

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Autumn Roads

A country road in autumn
Holds treasures without end.
One can't foretell the picture
That's just around the bend!
Cornfields are strewn with pumpkins.
A shy deer may leap by
Or wedge of geese be outlined
Against an azure sky.
Perhaps a pond is nestled
Beneath tall, burnished trees.
Huge, scarlet leaves unfettered
Go sailing in the breeze.
Bright, roadside stands may beckon
With autumn's bounteous yield;
With glossy harvest apples,
Plump pears, and grapes be filled.
A gleaming hill of beauty
May glow with goldenrod.
The countryside's a canvas;
The Master Painter - God.

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Thank You Notes



- ♥ Thank you for the lovely birthday cards. **Ray Sams**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful Birthday and anniversary cards we received. **Steve and Linda Gray**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone for the beautiful birthday cards. I read everyone of them. **Gloria Frazier**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and greetings I received for my birthday. **Bill Fleak**

- ♥ A special thank you to Annette Kirk and Jo Goldsmith for decorating the bulletin boards in the foyers for the fall season. They look very nice!

Hospital

HealthSouth

Jack Newberry (Room 206)

Ruby Memorial

Carla Wadlington

Gypsy Newberry has been moved to The Arbors in Marietta,



Keep the Following Folks in your prayers.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Rheba Hirtzil, Zandra Holleron, Phyllis Johnson, Donna Keffer, Gypsy Newberry, Jack Newberry, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Carla Wadlington, 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), Calvin Maynard (Gwen Johnson's father), 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.

CHURCH EVENTS



MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS

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

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Shoney's Tuesday at noon.

GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

Gene Clemmons, who we support, will report to the congregation about his missionary work in China on Sunday evening, September 23rd.

GOSPEL MEETING WITH CLARENCE DELOACH

Clarence DeLoach will be conducting a Gospel Meeting at the Church of Christ in McConnellsville, OH September 23-26. We will be taking the bus on Monday, September 24, leaving at 5:50PM. It is less than one hour each way. Sign the list on the counter if you will be going on the bus.

GOLDEN AGERS FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

The Golden Agers fall foliage trip will be Tuesday, September 25. The sign-up sheet and itineraries are in the foyer.

DEACON'S MEETING

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 30

Sunday evening, September 30th, we will meet after a short devotional to discuss the areas of work for the Camden Avenue congregation. In break-out sessions our Elders will be addressing the needs of the following: Evangelism, Missions, Youth, Education, and Benevolence. Every member is invited to attend a session on one of these areas. You are encouraged to bring your ideas and questions. Your input will be valuable in setting our congregational goals for next year.

GOSPEL MEETING WITH FRANK HIGGINBOTHAM

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

To: Camden Avenue Church of Christ
RE: Food Distribution

Thank you for your food bag. I had 2 cans of pears, 1 can of spinach, 2 heels and 1 slice of bread, and no money.

Christian husband and wife brought me one of your bags of food. It is very much appreciated.

I had lost my job in 2008. I have been sick since April.

Thank you. God bless your church and your food pantry ministry.

Daily Bible Reading

September 16 - 2 Co 1, Pro 7-8
September 17 - 2 Co 2, Pro 9-11
September 18 - 2 Co 3, Pro 12-13
September 19 - 2 Co 4, Pro 14-15
September 20 - 2 Co 5, Pro 16-17
September 21 - 2 Co 6, Pro 18-19
September 22 - 2 Co 7, Pro 20-21
September 23 - 2 Co 8, Pro 22-23



Read your Bible - Pray everyday!

“GOD IS IN THE SALVAGE BUSINESS”

This is hard to accept/grasp/practice. The “church is not a hotel for saints - it is a hospital for sinners.” The church is an emergency room for sin-blasted sinners! We are all beggars sharing bread. It is natural to view the church as belonging solely to the perfect, strong, successful. We joke about “the church would fall in if I came.” Those who need the church the most fell from it.

Yet all of God’s great men were failures, sinners, rejects, fallen! Abraham lied, Moses beat up on a rock, Jacob was a con man, David a murder and adulterer, Paul the chiefest of sinners! Peter denied the Lord thrice! Yet to this total failure at the cross Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom.

