

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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



Invite your family and friends.

What a wonderful time to share the gospel
with others.

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
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Ray Sams
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner
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Prayer List



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Rheba Hirtzil, Zandra Holleron, Donna Keffer, Jack Newberry, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, 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), Bob Keister, 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.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ A very special Thank You to the Christian sister who bought my lunch on Tuesday at Shoney's. You know who you are. No Good Deed Shall Go Un-Published. Blessings, **Naomi Carr**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards. **Delmas Carr**
- ♥ A big thank you for the cards, hugs, and good wishes for my birthday. It is so wonderful to be part of a caring church family. **Patty Sayre**

Updated Information

Everett and Ruth Sams
128 Trailwood Drive
Leesburg, FL 34748
Ruth - 304.482.3661
Everett - 304.482.3171

They transferred their membership to the Wildwood Church of Christ. They will be sadly missed here at Camden Avenue.

Ruth Fox's new address is: 3101 8th Avenue, Vienna, WV
26105 Telephone: 304.834.1075





DEACON'S MEETING

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

FALL FOLIAGE TRIP MEETING

Dwain Shears would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with anyone planning on the fall foliage trip Tuesday, leaving at 7:00AM.

GUEST SPEAKER THIS EVENING

Gene Clemmons, who we support, will report this evening about his missionary work in China.

LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00. Your presence is appreciated by the residents and staff.

GOSPEL MEETING WITH CLARENCE DELOACH

We will be leaving the building tomorrow evening at 5:50 to go to the Gospel Meeting Clarence DeLoach is holding at the congregation in McConnellsville. A sign up sheet is on the counter. (The Gospel Meeting is September 23-26.)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 29 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

WVCYC 50th REUNION

Everyone is invited to help the WV Christian Youth Camp (WVCYC) celebrate its 50th Reunion on September 29. Details are on the bulletin boards in both foyers.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 30

Next Sunday evening we will meet in break-out sessions with the Elders after a short devotional. Our Elders will be addressing: Evangelism, Missions, Youth, Education, and Benevolence. Every member is invited to attend one of these sessions. Bring your ideas and questions. Your input will help in setting our goals for next year.

Daily Bible Reading

September 23 - 2 Co 8, Pro 22-23
September 24 - 2 Co 9, Pro 24-25
September 25 - 2 Co 10, Pro 26-28
September 26 - 2 Co 11, Pro 29-31
September 27 - 2 Co 12, Ecc 1-3
September 28 - 2 Co 13, Ecc 4-6
September 29 - Galatians 1, Ecc 7-9
September 30 - Galatians 2, Ecc 10-12

WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

The 19th annual Wood County Life Chain will be Sunday, October 7 from 2:00-3:00 along Grand Central Avenue.

Details are on the bulletin boards on the foyers.



October Birthdays/Anniversaries

10/1-Linda Camp, Korey Inman, Kyle Inman
10/5-Emma Johnson, Todd Kirk
10/8-Ashley Ware, Megan Ware,
*Josh & Felicia Barclay
10/9-Kelsey Wadlington
10/10-Brandon Sheppard
10/11-Kim Barclay, Ralph Conner
10/12-Peggy Cowdery
10/14-*Paul & Patty Hoover
10/15-Dale Wilcox
10/16-*Earl & Donna McConnell,
*Paul & Carrie Nygard
10/17-Janet Cook
10/18-*Bill & Rosemary Merrill
10/21-Susan Haid, Earl McConnell,
Myrtle Metz
10/22-Kassi Adkins, Walter Morgan,
*Rob & Kathy Hoover
10/23-Sue VanCamp
10/24-Russ Alton
10/27-Gwen Lucas, Kay Mills
10/28-Nina Cheuvront, Julie Taberner
10/30-Kelly Sheppard

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



DANA'S DIRECTION

Cast Your Vote – For God

By now, it is generally known that one of our two major political party's platform included a restriction: the name of God was not to be used by anyone at any time during their national convention. A day into the convention, due to bad publicity and the fact that many were ignoring it, a vote was taken from the floor to once again include God if so desired. A voice vote was taken and God won, although those who measure such things declared that the noise made by the "Nays" over powered that made by the "Yeah."

Voting on whether to recognize God! If it was not so preposterous, it would be humorous! It does, however reflect upon an effort, now more than two generations old, to eliminate God and His influence from American society.

