

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



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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
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
Scarborough
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

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

Colonial House
Lucille Hardman

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

Love & Care
Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Genesis
Ray Sams

Moundville
Health Care
Joe Johnson (Scott
Johnson's dad)

Ohio Valley
Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

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

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

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)
Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Lynn Casemon (Glenn Snider's uncle)
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 Tabettha Rich)
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)
Charles (Bill) Haid
Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son)
Doriotha Haught (Debbie Tallman's mom)
Hazlett Family (relatives of the Riddles)
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)
Joe Johnson (Scott Johnson's dad)
Adam Johnston

Michelle Jones
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Jarod Kiggans (minister at Winget Run)
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabettha 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)
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)

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 center aisles.

YOU'RE INVITED – Everyone is invited to Keith & Eloise Smith's 60th Anniversary Celebration today in the multipurpose room from 2-4 pm (come & go). No gifts, please.

SUMMER SERIES – This Wednesday, August 9, Mark Tonkery will be visiting us from the Norval Park church of Christ to share about the topic "I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... That Life is Really, Really Short"

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY – The next Teddy Bear-Making will be this Thursday, August 10th at 9:30 am located in the Multipurpose Room. Anyone willing to participate in the Teddy Bear Ministry is welcome to join. Please bring whatever equipment you believe is necessary for this work. If there are any questions please see DJ Curry.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL – next Sunday, August 13 in the multi-purpose room immediately following Bible classes.

LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF – Sunday, August 20 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. Bring a covered dish and an excited spirit.

MEN'S MEETING – Sunday, August 20 at 4:00.

CHURCH PICNIC – Saturday, August 26th at Dupont Park. We will eat at 1:00 pm. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided. Feel free to bring other food and drinks to go along with the hamburgers and hotdogs. See DJ Curry for any questions.

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



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. Look in the bulletin next week for more information.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Dorotha Haught (Debbie Tallman's mother) will be having foot surgery August 9th. She will be unable to put any weight on it until it heals.
- ♥ Hazlett Family (relatives of the Riddles) are in need of prayers for guidance and direction.
- ♥ Joe Johnson (Scott Johnson's dad) is much improved and is now back at Moundsville Healthcare.
- ♥ Mary Nessleroad was in the hospital earlier this week with rhinovirus and dehydration but is now recovering at home.

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



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Welcome!

Judy Guinn has placed membership here at Camden Avenue. We are so happy to welcome her to the family!

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Different Methods, Same Result

I think the difference between Ezra's and Nehemiah's return to Jerusalem is interesting. They both returned after the exile at a similar time, but their caravans had a key difference. When Nehemiah came back he returned with a substantial military force: "The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me" (Nehemiah 2:9). I suppose Nehemiah could have told the king these soldiers were unnecessary, but he didn't. Ezra did not have this kind of protection on the dangerous road, or when he arrived in Jerusalem. A big reason was that Ezra believed that a request for military aid would be hard to reconcile with his earlier proclamations of faith: "I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road because we had told the king, 'The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him'" (Ezra 8:22).

What do you think? Was Ezra a man of faith and Nehemiah not? I think that conclusion would be hard to defend if you actually read the book of Nehemiah. The man clearly has a strong faith in God, evidenced by his abundant prayer life. I don't think the difference here has anything to do with the righteousness of the two men. Instead, I believe God's purpose was simply best served differently in the two different situations. Ezra, a priest, was able to lead the people in prayer and taught that the protection of God was sufficient – and in this case, God saved them through prayer and perhaps divine intervention. When Nehemiah came later I think God used the skills of the soldiers for His purposes and worked through them to protect the Jews from the surrounding military threats. Two different men, two different situations, and help came about in two different ways – but I believe God's hand was found in both. Both arrived safely.

This can still be true today. I think we should be open to the idea that God may rescue in one way for one person, and in a different way for another. (I am, of course, not speaking about salvation here which is only found in Christ.) In other matters, our God is an infinite God and we cannot limit Him to one answer. Perhaps one person prays for healing and never has to see a doctor. They simply wake up the next day and the illness is gone. Another person prays for healing but will it work the same way? Perhaps with this person God works through doctors and nurses and surgeons, and through their hands and the talents that they were blessed with, healing comes. Is that any less an answer to the prayer? Perhaps another prays for healing but they pass away, and God resurrects them into a body that has no illness and can have no illness. Is that not an answer to the prayer as well? Perhaps not the answer that was hoped for at the time, but I think an answer nonetheless. One answer or method doesn't necessarily fit every person and every circumstance. True in Bible times. True today. Let us trust that God knows what answer is best for us.