Repentance is not a self-will (vow) to do better - it is facing up to our failures then totally giving ourselves to God. All of us to a degree, are cracked, chipped, torn, frayed on the edges. Only love can cover this multitude of sins.

Brethren in sin need to stay . . . They must not run, hide, and fight. Repent, accept compassion and build again. We must live among those who know the worst about us. Church people pretend and cover up. They only think they can be used when perfect. When exposed they move. Whatever your sin (secret) there is still hope. Jesus still says, “Follow Me.” Where God is, there is hope. Peter stayed and faced the music! Judas ran into suicide. The choice is yours. It may be too late for innocence but not repentance. Churches are filled with odds and ends and seconds and damaged goods. That is why the church is in the grace business. Try it out.

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Elders,

After much thought and prayer, we have decided it is best for our family to place our membership at the Sunrise congregation. We are thankful that we were able to serve the Camden Avenue congregation for 46 plus years.

In Christ,
P. David Lamp Sr.
Mary Lamp
Amy Walton
Cayleigh Walton

Called to be Saints

(I Thessalonians 4:1-7)



Saint is a common term for _____. “Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister Olympus and all the _____ who are with them.” (Rom. 16:15) “To the saints who are in Ephesus and to the _____ in Christ Jesus.” (Eph.1:1) “To the _____ of God which is at Corinth, to those who are _____ in Christ Jesus, called to be _____, with all who in every place call of the _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Corinthians 1:2)

Sanctified: that which is which is wholly _____ for God. “But you are a _____ generation, a royal priesthood, a _____ nation, God’s own _____ people.” (I Peter 2:9)

Five words of Sanctification:

#1) Chosen: “He _____ us in _____.” (Eph. 1:4)

#2) Purchased: “By that will we have been _____ through the offering of the _____ of Jesus Christ, once for all.” (Hebrews 10:10)

#3) Called: “God, from the beginning _____ you for _____ through sanctification by the Spirit and _____ in the _____ to which he _____ you by our _____.” (II Thess: 2:13-14)

#4) Pardoned: “Arise and be _____ and _____ away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Acts 22:16) “But you were _____, you were sanctified, you were _____ in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by the _____ of God.”

#5) Added: “And the Lord _____ to the _____ daily, such as were being _____.” (Acts 2:47)

As saints we have been called and set apart for:

#1) We have been called to live _____ from the _____. “Come _____ from among them and be _____ says the Lord.” (II Cor. 6:17)

#2) We have been called to do _____. “Who gave Himself for us, that he might _____ us from every lawless deed, and _____ for Himself His own _____ people, zealous for _____ works.” (Titus 2:14)

#3) We have been called to bring _____ to God. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good _____ and glorify your _____ in Heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

There Can Be Only One

I woke today to a beautiful morning, the sky was so vibrant that it seemed that you might just be able to reach into it and take a piece with you. That bright feeling was darkened by the news of a third U.S. Embassy that had been attacked in as many days, this time in Yemen.

Like many people in the country, I am grieved by the deaths of Americans on sovereign soil. The patriot in me cries out for a strong response to this attack on our nation, but the father in me asks if I really want to see more sons and daughters die in a part of the world that has been fighting for generations and shows no sign of stopping any time soon.

Politicians argue over who said what and who should apologize to whom. News agencies analyze, comment, and only tell half of the story. People argue on Facebook or tweet their opinions throughout the day and at evening they are just as upset, confused and angry as they were when the day was young.

Sometime throughout all of this a thought occurred to me that I would like to share. In Cairo, Egypt the American flag was removed from atop the embassy and burned. In its place, a flag was raised which bore these words "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger". In Yemen, young men stood on the embassy roof with a banner that read "defend the messenger of Allah".

These are not the actions of those who would protest high taxes or social policy; these are the actions of those who believe that Allah is greater than God! This is the true heart of the protesters, and they are not the first to believe that their god (Allah) is greater than the one true God.

The Philistines thought so (I Sam 4-5), and when the Ark of the Covenant was captured they placed it at the foot of their god Dagon in his temple. They soon learned through the destruction of the Dagon idol and a plague of tumors that killed many in the city, that the God of Israel was truly powerful.