Most of us who are baby-boomers and older, grew up with a very clear understanding of America's values. John Glenn, former astronaut and US Senator, is heard in a recent campaign ad declaring that when he was growing up in the small Ohio town of New Concord, he was shaped by these values; church, family and country, In the 1950's and 60's we had Bible reading and prayer in school, as well as religious programs at Christmas and Thanksgiving. High School graduation was preceded by an hour-long Baccalaureate – with prayers and a sermon. None of these things are legal today!

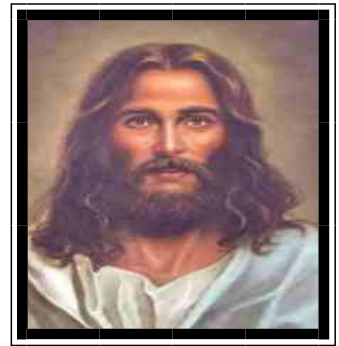
In 1962, the Supreme Court determined that the term "church" in "Separation of church and state," means the exercise of any publically supported religious expression. This interpretation paved the way for 50 years of activist legislation aimed at the elimination of God and, in particular, the Christian faith from the public forum. This interpretation has led to the contention that Americans are guaranteed not "Freedom of Religion," but "Freedom from Religion." This interpretation has been followed by decisions that **eliminated student prayer** (Engel v. Vitale, 1962); **removed Bible readings** (Abington v. Schempp, 1969); **removal of the Ten Commandments from view** (Stone v. Graham, 1980); and the **removal of benedictions and invocations from school activities** (Lee v Weisman, 1992).

The rejection of God and any Biblical authority has opened the door of tolerance and acceptance of any and every form of moral depravity. Homosexuality is regarded and taught as an "Alternative Lifestyle." Not only is it criminal to speak against it (hate crime), there will be no let-up in the effort to legitimize it until gay and lesbian marriages are recognized as being equal in every regard to that between a man and a woman. Sexual activity outside of marriage is the norm, and abortion (the taking of the life of an unborn child) is a guaranteed right of American women. The general level of honesty and integrity of the general population is in a deplorable state. Since governments cannot take a stand against the people's vices, they seem to legitimize it through the running and taxing of lotteries, casinos and video poker establishments on every corner. What's next? Perhaps illicit drugs and prostitution? (It already has been in some places.)

As Americans and as Christians, we are blessed with the right and the responsibility to vote. I have been amazed at the reports from recent elections that have shown that as many as half of those claiming to be Christians **failed to vote**. The votes of God-fearing Americans would be sufficient to turn the tide of this country back to the Godly principles upon which it was founded. But we must be educated and informed. We must, at times, abandon party loyalties and even pocketbook issues and vote for those who will uphold Christian values. Remember what God has said "**If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**" (II Chronicles 7:14)

Jesus – Yesterday, Today and Forever

(Matthew 6:25-34)



God is Eternal:

And _____ said to Moses, “I _____ Who I AM.” And he said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” “The Lord God of your fathers, the God of _____, of _____, and of _____ has sent me to you. This is My name _____, this is my _____ to all generations.” (Ex. 3:14-15)

Man’s life on earth is temporary; his soul is eternal. “What is your _____? It is even a _____ that appears for a _____ time and then _____ away.” (James 4:14) “What would it _____ a man, if he should gain the whole _____ and lose his own _____? Or what will a man give in _____ for his _____?” (Matthew 16:26)

Living _____ day at a time. Today is the only day that we have been _____. “Therefore do not _____ about tomorrow, for _____ will worry about its own things. _____ for the day is its own _____.” (Matthew 6:34)

Yesterday – a day to be put _____ us. “For we will surely _____ and become like water _____ on the ground, which cannot be _____ up again.” (II Sam.14:14) “Brethren, I do not count myself to have _____, but one thing I do, _____ those things that are behind, and _____ forth to those things which are _____, I press on toward the _____ for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:13-14)

Today is the only day we have to _____ the Lord’s will. “This is the day which the Lord has made, I will _____ and be _____ in it.” (Psalm 118:24) “Redeeming the _____, for the days are _____.” (Eph. 5:14)

Tomorrow – the _____ in the life of a Christian. We cannot put off till tomorrow what _____ to be _____ today. Tomorrow does not come until _____.

Jesus Christ – the _____ for eternity. “Jesus Christ is the same _____, today and _____.” (Hebrews 13:8) **Jesus is the _____ to our past.** “Though your _____ be as scarlet, they shall be as _____ as snow.” (Isaiah 1:18)..**Jesus is the _____ for today.** “Lo, I will be _____ you always.” (Matthew 28:20). **Jesus is our _____ for the future.** “No man comes to the Father, except by _____.” (John 14:6)

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



You are
Invited!

