

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

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Sunday AM Worship.....9:30am

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45am

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

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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Recorded  
information on many  
Bible subjects

# TO KEEP IN PRAYER

In an effort to keep our prayer list up-to-date and give adequate focus to all those in need of prayer, please give any updates on prayer requests to the office. Names are rotated monthly unless there are new updates or otherwise indicated.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet  
Dot Haught  
Judy Hupp  
CCMC 314  
Nita Faye Leach

Gwen Lucas  
Mike Lucas  
Debby Nesselroad  
Mary Nesselroad  
Rita Peters

Janet Plant  
David Potts  
Summer Rich  
Cotton Sayre

Eloise Smith  
Dorothy Stevens  
Chris Tallman  
Joyce Wright  
Sarah Wilcoxon

## SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong  
Harvey Caplinger  
Naomi Carr  
Keith Cowdery  
Patty Dawson  
Jim & Sallie  
Hinzman  
Jo Langler  
Linda Moncrief

Ed & Lois Porter  
Van Putnam  
Bonnie Sams  
Sue Vancamp

### Love & Care

Susan Haid  
Mildred Gault

Colonial House  
Lucille Hardman

### Cedar Grove

Janet Looney  
Jean Huber  
(Clayton Huber)  
Helen May  
(Verna Huber)

### The Willows

Doris Newberry  
Deloris Boyce  
(Jo Langler)  
Jenny Reynolds

### Wyngate

Rosellen Allen  
(Carol Vincent)

## FRIENDS & FAMILY

Zach Adams (from Elizabeth)  
Jason Barker (Charlene Donahue's g-son)  
Sawyer Bennett (Tabetha Rich)  
Linda Bowie (Van Sprague's mother)  
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler)  
Tessa Burrows (online prayer request)  
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)  
John Daggett (Aidan Klingler's granddad)  
Julanne Deitrich (Debra Bonar's sister)  
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)  
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)  
Becky England (Tabetha Rich's Aunt)  
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)  
Jim Frashure (a friend of the Hughes')  
Thomas Guerra (friend of Tabetha Rich)  
Cathie Haught (Brian Haught's mom)  
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)  
Pat Hoover (Sherry Hoover's sister)  
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)  
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)  
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)  
Michelle Jones

Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)  
Marilyn Miskcvish  
Ronda Moats-Redman (Brenda Dougherty)  
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)  
Gloria Morris (Darrell & Norma Vaught)  
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)  
Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law)  
Lewis Moyers (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law)  
Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister)  
Amanda Muncy (Dylan Muncy's mom)  
Trish Nemsek (Patty Dawson's daughter)  
Kevin Reynolds (Jenny Reynold's brother)  
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)  
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)  
Elizabeth Scarbrough's family  
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)  
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)  
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)  
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)  
Roberta Sommerville (Cindy Huxley)  
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)  
Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)

Thank you for the birthday cards.  
I enjoyed each of them.

-Bob Miller

# 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.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH** — If you completed reading Job 1-21 for the month of April, please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office. The book of the month for May will be Job 22-42.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SING** — The next Friday Night Sing will be this Friday, May 10 at Belle church of Christ in Belle, WV.

**GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE STATE CAPITOL** — Thursday, May 16 the Golden Agers will be visiting the State Capitol in Charleston, WV. The bus will leave at 7:45. There will be a tour of the capitol building at 9:30 and a visit to the West Virginia Culture Center at 10. There will be a \$5 bus fee plus the cost of lunch at the capitol building cafeteria.

**VBS** — Our VBS will be June 9-12. The Theme will be “Names of Jesus.” There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for helpers and fliers available to give to friends and family.

**VBS MEETING** — There will be a short meeting following morning Bible class for all VBS teachers. See Cody Hoover with any questions.

**POSTAL FOOD DRIVE** — The postal food drive through the Post Office will be Saturday, May 11th. We are in need of volunteers to be here at the building to help sort, box, and lift those boxes of food during the day. If you can assist with this please see Jeff Taberner.

