.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MRS. BARCLAY!**

You are invited to a celebration today from 1:00-3:00 in the MP Room for Mary Ann Barclay's 80th birthday. The gift of your presence is the only "present" requested.

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO TODD & ANNETTE KIRK!**

Congratulations to Todd and Annette. They will celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary tomorrow.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY**

The Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday at 8:30 at the Haid's cabin. The sign-up sheet and maps are on the counter

### **GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, JULY 5**

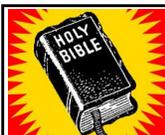
The Golden Agers will be going to the Arts & Crafts Fair in Ripley, WV on Thursday, July 5, leaving the building at 8:00AM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter in the foyer.

### **LADIES LUNCH**

All ladies are invited to meet at Napoli's in South Parkersburg on Tuesday, July 10 at noon for lunch.

### **CHURCH PICNIC**

The church picnic will be Saturday, August 4 at DuPont park.



#### **Daily Bible Reading**

**June 24** - Acts 2:22-47, 1 Ch 28-29  
**June 25** - Acts 3, 2 Ch 1-3  
**June 26** - Acts 4:1-22, 2 Ch 4-6  
**June 27** - Acts 4:23-37, 2 Ch 7-8  
**June 28** - Acts 5:1-16, 2 Ch 9-11  
**June 29** - Acts 5:17-42, 2 Ch 12-14  
**June 30** - Acts 6, 2 Ch 15-17  
**July 1** - Acts 7:1-19, 2 Ch 18-20

#### **SUMMER SERIES**



Our Summer Series will continue this Wednesday at 7:00 with Earl Ash.

**Topic:** Walking by Faith



## MONITOR YOUR MIND

Human character, decisions, and destiny all grow out of thought. What you think determines what you are, and what you will become. “As he thinketh in his heart so he is,” Solomon remarked. Godless character grows out of excluding God from one’s thoughts. “God is not in all his thought,” said the psalmist. Godly character comes from including your Lord and His attributes in your thinking: “Whatever things are true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely, **think on these things.**”

All of us have small slices of time when are free to think about anything we please. It is at these points that attention needs to be paid to monitoring your mind, your thoughts, your dreams. Let your fantasies proceed unchecked and undisciplined, and they will inevitably produce sinful conduct.

Here are some practical suggestions for Christians to monitor their mind.

1. **Fill the niches and corners of every day with portions of the Word of God.** David said, “Thy word I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.” Your mind is like a computer. Program portions of the Word of God into the computer of your mind.
2. **Make Jesus Christ Lord of your mind.** This takes more than a routine “bless me!” kind of prayer. “Bringing into captivity every thought,” says Paul, “to the obedience of Christ.” This concept demands willingness to engage in a life-long surrender of the thought process to your lord . . . moment by moment.
3. **Pray about everything in your schedule so that God can make you think about things as your should.** “Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established” (Proverbs 16:3). Learn to pray about daily tasks as a means of bringing our thoughts into line with God’s.
4. **Dare to dream with God.** What could God do with and through you if He were given complete control of your life? What needs to be done around you that God could do through you? What areas of your life could blossom and bear fruit if the Holy Spirit were allowed to work freely through you? Think and pray about possibilities and then see God working in your life. Jesus is still saying to those who believe in Him, “According to your faith be it unto you.”



Stewardship  
*a way of life*

# We Give Thee but Thine Own (Faithful Stewards)

## Matthew 25:14-30

**#1) The Ownership of God.** God is the owner of \_\_\_\_\_. It is His by virtue of \_\_\_\_\_. Men think they \_\_\_\_\_ what they only \_\_\_\_\_. "Their inner thought is that their houses will continue \_\_\_\_\_, and their dwelling places to all \_\_\_\_\_; they call their lands after their own \_\_\_\_\_.... this is the way of those who are \_\_\_\_\_." (Psalm 49:11,13)

**Whatever we \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ behind.** "For we brought \_\_\_\_\_ into this world, and it is certain we can carry \_\_\_\_\_ out." (I Tim 6:7) "You \_\_\_\_\_! This night your \_\_\_\_\_ will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have \_\_\_\_\_?" (Luke 12:20)

**Everything \_\_\_\_\_ to God.** "The \_\_\_\_\_ us the Lord's and all its fullness, the \_\_\_\_\_ and those who \_\_\_\_\_ therein." (Psalm 24:1) "For every \_\_\_\_\_ of the forest is \_\_\_\_\_, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountains, and the wild \_\_\_\_\_ of the fields are Mine." (Psalm 50:10-11)

**God also owns \_\_\_\_\_.** "He gives us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and all things." (Acts 17:25) **God has a greater claim on \_\_\_\_\_.** "And you are not your \_\_\_\_\_, for you were \_\_\_\_\_ with a price; therefore glorify God in your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ which are God's" (I Cor, 6:19-20)