Today, men still worship false gods and are willing to go to war, kill, and destroy for their false ideology. We are all witnesses this very day. The truth remains that God is and always will be the great **I AM**. God alone created this world (Gen 1, Jn 1) and only He is worthy of our worship (Mt 4.10). God made a way to attain eternal peace through His grace before the world was even founded (Eph 1.4, II Tim 1.8-9) and He continues to influence His creation through His providence.

Make no mistake, God is alive and well, and He is in control of this world. That should comfort us and give us peace. Pray to Him, lay your concerns at His feet, obey and trust in His will for us to be done just as Christ did.

These protests are not about a movie, which is just an excuse. Rather, this conflict is truly over whose god is greatest. I take comfort in the fact that I serve the one and only God and that no matter what happens in the world, my home and yours awaits the faithful in heaven with Him forever.



BIBLE CLASS TEACHER TRAINING

Charles Aebi will be here Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 to train teachers in the "*Light To My Path*" curriculum.

All teachers and anyone interested in teaching/helping are encouraged to attend. Everyone's welcome.



Surprise Valley Youth Camp Fall Retreat in Beckley, WV

September 21 - 23

Cost: \$10.00 per person

There will be classes, campfires, fellowship, food and fun for all.

Brochures and the sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

K - 12th Grade Hotdog Roast and Devotional at the home of Marion and Jo Goldsmith on Saturday, September 29. Please bring items to go with hotdogs, chips, and desserts. (Hotdogs and beverages will be provided.)

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Life Chain

Wood County Life Chain

Please come and join us for the 19th annual Wood County Life Chain which will be Sunday, October 7, 2012 2:00PM-3:00PM.

The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Wood County community that abortion kills children and that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.

Now, every year over 800 American cities hold a Life Chain on the first Sunday in October with more than a million people standing in support of human life. Life chains are also held in Canada and ten other foreign countries.

Signs are supplied and of course there is no cost except for one hour of your time. Lawn chairs and umbrellas are welcome. The Wood County Life Chain will always be a peaceful, quiet and prayerful witness that abortion kills children.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM

Upon entering a little country store, the stranger noticed a sign saying, "DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG!" posted on the glass door. Inside, he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor near the cash register. He asked the store's owner, "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep," the man answered, "that's him."

The stranger couldn't help being amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me," he chuckled. "Why in the world did you decide to post that sign?"

The owner replied, "Well, before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him!"

Like the old dog that was just in the way, are you doing more for the kingdom of heaven than just taking up space on a church pew?

When has a widow seen your car pull up in her drive? When has a needy person seen your wallet open to help? When has the youth group been over to your house for a fellowship gathering? When is the last time you volunteered to teach a class or cook a meal?

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22)

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

DANGER

**BEWARE
OF DOG**

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, September 23

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash
PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM -
Close - Jimmy Galloway
6:00 PM - Bill Mills
Close - Dave Nulter

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover
PM - Kevin Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Chris Tallman
PM - Mike Wade
Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



UPCOMING EVENTS AT AREA CONGREGATIONS

Stepping Stones Dues Tea

September 16, Come and go 2:00 - 3:30
5507 14th Avenue, Vienna, WV

Gospel Meeting

September 16 - 19
Newport Church of Christ
Speaker: Jefferson Sole

"IS THE END NEAR?"

September 16 - 20
West Ripley congregation
Various speakers

"God's Blueprint for the Home" Seminar

September 21 - 23
North End congregation
Speakers: Dr. Mike Craven & Dr. Roy Sharp

Gospel Meeting

September 23 - 26
Lubeck Church of Christ
Speaker: Norbert Thomas

Gospel Meeting

September 23 - 26
Bridge Street congregation in New Martinsville
Speaker: Charles J. Aebi, Ph.D.

Stark County Ladies Day

Saturday, September 29
The Hartville Church of Christ
Topic: *On The Road To Our Heavenly Home*
Speaker: Karen McHan

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

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.

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



Facts and Figures

September 9, 2012

AM Service.....289

Bible Study.....217

PM Service.....189

Wednesday.....215

Contribution.....\$6022.51

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
Friday at 6:00 for the sing
at the Pike congregation.

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

September 23
CONFESSING CHRIST