**OHIO VALLEY TENT MEETING** — Sunday, June 2 through Saturday, June 8 at 161 Huber Drive, Parkersburg, WV. Lectures will begin at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 each evening. There will be many different speakers and topics. Fliers are available in the front lobby.

**MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY** — The 2024 Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day was a big success. We had 171 ladies in attendance from all over the Mid-Ohio Valley. Thank you to everyone that helped to make the day special! The 2025 Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day will be hosted by the 36th Street church of Christ.

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- ♥ Dot Haught will be having surgery for her fractured ankle Friday morning. She should be home on Saturday and will be non-weight-bearing for 6 weeks.
- ♥ Judy Hupp has been admitted to Camden Clark for testing. Please, no visitors at this time.
- ♥ Roberta Sommerville (Cindy Huxley's niece) fractured her back and will be in a nursing home for a couple of months. Her husband has Alzheimer's and needs constant care.
- ♥ Danny Wilson (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law) started chemo on Friday. He has now been admitted to the hospital for double pneumonia and sepsis.

## Deacons:

Kevin Cochran  
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman  
Financial

Jon Hescht  
Technology

Ryan Highman  
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann  
Maintenance

Cody Hoover  
Education

Kevin Inman  
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman  
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner  
Benevolence

## We Care Ministry:

Red Team  
Roy Halstead

Yellow Team  
Rick Stanley

Green Team  
Mike & Teresa Wade

Blue Team  
Chris & Terry Hofmann

Motivation Team  
DJ Curry

Operations  
Bill Hoover

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# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## Bedtime Stories

Picture a young child being tucked into bed at night. Like children throughout the ages, she wants a story. “Okay,” says Mom, “I’ll tell you something wonderful that happened to you when you were just a tiny little thing. I had heard there was a special new teacher in Israel. You were still very young, but there was no one to watch you, so you and I went to see Him. This teacher was everything people said and more! I even saw Him heal someone who was blind so that he could see again!” At this, the little girl’s eyes grow wide. “Really?” “Yes, really. He was . . . well, I think He must have been the Messiah. When I realized who He was, I thought how wonderful it would be if He would bless you. I was very nervous – but I managed to get near Him and asked this amazing man who could heal people if He would like to hold you and . . . He did. Isn’t that amazing? Little girl, you were once held by the Messiah!” And, of course, the child marvels at the very thought.

What do you think about the parents who struggled to get through the crowd to bring their children to Jesus? There was a time when the disciples didn’t think much of that effort. “People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them” (Luke 18:15). Guys, come on. Jesus is too busy for such a silly waste of His time! It’s not like these kids are going to remember the experience anyway. Jesus had different ideas: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (18:16). Parents and small children were making great efforts to get to Jesus. They were trying their hardest to have just a fleeting moment with the Savior. Jesus was not about to discourage or hinder that attitude. The disciples may have thought it frivolous, but I can easily imagine that one moment with Jesus becoming a family story that is passed down for generations.

What would you do for a moment with Jesus? What would you do to help your children have a moment with Him? Yes, He has ascended to heaven, but that doesn’t mean that we are completely without His presence. The last words of the Gospel of Matthew are Jesus saying: “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of age.” Here, Jesus promises to accompany those who are living out the mission of the church. Jesus also promises to meet with those who assemble in His name (Matt. 18:20). The opportunity to come to Jesus still exists, and we certainly should bring our children! May I suggest a good story the next time a child or grandchild asks you? “Sure, let me tell you something wonderful that happened to me when I was younger. I heard that there was a teacher who could do incredible things – even raise people from the dead! I know how that sounds, but I had to know if it was true, so I picked up a Bible to read the story for myself. I now believe it’s all true. I think Jesus was the Savior, and it’s so wonderful to live for Him. And I hope – when you’re old enough, that you decide to live for Him too!”

I’m sure some would say that kind of story is a waste of time. Parents are too busy for that kind of thing. Just like your kids, watch another video on YouTube before bed. But I won’t say that. No, being the crowd who discourages doesn’t make as good a story as being the one who fights through it to get you and your children to Jesus.

