

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



Elders:

Jim Galloway
304-481-5189

Clayton Huber
304-669-3357

Todd Kirk
304-991-4797

Paul Saunders
304-488-9457

Ministers:

Daniel P. Curry, Jr.
304-972-7328
ToLivesChrist89@
gmail.com

Doug Wells
330-231-8097
preacher_doug
@outlook.com

Family

Counselor:

Rick Stanley
304-210-2367

Secretary:

Brandi Hescht
C: 304-488-7696
brandihescht
@gmail.com

Office:

P: 304-428-0504
F:304-428-0505
Email:
office@cacoc.net

www.cacoc.net



Bible Call
304-420-2416
Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY

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

Dot Haught
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

Genesis
Ray Sams

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
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)
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)
Roger Longwell (Randy W. & Terry H. cous.)

Mike Lucas
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Marilyn Miskcovich
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Becky Moyers (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)
Chad Treadway
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)
Eilene Weekley (Shane Weekley's mom)
Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)
Lisa Wright (Paul Saunders's cousin)

Sympathy:

We extend our deepest condolences to Dave Nulter in the passing of his brother, Ed Nulter from Huntsville, AL.

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.

FOOD PANTRY — September Food Pantry needs:

Care Group 1: cereal or peanut butter Care Group 2: Canned meat

Care Group 3: pancake mix & syrup Care Group 4: Instant mashed potatoes & canned carrots

BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH — The Book for the month of September will be Romans. Please sign the sheet by the office if you completed the book of 2 Timothy during the month of August.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — Tomorrow from 12-6. There is a sign-up sheet in the front lobby for appointment times.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — Tonight at Lower Paw Paw church of Christ beginning at 6:30.

SUMMER SERIES — This Wednesday, Jay D. Smith from Rockport church of Christ will be speaking on the topic “I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... That Teaching Others is Not Just a Nice Thing.”

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 beginning next week, adult classes will be offered in foundational, general, and in-depth topics of study.

SUNDAY CLASSES

Auditorium Class: Acts Teacher: DJ Curry

Room 109: 1 & 2 Timothy Teacher: Rick Stanley

Room 112: Adult Bible Bowl Class Teacher: Bill Mills

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Auditorium Class: Who Is Wise? Teacher: Paul Inman

Room 109: Growing My Christian Faith Teachers: DJ Curry & Rick Stanley
Primarily designed for new converts.

Room 112: Advanced Old Testament Vocabulary Teacher: Doug Wells

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's granddaughter) is now cancer free!
- ♥ Roger Longwell (a cousin of Randy White and Terry Hofmann) is having trouble with his heart.
- ♥ Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) recently started chemo.
- ♥ Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) had back surgery Friday.
- ♥ Elsie Smith (Clayton and Verna Huber's granddaughter) had a spot show up on her liver and is awaiting results from a PET scan.
- ♥ Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband) fell last week.
- ♥ Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law) is struggling with liver cancer. A needed procedure has been delayed due to high enzymes.

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

Keep in Touch
with our app!
Congregate



Watch our
Livestream:

facebook

facebook.com/
CamdenavenuecoC

YouTube

Camden Avenue
coC Live

CURRY CONNECTION

Press Toward the Goal for the Soul

Do you have any goals set for your life? Some set goals that are fitness-minded. Some hope to lose a few pounds and set a goal at the beginning of the year for that cause. Some set goals that are career-minded; they hope to see themselves in management someday or make the big dollars somewhere. What comes after all that? What if you accomplish or don't accomplish all those goals you set for your life? What is next? I sure hope you have a goal set for eternity!

Did you know that having a goal in mind for your soul is an idea encouraged in the Bible? What is the goal you have for your soul? We know that there exists one of two places for your soul: eternal life or everlasting punishment (Matt 25:46). I hope that your goal is that your soul will inherit eternal life! That is the most important goal you can ever have and one that outweighs any other goal on the scale of importance. The apostle Paul has this same goal and even states it clearly. "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3: 13-14 NKJV).

A suggestion I have for you to aid you in setting the correct goal for your soul and achieving it is to design a mission statement for yourself. A mission statement is something you commonly see among successful businesses or organizations. It is a short action statement or slogan that clearly expresses the group's purpose and how they plan to accomplish it. For example, the Red Cross has a mission statement, "To provide compassionate care to victims of disasters." Should we who follow Christ express a mission statement highlighting our goals and purpose? I believe so! Jesus has made several clear mission statements during His ministry. At an early age, He made a great mission statement, "...I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49) and even later in His ministry, He made grand goal-oriented statements "(F)or the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). He expressed statements that highlighted His purpose to Himself and to those who heard it. Jesus was the One who said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Here, Jesus clearly declares His mission to serve the Father, and purpose of providing salvation to the world.