**#2) The Stewardship of man.** Joseph is a Biblical example of a \_\_\_\_\_. "My \_\_\_\_\_ does not know what is with me in the house, he has \_\_\_\_\_ all that he has to \_\_\_\_\_ hand." (Gen.39:7) **What God expects of stewards:** "Moreover, it is required in \_\_\_\_\_ that one be found \_\_\_\_\_." (I Cor. 4:2)

**Will a man rob God? Our financial wealth.** "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me? But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." (Malachi 3:8)

**Our bodies:** "I beseech you, brethren...that you present your \_\_\_\_\_ a living \_\_\_\_\_, holy, acceptable to God, which is your \_\_\_\_\_ service." (Rom.12:1)

**Our minds:**

**Our talents and abilities:** "As each one has received a \_\_\_\_\_ minister it to one another as good \_\_\_\_\_ of the manifold grace of God." (I Peter 4:10)

**#3) We will give an account to our Master.** We are determining our own \_\_\_\_\_. "Well done, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ servant! You were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter in to the \_\_\_\_\_ of your Lord." (Matthew 25:21,23)



# A Mother's Love

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I will tell them:

I loved you enough to ask where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home.

I love you enough to insist that you save your money and buy a bicycle for yourself even though we could afford to buy one for you.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your best friend was a "creep".

I loved you enough to make you return a Milky Way candy bar to the drugstore (with a bite out of it), and tell the clerk, "I stole this yesterday and want to pay for it."

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see the anger, disappointment, and tears in my eyes. Children must learn that their parents aren't perfect.

I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say "no" when I knew you would hate me for it. Those were the most difficult battles of all. I am glad I won them, because in the end you won something, too.

“Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1Co 13:4-7)

# CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



## FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

History has always been available to serve as a teacher to those who will listen. Too often, humanity is so consumed by rushing forward that we do not look back, only to be hit on our "Blind Side."

Earl D. Edwards (missionary, preacher, and educator) reminds us to be Protecting our "Blind Side" in his book that states on the cover, "A Discussion of Contemporary Concerns in churches of Christ."

The table of contents presents some subjects of interest. Here is a sampling, but not a complete list.

**Baptism** - three articles

**God** - four articles covering, Authority, Pain, Sovereignty, and our Post-Modernism world

**Interpretation of Scripture**

**Restoration** - this section is a must-read

**Worship** - Instrumental Music in Worship ?

This is a book that can be read cover to cover, or used as a resource for individual articles.

These featured books were donated in memory of my mother, Betty Rockhold and will be available in our church library.

John Rockhold III

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



A story is told of three men who meet at the end of a dock. One man is an alcoholic. The second man is just an average guy. The third man is well respected in the community.

The alcoholic suddenly runs and jumps off the edge of the dock, landing five feet out in the water. He yells back, "I'm trying to jump across the Atlantic Ocean." The average guy says, "Watch me, I can do better than that!" and proceeds to run across the dock jumping ten feet out into the water. The third man laughs and says, "That's nothing. Watch this!" He backs up 50 feet, makes a mad dash and lands twenty feet out into the water.

If we were actually watching this, we would think these three men were crazy for attempting the impossible - to jump across the Atlantic Ocean! But there are people even more foolish than this! People who are trying to EARN their own eternal salvation.

Can we be good enough? **NO!** Paul stated it very simply, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Only Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection will take away our sins. It is that simple!

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Next Sunday, July 1

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - John Life  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Dwain Shears

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Korey Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Everett Sams  
Close - David Kimes  
6:00 PM - Chris Tallman  
Close - Keith Smith

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Josh Barclay  
PM - Daniel Nygard

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dearll Vincent  
PM - Bill Camp  
Steve Allen

**PA SYSTEM** - Jim Galloway



## PARENTS

Matthew 7:12 plays a key role in marriage. Jesus said, *“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.”*

When children see parents treat each other the way they want to be treated, it has an impact upon them. Children learn that marriages are happy when the partners act in a selfless way, rather than self-centered. They see that being kind, and considering others better than yourself results in a happy marriage and happy family life (Ephesians 4:32; Philippians 2:3). Parents who have lived this, have learned it, too!

Sadly, we often reserve our most hurting words and actions for those we are supposed to love the most! Why is this? *While we ought to live peaceable with all men* (Romans 12:17-21), shouldn't this be especially true with the spouse to whom we have pledged our lives?

Ultimately, how spouses treat each other effects the entire family. If parents treat one another as Matthew 7:12 says, the children are taught how to behave when they get married! Don't forget just how powerful your influence is, parents!

Parents, let us learn from the example of Abraham (Genesis 18:19).

Jarrod Jacobs  
Bulletin Digest

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

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



## Facts and Figures

June 17, 2012

AM Service.....289  
Bible Study.....220  
PM Service.....197  
Wednesday.....190  
Contribution.....\$7011.33

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....6  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....3  
Placed Membership....10

## 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”** each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.



**UPCOMING TOPIC**  
July 1  
**DEVELOPING SPIRITUALITY**

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave here at 6:00 for the Friday Night sing this week at the Newport, OH congregation.