# SERMON NOTES

## *Clothed in Righteousness*

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:14

Speaker: DJ Curry

Sermon in a Sentence: Embrace the call to clothe yourselves in righteousness, reflecting Christ's character in every aspect of your life, including your attire and conduct.

“But \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
and make no \_\_\_\_\_ for the flesh, to *fulfill its* \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Romans 13:14 NKJV)

### I. Living in Alignment with Gods Will

### II. The Power of Attire

#### a. Clothed with Christ

### III. Understanding Modesty

#### a. Respecting Others and Ourselves

Modesty isn't just about personal choices; it's about considering others' well-being. By dressing modestly, we honor our spouses, protect against temptation, and demonstrate love and respect for their fellow believers.

Hear—Believe—Repent—Confess Faith in Christ—Be Baptized—Remain Faithful

PM Sermon: Where You Won't Find Justice

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 28:5

Speaker: Doug Wells

# CURRY CONNECTION

## *Clothed with Humility*

It was a hot day for the first day of December. I remember the first day of the West Virginia State Police Academy very well. The instructors pushed our bodies to the point that they would cramp up, and the instructors would then yell, “Hydrate!” We would gulp down an electrolyte drink, and back at it, we would go. They wanted the ones who really did not want it or who were not prepared for this journey to quit. However, I wanted that green uniform of a West Virginia State Trooper almost more than anything in the whole wide world. The instructors stood perfectly in their Class A uniforms. Their boots were polished to a mirror-like reflection, the badge on their chest blinded you with its shine, and their uniforms were pressed and creased without a single wrinkle. I would not dare to even imagine myself in that uniform until I earned it. There are many slogans in the WVSP, and one is “You Want It, You Earn It!”

Oh, boy, did they ever make me earn that uniform! That uniform, when I wore it, represented who I was and what I stood for. Strangers knew to approach me with certain matters and trusted me with them based on what I was wearing. As Christians, we should also aim to present ourselves in a way that is a proper representation of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul actually begs us to do this! “I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you PRESENT YOUR BODIES a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1 NKJV, emphasis mine). This Scripture discusses far more than how we present our bodies with clothing. However, how we dress is certainly part of our presentation, and as the Scripture encourages, our presentation should be “holy” and “acceptable to God.”

Go to God’s word to access His mind when determining what is “acceptable to God.” It is through the inspired writers we can know God (1 Corinthians 2:10-12). We can also know for certain that what is “acceptable to God” is the opposite of what is trending in the world. “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2).

The uniform that I wore was difficult to maintain and later became almost a burden for most. However, if a Trooper would substitute the uniform for something else, we become unrecognizable to those we protect and serve. The uniform was not solely for us or me but for the benefit of others who saw me. What tragedy it would have been if someone needed help and I missed helping them because I was out of uniform! The world will tell you to dress and wear whatever makes you feel proud and not worry about anyone else. The world’s mindset is it is their problem if your clothing or lack of it causes someone to stumble! That is not the case with God. He wants you to be clothed with Christ (Romans 13:14; Galatians 3:27) and to be presented as a holy representative of Him (2 Corinthians 5:20). “...Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY, for ‘God resists the proud, But gives to the humble’” (1 Peter 5:5, emphasis mine). As a Christian, your uniform was given to you by the grace of God, and you did not earn it. Cherish the gifts God has given you and adorn yourselves modestly (1 Timothy 2:9). What influence do you present for Jesus and others out of uniform?

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## *May*

- 5 **Lubeck Gospel Meeting**  
-8 Speaker: Allen Webster  
"A Series on Evangelism"
- 9 **Spring Apologetics Lectures - 1:30-4:30**  
North End church of Christ  
Speaker: Phil Sanders  
"Resurrection - Many Infallible Proofs"
- 11 **Harrisville Ladies' Inspiration Day**  
"Peace of Mind"  
Speaker: CoCo Hardwick
- 16 **Golden Agers Trip to the State Capitol**  
Bus will leave at 7:45  
Cost: \$5 plus the cost of lunch
- 17 **Fort Hill Men's Retreat**  
-18 Speaker: Matthew Morine

