

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101 304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30

Sunday PM Worship.....6:00pm

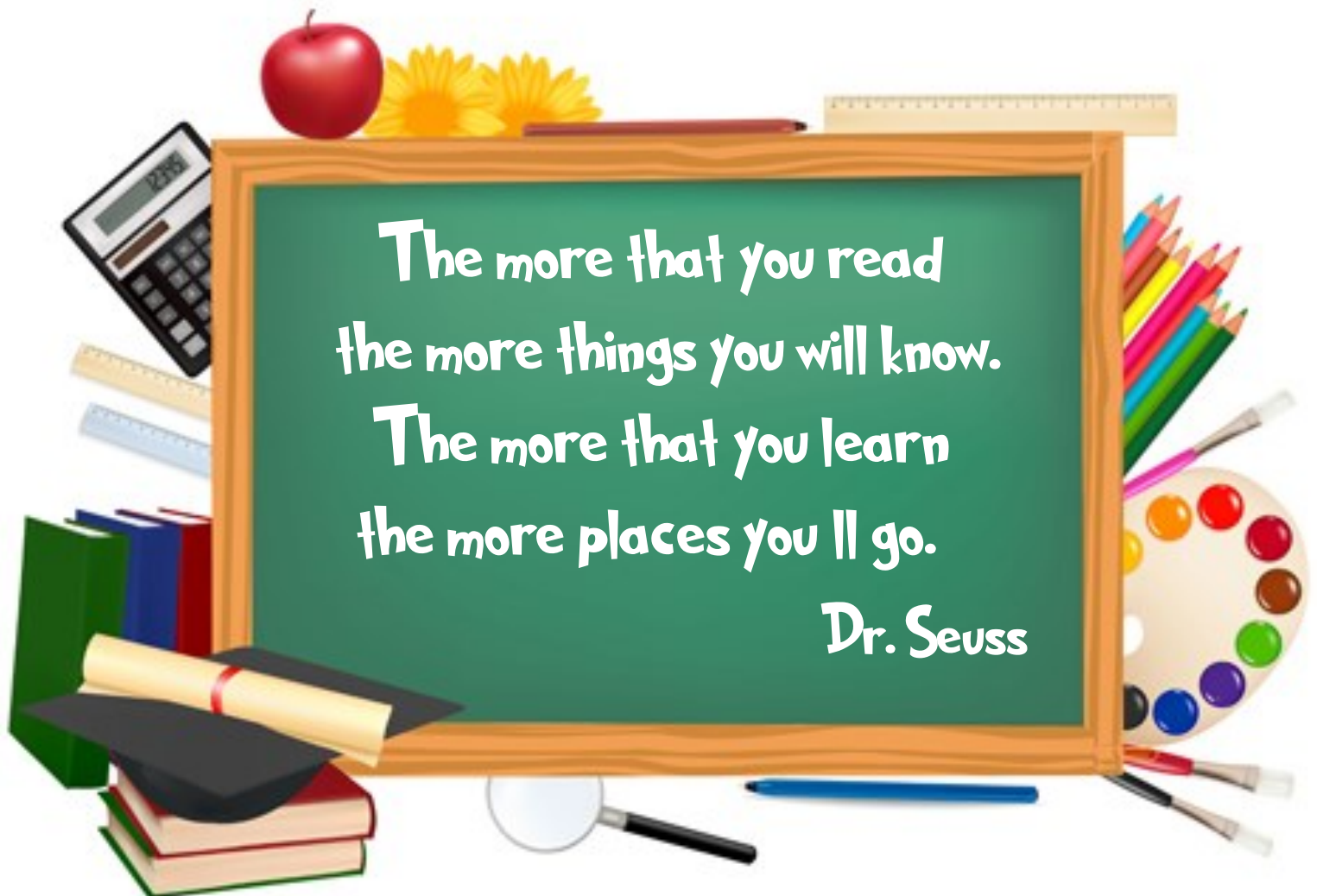
Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm

“Where you are always welcome!”

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Good luck students and teachers
on another amazing school year!**



**The more that you read
the more things you will know.**

**The more that you learn
the more places you'll go.**

Dr. Seuss

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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY

Mandy Bunting
Linda Camp
Barbara Cramlet
Carl Curtiss
Charlotte Deem
Paula Franklin
Sandy Graham

Dot Haught
Carolyn Henry
Tim Kirl
Nita Faye Leech
Gwen Lucas
Earl McConnell

Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters
Bill Porter
Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle

Cotton Sayre
Elizabeth
Scarbrough
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright
Martha Whited

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey & Mary
Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman
Jo Langler

Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds

John Rockhold
Bonnie Sams
Theresa Steed
Sue Vancamp
Patty Workman

Belpre Landing
Carolyn Henry

Colonial House
Lucille Hardman

Encompass Health
Linda Moncrief
John Doll (Sandy
Keller's father)

The Willows
Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce (Jo
Langler's friend)

Cedar Grove
Janet Looney
Helen May (Verna
Huber's mother)
Jean Huber
(Clayton's mom)

Love & Care
Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Ohio Valley
Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

Wyngate
Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent's
sister-in-law)

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
John & Jerry Davis's dad (Randy White)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)
Betty Dunn (Ryan Highman's g-g.ma)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Scott Gordon
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)
Charles (Bill) Haid
Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son)
Hazlett Family (relatives of the Riddles)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Gary Herridge (former elder)
Caroline Harrington
Mike Hill (Mike and Pam Bayer's friend)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Adam Johnston
Michelle Jones
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Jarod Kiggans (minister at Winget Run)

Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
Mike Lucas
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Marilyn Miskcvish
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Chris Mullins (Saunders's brother-in-law)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Kathy Plant
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth's husband)
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g-dau.)
Chad Treadway
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Eilene Weekley (Shane Weekley's mom)
Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)
Lisa Wright (Paul Saunders's cousin)

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller) has cancer and is in need of prayers.
- ♥ Carolyn Henry is in Belpre Landing room 206.
- ♥ Peggy Riddle is doing very well after her cornea transplant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS – We are so glad that you are here today! Please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you and pass it to the nearest aisle.

LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF – Today, following morning Bible classes there will be a luncheon to kick off the current Lads to Leaders season. Youth, come get excited to start this year off right. Adults, come out to support our youth or to see what the Lads to Leaders program is all about.

MEN'S MEETING – Today at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

SUMMER SERIES – This Wednesday Colin Morrison from Beallsville church of Christ will be here to share with us about the topic "I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... That All Things Work Together for Good for Those Who Love God"

CHURCH PICNIC – This Saturday, August 26 at Dupont Park. We will eat at 1:00 pm. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring other food and drinks to go along with the hamburgers and hotdogs.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Monday, August 28th, from 12-6. There is a sign-up sheet in the front lobby.

HOME MISSION – John Orr from HomeMission will be returning for a follow-up workshop October 15-18.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Camden Avenue is committed to offering classes for all stages of Bible students. For the upcoming fall quarter, adult classes will be offered in foundational, general, and in-depth topics of study.

SUNDAY CLASSES

Auditorium Class: Survey of the Book of Acts

DJ Curry will continue his class from the summer quarter.

Room 109: 1 & 2 Timothy

Rick Stanley will be going through the books of 1st & 2nd Timothy.

Room 112: Adult Bible Bowl Class

This class will continue throughout September in preparation for the Bible Bowl on October 7.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Auditorium Class: Who Is Wise?

Teachings from Psalms and Proverbs on Wisdom, taught by Paul Inman.

New Converts Class (Room 109): Growing My Christian Faith

Primarily designed for new converts but open to all that want to learn about the foundations of faith, taught by DJ Curry and Rick Stanley.

Room 112: Advanced Old Testament Vocabulary

Doug Wells will be diving deep into a study of language in the Old Testament in this challenging Bible study.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST (CONT.)

- ♥ Richard Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother) has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. The prognosis is not good.
- ♥ Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth Scarbrough's husband) was in Camden Clark this week but is now home from the hospital and doing better. He is on oxygen and taking regular breathing treatments.

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Building
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Building
Maintenance

Cody Hoover
Education

Kevin Inman
Youth:
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

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with our app!
Congregate



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CURRY CONNECTION

Don't Forget to Change the Oil

Some of the cars today will remind you that it is time to change your oil. It is commonplace for some to ignore that indicator for some time. What would happen if you continued to ignore the need for maintenance? What would happen if you simply reset the indicator without changing the oil and doing the proper care? I am sure you have the answer and know that, eventually, your vehicle will break down. The truth is, without that essential maintenance, your vehicle will break down with permanent damage, which could ruin your vehicle's performance forever. Proper maintenance is crucial work not only for a vehicle but for Christian growth.