As for you and I, what should our mission statement be? We looked to Paul earlier in this writing, and he would tell us to imitate him as he imitates Jesus (1 Cor 11:1). Paul was a goal-setter as we read (Phil 3:13-14). He helped himself accomplish his goal(s) by backing them up with clear purpose-oriented mission statements such as, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20). Paul proclaims his mission is to live by faith no longer for himself but for Jesus.

We have been given biblical examples of setting goals for our souls and expressing mission statements for our lives. Our goal is to inherit eternal life, and our purpose according to Scripture is to keep God's commandments (Ecc 12:13), to complete God's will (Col 1:14, Rev 4:11), and inherit the eternal place prepared for us (John 14:3, 2 Cor 5:1). What will your mission statement be that motivates you to press toward the goal for your soul?

SERMON NOTES

A Message from the Grave

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-24

Speaker: Doug Wells

1: If a deceased grandparent (who could see your life on earth) was permitted to speak with you for one minute what do you think he or she would say?

2: Is it wrong to be rich? (1 Timothy 6:17)

3: What if you're rich and you care nothing for people like Lazarus?

4: Between Lazarus and the rich man, who would you rather be during their time on earth?

How about after their time on earth?

How about with everything considered, who would you rather be?

5: Some joke about going to Hell. What do you think about that attitude?

6: The rich man wants someone from the dead to visit his brothers. What does Abraham tell him is sufficient?

7: If someone won't listen to God's voice in scripture, do you think someone rising from the dead would work?

8: What did I think some of the points of a message from the grave would be?

9: Jesus WAS risen from the dead – and we also have all we need in scripture to believe. Is that enough for you to follow God?

PM Sermon: "That Dog Won't Hunt"

Scripture Reading: Matt. 15:12-13

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Righteousness Wins

There are countries in our world today that are seeking to increase the power of their military might. And they are. Some are building powerful ships. Many are spending millions on weapons. It's not that these countries are necessarily at war, the idea is that the additional forces will deter aggressors and keep them safe. And, from a worldly perspective, it's certainly not a bad plan. But can another aircraft carrier ultimately save? Can you think of no scenario where such a move might be overcome? I can. Especially when powers greater than carriers are in play.

The Word says "From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth - he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do" (Psalm 33:13-14). I pray that our country (and every country) considers an additional defensive tactic. And that is to ask ourselves: "What does God think of the things that we do?" And here's the reason that question is more important than the standing army: "No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength" (33:16). There were many battles in scripture where the numbers didn't really matter much. The deciding factor was the hand of God.

I think a very patriotic thing to do is to pray. Pray, and set a great example of righteousness. Perhaps your neighbors will join in, and others will do the same. May there be a great revival in our land, where we choose to love God together! I think that's what future battles really depend upon: "The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine." I'm glad our military is strong. My hope, however, is and will always be in the Lord.

BIBLE CALL REPORT FOR JULY 2023

We had OVER 16 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in JULY. We had 132 Calls. JULY 25 had the most calls with 12 calls. Over 17 times people listened to the same lesson again. Some of the most called topics were:

(17)	110 Overcoming Worry	14 times people called about Salvation
(8)	111 Loneliness and What To Do About it.	15 times on topics about Family Life
(6)	126 The Secret of Contentment	11 times in relation to Bible Study
(7)	115 Overcoming Depression	11 times about Worship
(6)	226 Are You Thinking of Suicide?	5 times about eternity
	950 Exorcism and Demon Possession	8 times about Christian evidences
(5)	125 Depressed? Life Can Be Meaningful	26 times about morality and gen. topics
	112 God's Answer For Guilt	97 times people called about Self
(4)	101 What is Bible Call?	Improvement and Personal topics
	102 What is the church of Christ?	
	113 Beverage Alcohol Destroys	*Often people start with things of personal
	209 Death	interest and then move on to other topics.
	906 Homosexuality	

THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWERS FOR LIFE HERE AND LEADING INTO ETERNITY. We have regular requests for printed copies of the lessons and weekly Bible courses to grade and have called on individuals to enroll in other studies. Pray about this work. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world.... Let us help each other to keep this work effective.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO MAIL AN AREA? Also, some congregations are putting a partial list on the back side of their House to House mailing when they do not have a local event for that mailing. Call if you need help with that. I would like to share a link that will bless you with ideas on outreach with COMPASSION CARDS. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZ0I6cEqeel>