## *June*

- 1 **End of School Year Ice Cream Social**
- 2-8 **Ohio Valley Tent Meeting**  
161 Huber Dr, Parkersburg, WV 26104
- 9-12 **VBS - The Name of Jesus**  
Sign-up sheets for helpers are in the lobby
- 29 **The Flood Experience**  
-3 Lectures and tours with Dr. Jeff Miller at key flood-relevant sites in Northern Arizona  
na  
Cost is \$599 (ages 5 & under free)

## MINUTE OF MEDITATION

*Heard on V96.9 and WVAM 98.1 FM, 107.9 FM, and AM 1450*

### The Blessings of a Mother's Love

Let's take a minute to reflect on the blessings of a mother's love. As Mother's Day approaches, we're reminded of the profound impact of a mother's love, reflecting God's nurturing care. Proverbs 31:26 highlights her wisdom, "She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness" (Proverbs 31:26 NKJV).

A mother's love is a glimpse of God's unconditional love for us. Just as a mother cherishes her children, God treasures each of us as His beloved. Let's take this opportunity to honor and appreciate the mothers in our lives. Ephesians 6:2 encourages, "Honor your father and mother." Let's express our gratitude and love, recognizing their sacrifices and devotion.

This Mother's Day, let's celebrate the blessing of a mother's love, a reflection of God's infinite love for His children. 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

May 12, 2024

## Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

## Deacon in Charge

Kyle Inman

## Song Leader

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Levi Wells

## Scripture

AM - Jordan Alton

PM - Bill Merrill

## Prayer

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran

Close - Josh Hall

6:00 PM - Ron Riddle

Close - Edwin Hoover

## Communion

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Jeff Taberner

## Welcome Center

AM - Sherry Sponseller

PM - Stan Inman

Wed - Marion Goldsmith (5/15)

**Announcements** - John Life

**PA System** - Steve Gray

**Projector** - Doug Hershman

**Security** - Clayton Huber



# Interactive Bible Reading Plan

May 5 1 Chr 8-10 Psa 124

May 6 2 Sam 5-6 1 Chr 11-12 Psa 125

May 7 1 Chr 13-16 Psa 126

[Sermon: Psalm 126](#)

May 8 2 Sam 7-8 1 Chr 17-18 Psa 127

May 9 2 Sam 8-9 1 Chr 19-20 Psa 128

May 10 2 Sam 10-13 Psa 129

May 11 2 Sam 14-17 Psa 130

[Bible Land Passages: Passage 6](#)

May 12 2 Sam 18-21 Psa 131

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

## Friday Night Sings

May 3, 2024

**Pennsboro**

205 E Penn Ave.

Pennsboro, WV 26415

May 17, 2024

**Sunrush**

1597 Western Ave.

Chillicothe, OH 45601

May 10, 2024

**Belle**

111 Kanawha, Street

Belle, WV 25015

May 24, 2024

**36th Street**

610 36th Street

Vienna, WV 26101

## May Needs

Care Group 1: Pasta Sauce/Fruit Cocktail

Care Group 2: Dry Cereal/Jelly

Care Group 3: Canned Chicken/Noodles

Care Group 4: Rice/Tomato Soup



## Facts and Figures

April 28, 2024

Sunday AM Worship ..... 197

Sunday Bible Class ..... 170

Sunday PM Worship ..... 150

Wednesday Bible Class ..... 176

Ladies' Inspiration Day ..... 171

Contribution ..... \$7,162.02

## Membership 2024

Baptisms ..... 2

Restored/Req. Prayer ..... 0

Placed Membership ..... 0

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP TV 15

8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM

May 12, 2024

"One Body"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

May :

Job 22-42

2024: Wisdom Literature

June: Psalms (Book I) 1-41

July: Psalms (Book II) 42-72

August: Psalms (Book III) 73-89

Sep.: Psalms (Book IV) 90-106

Oct.: Psalms (Book V) 107-150

November: Ecclesiastes

December: Song of Songs



*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.*