This week my family and I are located in Tennessee. It is an adventure we enjoy taking each year because of the growth we receive. This time of year in Sevierville, TN, a great Christian lectureship takes place, which is called Polishing the Pulpit, PTP. Thousands of Christians come from worldwide to benefit from the spiritual feast provided by the word of God. An essential part of a Christian's walk is dedicating time to grow in your faith. The disciples also recognized this critical work and desired growth. They knew that the Lord supplied the growth, and they went to Him for the opportunity. 'And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith"' (Luke 17:5 NKJV). Jesus then gladly supplied the teaching. Working for the Lord is an exciting and challenging work for all Christians. Some of the work we do can exercise you and cause growth in some challenging areas in your life, sculpting you into a stronger Christian, but it takes work. The Scripture reveals that there are several areas of Christian growth. "(B)ut grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 3:18). Notice that the scripture says "grace and knowledge." I have learned that different kinds of Christian growth exist, and a healthy variety of growth opportunities is best. One area of Christian growth that many hard-working Christians fail to take advantage of is the essential area of self-maintenance. Proper Christian maturity is growing in all things into Him. "(B)ut, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ..." (Eph 4:15). A mature Christian will focus on all areas of growth. Jesus gave us the example of going off on His own to pray and exercising a time of self-maintenance (Matthew 14:23; Mark 6:46-47; John 6:15). Let us not become weary in doing good because we forget to take care of ourselves, too. The Hebrews writer also said this by encouraging us to consume the milk of the word and the solid food (Heb 5:12-14). For some, taking time for personal growth can be challenging, which would be a meatier matter for them. I encourage all who desire to grow in grace and knowledge to search out other opportunities to grow and to not neglect the time to work on yourself.

This kind of growth will aid you in battling depression, anxiety, and even burnout, to name just a few. God has provided us with all we need for proper growth, including tools for personal growth. If it is time to change the oil (metaphorically speaking), do not cause damage by continuing to put it off.



Becoming a Better Christian Through Readiness

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:44

Speaker: Doug Wells

'The _____ said to my _____, " _____ at My right _____,
Till I make Your _____ Your _____" ' (Matthew 22:44)

1: What is something good that you know can come from being ready? How about something bad from not being ready?

2: What affects the state of being ready?

3: Are you prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15)? If not, how can you be?

4: What kind of battles are we going to face as a Christian person? And how well do you think they will go if we face them unprepared?

5: What is the shield and sword of being ready for temptation? (Ephesians 6:16-17)

6: Why do you think Christians in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 and Hebrews 5:12 were told to spiritual grow up?

7: If Jesus were to come back right now what would be the first response of your heart?

8: It's never too late to start living a spiritually disciplined life. So that you might be ready, are you willing to live that kind of life from now until Jesus returns?

PM Sermon: The Value of Fish

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:47-48

Speaker: Doug Wells

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



The Heart of Mockery

Perhaps you have managed to go your entire life without ever enduring mean-spirited ridicule. That would be quite an achievement! This is about the time of year when our young people go back to school – and, sadly, some schools can be hotbeds for this kind of activity. If you haven't been so lucky as to have no idea what I'm talking about, what did you think was going through the mind of your tormenter? Why was this person saying these unkind things about you? Perhaps you thought that this person really thought you were beneath them. I imagine that might make you feel very small. Maybe you thought this was just what this person does for fun. Interestingly enough . . . the real reason is often surprising.

In the book of Nehemiah the author comes to promote the well-being of the people of Jerusalem. The villains and bullies in this story are Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem. When Nehemiah comes with his helpers the Bible says they “mocked and ridiculed [them]. ‘What is this you are doing?’ they asked. ‘Are you rebelling against the king?’” (Nehemiah 2:19). Basically they are just trying to give Nehemiah and his friends the coldest, nastiest greeting possible. But why do you think they are doing this? Is it because they think Nehemiah is beneath them? Is it because making fun of people is what they do for fun? Well . . . no. If you look up a little bit you can see exactly why they are acting this way. “When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites” (Nehemiah 2:10). They are mocking him because they are afraid of him.

Later in the story, they make fun of the wall they are building. Tobiah says “What they are building – if even a fox climbed up on it, he would break down their wall of stones!” (4:3). Do you think that comment had anything to do with their construction abilities? Do you think a small mammal could actually knock down that wall? Of course not. The reason he said that was because his lifestyle was being threatened, he was afraid, he wasn't getting his way, and “he became angry and was greatly incensed” (4:1). My point in all this is that mockery might have very little to do with you. You might just be doing everything right. I hope this thought encourages you if you are serving God and someone around you is taking every opportunity to sneer. That's a them problem. Shine on!

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Over Come Fear

Let's take a minute... to think about courage. It is ok to be afraid. Many of us are fearful of something. What is happening in your life right now which is causing you fear? Are you allowing it to take over? Fear can help protect you from harm but allowing that fear to take over is not the will of God. “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Tim 1:7 NKJV). The spirit which God has given is not to be overcome by fear but dominated by power, love, and a sound mind. When your fears seem to be overtaking your life, allow the power, love, and sound mind of your spirit to overcome that fear. The secret to finding courage is here within the word of God. It takes strength (power), strong love, and self-discipline (sound mind). This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.



UPCOMING EVENTS



For more information, see the bulletin boards in the front and back of the auditorium.

