

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## Labor Day

This weekend Americans will be celebrating Labor Day, a national holiday. It has always seemed odd that on Labor Day most of us get together with family and friends and do anything but labor. That is, we don't go to work at our regular jobs.

Then the thought occurred to me that even on Labor Day we are to continue to work for the Lord. No matter what we do, whether preaching the Word, holding a hand, praying with someone who hurts, speaking a kind word, or, as Jesus said, just offering a cup of cold water in His name - it all counts for something in God's kingdom. We know this, for Paul writes in I Corinthians 15:58, "*Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.*" So, remember you are really working for the Lord. Be cheerful because God is your real boss, and he has your future in His hands.

Therefore, let us not grow weary in doing good, but "*let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest that is laid up for Christians*" (Hebrews 4:11).

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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  
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## Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. Each one was very appreciated. **Dearll Vincent**
- ♥ Thanks to all for the nice cards, the beautiful flowers and well wishes. Love you all, **Lois Nulter**
- ♥ We appreciate the beautiful birthday cards. **John and Karen Life**
- ♥ Thanks for all the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. I enjoyed each one. **Eloise Smith**



## Prayer Requests

### 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, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Teresa Steed, Jim VanCamp

### OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Tony & Lynsi Adams, Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Olivia Alexander, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Debbie Boso, 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, 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.



### **CARE GROUP 2 MEETING THIS EVENING**

There will be a Care Group 2 meeting after services this evening in the front right side of the auditorium. This is to plan the upcoming Fellowship Lunch.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible classes. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **GOLDEN AGERS AMISH TRIP**

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

### **TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS**

The Tuesday evening ladies class will meet at 7:00 this week in the MP Room. Material will be distributed at the class.

### **LADIES LUNCH**

The ladies lunch is being planned for Tuesday, September 18 at noon. The location will be in next week's bulletin.

### **BIBLE BOWL**

The 26th annual Bible Bowl will be Saturday, September 15, 9:00AM registration - 9:30 devotional. Everyone is encouraged to support our teams.

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

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



#### *Card Shower*

Prayers and cards would be appreciated for Bob Kiester who is seriously ill.

His birthday is Friday, August 31.

His address is:  
204 Windsor Drive  
St. Mary's, WV 26170



September 2 - I Cor 7:1-24, Ps 102-103  
September 3 - I Cor 7:25-40, Ps 104-105  
September 4 - I Cor 8, Ps 106  
September 5 - I Cor 9, Ps 107-109  
September 6 - I Cor 10, Ps 110-114  
September 7 - I Co 11:1-16, Ps 115-118  
September 8 - I Co 11:17-34, Ps 119  
September 9 - I Co 12, Ps 120-132

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105)*



## NEEDS OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES

Marriage is hard work - like anything else. A good marriage is forged, not merely formed. God made woman to fulfill the need of lonely Adam. In making marriage He also revealed what both men and women need (Ephesians 5:22-23).

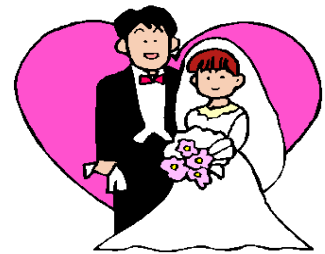
1. Women are to reverence their husbands. The buzz word in pop Psychology today is **Self Esteem**. There is much truth in this. Men can have **Good Esteem** or **Poor Esteem**. When husbands know their wives respect them profoundly, they can lick the world. This is why nagging, nit-picking, put downs, griping, criticizing, from wives to husbands is catastrophic. When two mates are becoming one they no longer live/think solo. Respect in the Bible means the controlling motive in life. Peter even observed that unbelieving husbands could be converted by the chaste respect of their wives.
2. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church. Women wish to be loved, to be considered. Paul further adds, “**Nourished and cherished.**” To nourish is to bring to full maturity. Husbands seek the best for their wives. To cherish is to create a warm atmosphere. To be gentle, thoughtful, kind, and attentive. Husbands are to treat their wives like they are “**10's.**”

Women! Encourage, support, pray for your husbands! Be proud of them. Husbands! Die for your wives. . . Serve them. A husband that will die for his wife will be respected by that wife.

CHANGE! The only person I can change is myself. Wives! Change yourselves! Husbands! Change yourselves! Do not try to blame/change others. Change yourselves. Having a big house is worthless if it is not a home. Make that life-time commitment to be that mate that can help produce a great home. Don't be **Married Singles!** Be partners, not roommates.

# The Marriage Commitment

(Genesis 2:18-24)



The Lord God said “It is not \_\_\_\_\_ that man should be \_\_\_\_\_; I will make him a \_\_\_\_\_ comparable to him.” (Gen.2:18) And Adam said; “this is now \_\_\_\_\_ of my bones and \_\_\_\_\_ of my flesh; she shall be called \_\_\_\_\_ because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall \_\_\_\_\_ his father and mother and be \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife, and they shall become \_\_\_\_\_ flesh. (Gen.2:23-24)

**God’s Will for Marriage:** Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and said “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall become \_\_\_\_\_ flesh? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ together, let not man \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 19:4-6)

The key to lasting and successful marriage? \_\_\_\_\_! We must be committed to \_\_\_\_\_, to our \_\_\_\_\_, and to our \_\_\_\_\_.

#1) To build a lasting marriage – We must be \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ. A marriage relationship must include \_\_\_\_\_ if it is to succeed. Marriage is ultimately a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship. Marriage problems are \_\_\_\_\_ problems. Two people who walk in harmony with \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ in harmony with one another.