KEEP LEAFLETS ON YOU AND MENTION IT TO YOUR FRIENDS. IF ANY QUESTIONS call, text, or email David Epler djepler@hotmail.com, Cell (616) 554-0990, House (304) 834-1935. Let me know of leadership in other congregations who might want to know more about this work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

August

- | | | | |
|-----|---|----|---|
| 27 | Gospel Meeting at Proctor church of Christ | 28 | Red Cross Blood Drive - 12-6 |
| -31 | Sun 9:45, 6:00; Mon-Thrs 7:00 | | Sign-up sheet in foyer |
| | Speaker: Andy Robinson | | |
| 27 | Traveling Youth Group - 6:30 | 30 | Camden Avenue Summer Series |
| | Lower Paw Paw church of Christ | | 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 | 10 | Gospel Meeting at Oakwood Road |
| 9 | Sixth & Washington Ladies' Tea - 2:00 | | Sun 9:30, 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00 |
| | "Amazing Grace for a Woman's Heart" | | Speaker: Roger Rush |
| | Speaker: Morgan Ball | | Theme: How Relevant the Sacred Text is |
| | | | to Modern Life |
| 10 | Sixth & Washington Friends & Family Day | 17 | Men's Meeting - 4:30 |
| | Theme: "The Kingdom" | | |
| | Speaker: Joshua Ball | 17 | Youth Devo - after PM service |
| 10 | Fellowship Meal - after AM service | 24 | Traveling Youth Group |
| | Care Group 2 hosting | | Lubeck church of Christ |
| | | 29 | Friday Night Sing - 7:00 |
| | | | Wingett Run church of Christ |

October

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

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Pray Like Jesus

Let's take a minute... to talk about prayer. Can you pray like Jesus? Take care in knowing that when our voice seems to fail, prayer prevails. It was a tough night in the garden. Jesus was sweating drops like blood. "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will" (Matt 26:39 NKJV). Three times Jesus prayed like this in the Garden before His arrest. God's answer to that prayer was that Jesus was needed on the cross, and that cup would not pass from Him, but because of prayer, God gave Him strength through an Angel. Jesus gave us the perfect example of how to pray in times of need. He prayed often, He was humble, He made His request, and He acknowledged whose will was most important, the Father's and not His own. Let us remember to pray so we can find strength, as Jesus did. This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving in Worship

September 3, 2023

Elder in Charge
Paul Saunders
Deacon in Charge
Kyle Inman

Song Leader

AM - Levi Wells
PM - Rick Stanley

Scripture

AM - Brandon Sheppard
PM - Kaleb Cochran

Prayer

9:30 AM - Doug Wells
Close - Aidan Klingler
6:00 PM - Jeff Taberner
Close - Brian Haught

Communion

AM - Connor Curry
PM - Chris Tallman

Welcome Center

AM - Joann Goldsmith
PM - Robin Anthony
Wed - Teresa Wade

Announcements - Josh Carr
PA System - Clayton Huber
Projector - Dustin Hughes
Security - Ron Riddle



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Aug. 27: Hos. 10-12 & Ps. 57
Aug. 28: Hos. 13-14 & Ps. 58
Aug. 29: Joel & Ps. 59
Aug. 30: Amos: 1-3 & Ps. 60
Aug. 31: Amos 4-6 & Ps. 61
The Stars | Beyond the Stars
Sept. 1: Amos 7-9 & Ps. 62
Sept. 2: Obadiah & Ps. 63
Sept. 3: Jonah & Ps. 64
SOTW: Jonah, Micah, Nahum, and Habakkuk

Lawn Crew

Aug. 31 - Sep. 2

Team 4:

Mike Bayer Bill Merrill
Brian Haught Roy Halstead



Habanero Spotlight Blue Team

"The Card Writers"

Team Leaders: Chris & Terry Hofmann

The Blue Team contacts
congregate members &
community members such as:

- Those with birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
- Those that are sick, bereaved, have suffered a job loss, etc.

Responsibilities
for Blue Team Members:

- Send a "Thinking of You" card
- Send or hand-deliver invitations to special events
- Send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, sympathy, get well, etc.

If this sounds like something you could do, please contact Chris Hofmann or Paul Inman

Facts and Figures

August 20, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....217
Sunday Bible Class.....179
Sunday PM Worship.....181
Wednesday Bible Class.....192
Contribution.....\$7,593

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
September 3, 2023
"Misinformation"



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

2023: Pauline Epistles



August:
2 Timothy
September:
Romans

Please sign the sheet outside the office when finished.

2023 Reading Schedule

Oct: 1 Cor. Dec: Titus &
Nov: 2 Cor. Philemon

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.