August

- 26 **Church Picnic**
Dupont Park
- 27 **Gospel Meeting - S 9:45, 6:00; M-T 7:00**
-31 Proctor church of Christ
Speaker: Andy Robinson
- 27 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:30**
Lower Paw Paw church of Christ
- 28 **Red Cross Blood Drive - 12-6**
Sign-up sheet in foyer
- 30 **Camden Avenue Summer Series**
Jay D. Smith (Rockport) -
"I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... That
Teaching Others is Not Just a Nice Thing"

September

- 9 **WVCYC Bluegrass & BBQ - 12:00-5:00**
- 9 **Sixth & Washington Ladies' Tea - 2:00**
"Amazing Grace for a Woman's Heart"
Speaker: Morgan Ball
- 10 **Sixth & Washington Friends & Family Day**
Theme: "The Kingdom"
Speaker: Joshua Ball
- 24 **Traveling Youth Group**
Lubeck church of Christ
- 29 **Friday Night Sing - 7:00**
Wingett Run church of Christ

October

September Birthdays

- 4- Paul & Barbara Saunders
- 5- Dorothy Stevens
- 8- Kody & Chelsea Inman
- 8- Ellie Hoover
- 9- Delmas Carr
- 9- Alice Cochran
- 10- Zoe Hall
- 14- Brenden Smith
- 14- Steve & Holly Sprout
- 16- Patty Sayre
- 17- Jenny Reynolds
- 18- Braidon Knotts
- 18- Kyle Knotts
- 21- Connie Hickman
- 22- Nancy Inman
- 23- Jo Goldsmith
- 24- Sandy Keller
- 24- Harvey & Mary Caplinger
- 25- Levi Wells
- 26- Alisha Hershman
- 26- Chloe McCloskey
- 27- Sean Plant
- 28- Carl Curtiss
- 28- Natalie Inman
- 29- Cheryl Logston
- 30- Naomi Carr

- 6-7 **37th Annual Camden Avenue Bible Bowl**
Book: Roman (NKJV)
Friday - Kids Event and Dinner for all
Saturday - Bible Bowl for all ages
- 15- **Home Mission Workshop**
18 John Orr from HomeMission will be
returning for a follow-up visit
- 21 **WVCYC Fall Camp - 10:00-8:00**
Ages 11 & up "God Can"
- 28 **Gospel Sing - 7:00-9:00**
Twin City Opera in McConnelsville, OH
- 29 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Camden Avenue

Serving in Worship

August 27, 2023

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Inman

Song Leader

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Roy Halstead

Scripture

AM - Klay Cochran

PM - Kasen Inman

Prayer

9:30 AM - John Life

Close - Steve Gray

6:00 PM - Jon Hescht

Close - Josh Hall

Communion

AM - Daniel Rich

PM - Cody Hoover

Welcome Center

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Sherry Sponseller

Wed - Tammy Kerns

Announcements - Ken Barnes

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Ryan Highman

Security - Clayton Huber



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

<https://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan>

Aug. 20: Dan. 1-3 & Ps. 50

[SOTW: Daniel](#)

Aug. 21: Dan. 4-6 & Ps. 51

Aug. 22: Dan. 7-9 & Ps. 52

Aug. 23: Dan. 10-12 & Ps. 53

Aug. 24: Hos. 1-3 & Ps. 54

[SOTW: Hos., Joel, Amos, Obad](#)

Aug. 25: Hos. 4-6 & Ps. 55

Aug. 26: Hos. 7-9 & Ps. 56

Aug. 27: Hos. 10-12 & Ps. 57

Lawn Crew

August 24-26

Team 3:

Ken Barnes

Doug

Josh Gray

Hershman



Habanero Spotlight Green Team

Team Leaders: Mike & Teresa Wade

The Green Team makes contact with:

- Contacts that need more time
- Newcomers to the area
- Shut-ins
- Sick in the hospital
- Bereaved

Responsibilities for Green Team Members:

- Make quarterly (or more) visits
- Give a (provided) gift
- Offer a prayer
- Write encouragement cards

If this sounds like something you could do, please contact Mike Wade or Paul Inman

Facts and Figures

August 13, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....223

Sunday Bible Class.....188

Sunday PM Worship.....174

Contribution.....\$7,890

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13

Restored/Req. Prayer.....7

Placed Membership.....8

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning
7:30 on WTAP TV 15
8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM
August 27, 2023

"Authoritative"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

2023: Pauline Epistles



August:
2 Timothy

Please sign the sheet outside the office when finished.

2023 Reading Schedule

Sep: Romans Dec: Titus &

Oct: 1 Cor. Philemon

Nov: 2 Cor.

We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.