#2) To build a lasting and successful marriage, we must be \_\_\_\_\_ to our marriage. Our wedding vows: “Whatever happens to us in live – I will \_\_\_\_\_.” Communication is \_\_\_\_\_ to marriage. A husband and a wife share a \_\_\_\_\_. Wives should be the greatest source of \_\_\_\_\_, help and \_\_\_\_\_ that her husband has. Husbands should be the greatest source of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his wife has. “It is not love that \_\_\_\_\_ a marriage, it is \_\_\_\_\_ that sustains our love.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

#3) To build a lasting and successful marriage – We must be committed to our \_\_\_\_\_. Love – God’s guideline for every \_\_\_\_\_ - especially \_\_\_\_\_. “Love suffers \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_; love does not \_\_\_\_\_; love does not \_\_\_\_\_ itself, is not puffed up; does not behave \_\_\_\_\_, does not \_\_\_\_\_ its own, is not easily \_\_\_\_\_, thinks no evil.” (I Corinthians 13:4-5) A commitment to God results in an \_\_\_\_\_ that blesses marriage. “The fruit of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, peace, longsuffering, \_\_\_\_\_, goodness, faithfulness, \_\_\_\_\_, self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23)

# The Biggest Word

~Author Unknown



What is the biggest word in our English vocabulary? Do you have any guesses? Are there any “wordsmiths” out there?

Let’s see, do you remember from Mary Poppins, there was Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (34 letters), but this wasn’t a real word. When I was in grade school, we were taught that the biggest word in the English language contained 28 letters and was the word “antidisestablishmentarianism” (meaning opposition to the belief that there should be no state church). Oh, I know there are probably other big words you may be able to uncover, but let me get to the point of this article. One of the biggest words in our English vocabulary is the word, “if.” That’s right, “if.”

Think about it. What word has a bigger impact on our life than the word “if?” What word is more consequential than the word “if?” Think how this little/big word impacts our life and our eternity.

## **Do you want your sins forgiven?**

“But (if) we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

## **Do you want God’s goodness and favor?**

“Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, (if) you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off” (Romans 11:22).

## **Do you want to be known by God?**

“And (if) anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know” (1 Corinthians 8:2).

## **Do you want to be a new creation?**

“Therefore, (if) anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

## **Do you want to avoid being destroyed by God?**

“(If) anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are” (1 Corinthians 3:17).

## **Do you want to go to Heaven?**

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For (if) these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...sure, for (if) you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:5-11).

Though just a two letter word, “if” will determine the success or failure of our lives here on earth, as well as throughout eternity. And that makes “if” a pretty big word!



## Expressions of God's Love

Because God loves you,  
 Rain comes in the Spring,  
 Flowers bloom in vibrant hues,  
 Birds have a song to sing.  
 Because God loves you,  
 Winter snow is white,  
 Trees are a beautiful green  
 Stars shine every night!  
 The universe was created  
 By God's mighty hand.  
 Every prayer is answered  
 By His will and plan.  
 The reason why the sun shines,  
 Why the sky above is blue,  
 Why faith makes all things possible...  
 Is because of God's love for you!

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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.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Napoleon once said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Of course what Napoleon was talking about was our mothers. And what he was pointing out is the fact that a mother's influence can be profound! Most of us who had Godly, self-sacrificing mothers can easily say, "All I needed to know in life, I learned from my mother."

My mother was the one who woke me up in the morning; put me to bed at night; and was always home when I returned from school. I did not have to win my mother's approval, because it was always there.

But perhaps the greatest thing that our mothers do for us is to give us independence. Real mothers know when to let go, even though doing this probably breaks their hearts.

God is a lot like our mothers. He loves us and is patient with us. He teaches us what is right and what is wrong. He rejoices with us when we succeed and cries with us when we fail.

Remember, your mother will be the LAST one standing when others give upon you. And God is the same way. Don't let either one of them down!

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

## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, September 9

**ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life**  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life  
PM - John Life

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner  
Close - Marion Goldsmith  
6:00 PM - Scott Johnson  
Close - Korey Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ethan Ash  
PM - Glenn Snider

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Kody Inman  
PM - Chris Tallman  
Rob Hoover

**PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk**



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT AREA CONGREGATIONS

### Gospel Meeting

September 3 - 9  
Congregation at Hundred, WV  
Speaker: Peter Ray Cole

### Ladies Inspiration Day

September 8  
Church of Christ Rio Grande  
Topic: *Glimpse of Heaven on Earth*  
Speakers: Julie McFarland & Tonya McNeal Sumners

### Gospel Meeting

September 9 - 13  
Pursley congregation  
Speaker: Kevin Lough

### Gospel Meeting

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

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

They include Mark  
Dean, Dwain Shears,  
Chris Tallman, and  
Donovan Walton.



## Surprise Valley Youth Camp Fall Retreat in Beckley, WV

September 21 - 23  
There will be classes, campfires, fellowship and fun for all.  
Brochures are available in the foyers with the details.

## "God's Blueprint for the Home" Seminar

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

## Facts and Figures

August 26, 2012

AM Service.....268  
Bible Study.....206  
PM Service.....223  
Wednesday.....200  
Contribution.....\$31,053.00

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....8  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....5  
Placed Membership....13

### Gospel Meeting

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

### Stark County Ladies Day

Saturday, September 29  
The Hartsville 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.

## 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 5:45 for the sing  
at the Wingett Run, OH  
congregation.

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



**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

### UPCOMING TOPIC

September 9  
**BELIEVING IN JESUS**