OFF TO PREACHING SCHOOL

One of our deacons, Jon Hescht, has dedicated himself to attending West Virginia School of Preaching full time beginning mid-August. This two-year intense study is a major commitment by Jon and his family. Attending the School of Preaching full time will be a strain on finances as well as time for the Hescht family. The elders at Camden Avenue have determined to assist Jon financially with his studies and will also be managing contributions made by other congregations.

The opportunity to help the Hescht family is also available to individuals at the Camden Avenue congregation. If you would like to assist Jon and his family with either a one-time contribution or continuing monthly support while he intensely studies to become a preacher, please see one of the elders.

Thank you in advance for your supporting Jon.

SERMON NOTES

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders

Scripture Reading Matt 7:24

Speaker: Daniel P Curry

“My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. On
Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.”

- “The Solid Rock”

Isaiah 55:6 NKJV

“Seek the _____ while ____ may be _____, Call upon _____ while He is _____.”

1. At what point in our lives should we begin to seek the Lord?
2. If God supplies all of our need, then does that mean he has supplied a way for us to construct our life?
3. Where is the blueprint or guide for our construction? (Circle the Correct Answer)
The Bible Nature Our Heart
4. Who are some characters in the Scripture which displayed a life with a firm foundation in the LORD? _____, _____.

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and _____ them, I will liken him to a _____ man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the _____ came, and the _____ blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on _____ rock. “But everyone who _____ these sayings of Mine, and does _____ do them, will be like a _____ man who built his house on the _____: and the rain descended, the _____ came, and the _____ blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” (Matt 7:24-27).

5. True or False: Our outward appearance is to be all our focus. True / False
 The house’s appearance saves it from the fall. True / False
 The foundation has no effect on the house’s appearance. True / False
6. Why was the fall of the house built on the sand great?

Mark 8:36-37 NKJV

For what will it _____ a man if he gains the whole _____, and _____ his own _____?

Or what will a man _____ in exchange for his _____?

7. What must we do to be likened to the house built on the rock?
“... whoever _____ these sayings of Mine and _____ them...” (Matt 7:24).
8. Write out the Scriptures given at the end of the lesson which teach us how to be saved.

PM Sermon: The Servant’s Job
Scripture Reading: Luke 17:7-9
Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION



Conversion of Saul

(Acts 9; 22; & 26)

The conversion of Paul the apostle, formerly known as Saul of Tarsus, is documented in three locations in the book of Acts. Chapter 9 is Luke's, the writer of Acts, third party account, and chapters 22 and 26 are statements made by Paul himself. All three accounts harmonize well. This is no surprise seeing as it is recorded in the inspired word of God (2 Tim 3:16).

Paul heard the good news of Jesus Christ's existence and resurrection directly from our Lord Himself (Acts 9:4, Acts 22:7, Acts 26:14). Though Paul, at that time, evidently did not believe that Jesus was the Christ. His belief in God drove his persecution of the church. Not all belief is the same! However, Paul's belief, which aids in our salvation, can be identified through his obedience to Jesus Christ's, following his orders by continuing into Damascus and waiting for Ananias. This obedience is also evidence of his repentance (Acts 9:6-9, Acts 22:10-11). Paul is recorded to publicly confess some of his sinful ways before King Agrippa, which is also strong evidence of repentance (Acts 26:4-11). The element of confession is not directly mentioned, but we can see it through Paul's continuance of serving Christ after his conversion. I am sure in my own mind that confession was made during his three days of prayer and fasting prior to baptism (Acts 9:9, Acts 9:11). The element of baptism is named in Paul's conversion (Acts 9:18). I am fond of the verse which directly states that baptism washes away sins: "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16 KJV). Live faithfully; Paul is an excellent example throughout the New Testament for living faithfully. Paul did not wait long after his conversion; he immediately began to proclaim Jesus (Acts 9:20).

In the conversion of Paul, we see the following elements of salvation: hearing, believing, repenting, confessing, being baptized, and living faithfully. These elements are directly named or implied in the conversion of the apostle Paul. His example, recorded in Scripture, is an essential guide to knowing how to be saved. Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1).

CAMDEN AVENUE LIBRARY

Did you know that Camden Avenue church of Christ has a library? It is located in the hallway between the secretary's office and Room 109.

The elders would like each of you to take advantage of the many commentaries and other reference volumes available to help in your studies of the Holy Scriptures. If you have not seen the library, be sure to stop by and check it out. The works found there can help in understanding some of the deeper subjects found in the Bible.

Our only request is that you not keep the books for long. Please return the resources to the library so that others may utilize them as well.