Light To My Path Workshop With
Charles Aebi

October 14th @ 2pm

Join in the excitement of studying God's
Word with us.

Beginning this January, Bible classes here at Camden Avenue will enter into an exciting period of growth.

The apostle Peter encourages every Christian to "desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Pet 2.1-3). The study and knowledge of God's word is so important that Christ says that we cannot live without it (Mt 4.4, Lk 4.4).

Knowledge and understanding of God's word is absolutely necessary if we are to be pleasing to Him and if our children are to grow and enter into His kingdom.

It is for these reasons that I would like to offer *you* a personal invitation to join us for a brief workshop and discover for yourself what plans are in place to help the whole congregation enjoy further spiritual growth.

Keep watching your bulletin each week leading up to October 14th for sneak peeks into our exciting plans!

YOU CAN HELP!

God's blessings take many forms in our lives; health, shelter, food, clothing, jobs, children, families, friends, the earth and more. We recognize from scripture, that whatever we have belongs to God and that we will not take it with us to heaven. Knowing that it belongs to God we are good stewards if, we take good care of it while we are here.

We worship in a very nice facility, here on Camden Avenue, of which God has truly blessed us. We must all surely agree. Those in charge of maintenance and cleaning, work hard to keep it in good working order. Yet, as many housewives or custodians will tell you, there is only so much they can do themselves, those of us that use the building must help, also. Several spills of liquid, other than water have occurred in our auditorium. Much time and effort has been put forth to clean-up the stains on our carpet and our upholstery with limited success. We need your help. We are asking everyone to avoid food and drinks other than water and to please remove all trash when exiting the building. It will be forever appreciated. May we all be better stewards of all of God's blessings. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Elders



K-12th grade Hotdog Roast and Devo.

K - 12th Grade Hotdog Roast and Devotional at the home of Marion and Jo Goldsmith Saturday, September 29 at 4:30PM.

Hotdogs, sauce, and beverages will be provided.

Please bring items to go with hotdogs, such as chips, snacks and desserts.

Also, bring your lawn chairs.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I recently read about the need to be looking for the nugget of truth even in the unhealthy and unfounded criticism we receive from others.

It has been my observation that even when I receive criticism that is clearly loaded with false charges and there is frequently an underlying element of truth.

I then have three choices. I can simply disregard and throw out the entire criticism and never think of it again or I can dwell on it and rehash it and mentally defend myself time and time again. I can mull over all the reasons why the critic is an unwise and mean-spirited person.

However, I believe neither of these responses is best. The third response is to examine the criticism and discover the one percent of truth in the criticism and use it to make changes and improvements in my life. In this way, I can quickly forget the rest of the criticism and refuse to allow it to tear me down.

Jesus taught us to go the second mile. It is hard to do, but in the end it is the best thing to do!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue



Opportunities To Serve Sunday, September 30

ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman
 PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk
 Close - Ira Kimes
 6:00 PM - Keith Smith
 Close - Josh Barclay

SCRIPTURE

AM - Len Haid
 PM - John Hall

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Rick Stanley
 PM - Bill Merrill
 Scott Johnson

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway



UPCOMING EVENTS AT AREA CONGREGATIONS

Gospel Meetings

- September 23 - 26
Lubeck Church of Christ
Speaker: Norbert Thomas
- September 23 - 26
Chester, WV congregation
Speaker: Steve Higginbotham
- September 23 - 26
Bridge Street congregation in New Martinsville
Speaker: Charles J. Aebi, Ph.D.
- October 4 - 6
Slate congregation (formerly Leachtown congregation)
Speaker: Tom Butterfield
- October 7 - 11
Chandlersville congregation
Speaker: Craig Matheny
- October 7 - 11
Harmar Hill congregation
Speaker: Charles Brown

Ladies Day

- Saturday, September 29
The Hartville Church of Christ
Topic: *On The Road To Our Heavenly Home*
Speaker: Karen McHan
- Saturday, September 29
Oxford Street - Sistersville, WV congregation
Topic: *It's a Small World After All*
- Saturday, October 6
Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH
Topic: *"SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD"*
Speaker: Megan Currey
- Saturday, October 6
University Church of Christ
Speaker: Marty Bartug
RSVP by September 30

**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

September 16, 2012
 AM Service.....278
 Bible Study.....176
 PM Service.....184
 Wednesday.....212
 Contribution.....\$6011.50

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

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



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

UPCOMING TOPIC

September 30
BAPTISM

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will
leave this Friday
at 5:45 for the
sing at the Lower
Paw Paw, OH
congregation.