We pray that you continue to delve deeply into the riches that can be found only in God's Holy Word!



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Judy Guinn

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Parkersburg, WV 26101

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"Thank you for the cards, prayers and encouragement after the loss of my grandma.

-Jennifer Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

August

- 7 Youth Night - 6:00-8:00
Pennsville church of Christ
- 9 Summer Series - 7:00
Speaker: Mark Tonkery from Norval Park
- 10 Teddy Bear Making - 9:30
multipurpose room
Please bring needed equipment
- 11 Friday Night Sing
Veto church of Christ
- 11 Friday Night Sing - 7:00
Pursley church of Christ
- 12 WVCYC Annual Golf Benefit
Mingo Bottom Golf Club, Elizabeth, WV
- 13 Fellowship Meal - 12:00
- 16 Summer Series - 7:00
Speaker: Doug Kashorek from 36th Street
- 18 Sing & Pie "Fling" - 6:00-8:00
West Virginia School of Preaching
Fellowship and desert to follow
- 18 Friday Night Sing - 7:00-9:00
Harrisville church of Christ
- 20 Lads to Leaders Kickoff - 12:00
- 20 Men's Meeting - 4:00
- 23 Summer Series - 7:00
Speaker: Colin Morrison Beallsville
- 26 Church Picnic
Dupont Park
- 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 Summer Series - 7:00
Speaker: Jay D. Smith of Rockport



September

- 9 WVCYC Bluegrass & BBQ - 12:00-5:00
- 24 Traveling Youth Group
Lubeck church of Christ
- 29 Friday Night Sing - 7:00
Wingett Run church of Christ

October

- 6-7 37th Annual Camden Avenue Bible Bowl
Book: Roman (NKJV)
Friday - Kids Event and Dinner for all
Saturday - Bible Bowl for all ages
- 15-18 Home Mission Workshop
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

Congratulations



to those that read the book of
1 Timothy during the month of July!

John Bonar	Mike Wade	Denny Keller
Debbie Bonar	Naomi Carr	Sandy Hughes
Dave Nulter	Delmas Carr	Cole Curry
DJ Curry	Addie Miller	Leon Hupp
Verna Huber	Charlene	Judy Hupp
Bill Davis	Donahue	David Epler
Keith Smith	Paul Saunders	Christine Epler
Eloise Smith	Charlotte	Barbara Cramlet
Bill Mills	Galloway	Cindy Huxley
Kay Mills	Jim Hughes	Bill Hoover
Stan Inman	Mary Daniel	Sherry Hoover
Jim Stoops	Dorothy Stevens	John Rockhold
Sonya Hescht	Sandy Keller	

The book of the month for August will be
2 Timothy. Please sign the sheet outside the
office when you complete the reading.

Serving in Worship

August 13, 2023

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Inman

Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Doug Wells

Scripture

AM - Connor Curry

PM - Gary Alton

Prayer

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Josh Hall

6:00 PM - Ben Haught

Close - Delams Carr

Communion

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Roy Halstead

Welcome Center

AM - Robin Anthony

PM - Stan Inman

Wed - Joann Goldsmith

Announcements - Rick Stanley

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Chris Tallman



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Aug. 6: Eze. 7-9 & Ps. 36

Aug. 7: Eze. 10-12 & Ps. 37

Aug. 8: Eze. 13-15 & Ps. 38

Aug. 9: Eze. 16-18 & Ps. 39

[Was I Born a Sinner?](#)

Aug. 10: Eze. 19-21 & Ps. 40

Aug. 11: Eze. 22-24 & Ps. 41

Aug. 12: Eze. 25-27 & Ps. 42

[Prophecy of Tyre](#)

Aug. 13: Eze. 28-30 & Ps. 43

Lawn Crew

August 10-12

Team 1:

Kevin Inman

Kody Inman

Kyle Inman

Korey Inman



Habanero Spotlight

Team Leaders: Roy & Stephanie Halstead

The Red Team makes the first contact with:

- Visitors to service
- Those requesting Bible study
- Urgent needs
- New Christians
- Respondents to the invitation

Red Team

"First Responders"

Responsibilities for Red Team Members:

- Be friendly!
- Make a *short* visit (within 72hrs)
- Make a *short* follow-up visit
- Take a gift with you (gifts will be provided)

If this sounds like something you could do, please see Roy Halstead or Paul Inman.

Facts and Figures

July 30, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....230

Sunday Bible Class.....199

Sunday PM Worship.....132

Wednesday PM.....133

Contribution.....\$6,327

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13

Restored/Req. Prayer.....6

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 13, 2023

"Trustworthy"



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.