

# Camden Church of Christ

## Christ Centered ~ Bible Based



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### Schedule of Services

#### SUNDAY

Bible Study (suspended)

Morning Worship 10:00 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### **A Warning Signal**

By G. K. Wallace

Jesus Christ was not a nervous alarmist, so we should listen very attentively to his warning to avoid danger. When Christ warns of danger, be it remembered, there is real danger. In Matt. 6:1 Jesus said, "take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them." This text is a grave warning. The Lord speaks of a foe that is lurking in our path.

#### *I. What is the danger of which Jesus is warning us?*

1. The danger about which he speaks in Matt. 6:1 is not that of idleness. Yet, we know that idleness is a grievous sin. This lesson is emphasized in the parable of the talents. Jesus said to the man who had buried his talent, "Thou wicked and slothful servant." He who is Idle is wicked. Also, we learn from Matt. 21 that the tree that did not bear fruit is likened to unto the Christian who does not bear fruit. The Barren fig tree was to be destroyed. The Christian who does not bear fruit is thus warned of the danger of the judgment.

2. When the Lord condemned prayer to be seen of men, He does not necessarily condemn prayer in the presence of men. Also, when the Lord condemned giving to be seen of men, he did not condemn giving in the presence of men. One may pray and give in the presence of men with the right motive and yet not do it to be seen of men. Christians are to let their light shine before men. The good confession is to be made in the presence of witnesses.

3. The warning then of Christ, is against the wrong motive in what we do. In Matt. 6:1-18 Jesus lays down the motive test. He warns against a wrong incentive. The moral quality of a deed is determined by the inducement that gives it birth. It could be that the good we do may have no merit at all unless prompted by a pure motive. In Matt. 6:1-18 Jesus shows us how to apply the motive test to several Christian principles.

We are not to fast in order that men might approve. A true fast is one that is prompted by a burning desire to please the Lord. A true fast is not a set fast, but one that is prompted by deep sorrow. If one's heart is so

burdened by the work of the Lord that he cannot eat, then he is fasting with a right motive.

In our giving we should be careful that we give to please the Lord. Sometimes, perhaps, we give with our eyes fixed on men. The Lord knows the secrets of the heart and we should be careful that our motive is pure.

In praying We should enter into our closet and pray to God. We do not enter a literal closet, but in our minds we retire even in the presence of a crowd. Christians who have mastered the secret of being alone with God in the midst of a crowd, have usually learned this lesson in the hush and quiet of privacy.

II. *What is the danger of giving way to the wrong motives?* The wrong motive poisons the fount of life. The fountain being polluted, the stream flowing out from it will be impure. The motive of a deed helps to determine the quality of the deed. No deed or service can be good that is done through a base or sorted motive. If, when Judas stepped out of the crowd and kissed our Lord, he had done this with a pure motive, the deed would [Continued on page 3]

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**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS.** *Please fill out a white visitor card (on the table in the foyer), including your mailing address and email address, and drop it in the collection plate on your way out. We are so glad we can worship together today.*

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**Second Harvest** – Volunteers for Second Harvest will *not* be needed for the next couple of months.

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**Personal Items in room 114** – There are still a lot of personal items in room 114 if you would like to claim those.

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**Wednesday Night Devotionals** – The new year is just around the corner. Perhaps a new year's resolution for some of our men could be to work on public speaking by presenting a short devotional on Wednesday nights. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Those who have already been participating in this have been doing a great job!

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**Food Committee Bookkeepers 2021** – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for any ladies who would be able to sign up for the food committee bookkeepers for this year. Thanks!

**Please Continue to Pray for:**

**Cancer:** Betty Hyde, Phyllis Sanders, Margaret Turner, Margaret Joyner, Wayne Johnson, Richard Fry, Hope Whetherford, Bill Cargle, Doug Rains, Robert Blackstock (a friend of Greg Matlock), Charlotte Loggains (LaBriska Blow's mother), Larry White (a friend of Greg Matlock), Angela Henry (Nancy Curtis's niece), George Smith (brother of Brenda Travis), Marsha Hatley, Jimmy and JoAnn Arnold (friends of Tracy Tolley), Darlene Tunnel (Dwayne Robinson's sister), Lisa Lowry (a co-worker of Michelle Ballard), Bryant Allen (Michelle Ballard's brother), Loman Ballard (Stacy's father), Becky Orr (John Taylor's Aunt), Lora Pettigrew (Glenda Sparks' aunt), Lesia Jordan (a friend of Susie Belisle), Joe Garner (a friend of Ross Cole), Leslie Hicks (Susan Hicks' husband), Faylene Marvin (Cecil Bates' sister), Clyde Lindsey (Penny Wyatt's uncle), Eddie Breeden (a member of the Hustburg church of Christ), Betty White (sister of Dorothy Cain), Cindy Crossett Smith (a friend's daughter-in-law of Gail Townsend), Steve Higginbotham, and William Cox (a friend of David Ulderich).

**Others:** Luke Crossett, Joan Ballard, Dorothy Redden, Tarry Stockdale, Jewel Hatley, Susie Brackins, Tracy Tolley, Linda Hams, Tammy DeBruce, Lynn White, Lisa Haynie, Vickie Cox, Shirley Overby (a friend of Greg Matlock), Ann Dinkins (Angela Hick's mom), Janet Holland (friend of Rebecca Whitfield), Dorothy and Pete Chappell, Johnny (Susie Brackins' brother), Rita Hatler, David Taylor, Larry Fisher (Jana Ulderich's step-father), Walter Bryant (a friend of Ross Cole), Tommy Hams (the brother-in-law of Greg Matlock), Beau Griffin, Chesney Bell, Louise Holder (Jim's mom), Russell Holmes, Aaron Roberts (a friend of Garrett Todd and Shawn McDowell), Donnie Cuthbertson (a friend of Ross Cole), Bonnie Fleischman (Georgia Lashlee's daughter), Jeff Homan (a nephew of Emma and John Dawson), Brian Melton (a friend of John and Cindy Lumpkin), David Nowlin (a friend of Joan Phillips), Thomas Little (a friend's grandson of Wanda Horner and Marge Phillips), Sue Bell, Mildred Hedge (J.C. Hedge's widow), Keith Hamm (a friend of Greg Matlock), Janice and Billy Watkins, Janice White, Kim Fisher (a friend of Nicole Blackburn), Muriel Larkins (Bryan's grandmother), Brenda Travis, Virgie Heintz, Kristy (Danny Hardin's daughter), Rita Kelly, Audrey Joralmon, Myrt McLarty, Debbie Fretwell (Sanders), Carolyn Wheatley, Tony Matlock, Susan Phipps, Alan Douglas (and sons, Pete and Will), and Betty Vetsch (Carol Hollingsworth's niece).

**Sympathy:** To the families of Carolyn Farmer, Rachel Epperson (Ronnie Grimes' sister), and Madison Furr (Kristi Duffey's father).

**Military:** Mallory Pratt Triplett, US Marine Corp; Joshua Melton, US Marine Corp; Austin Riley, US Navy

## Special Donations

- Given to the building fund in memory of **Eva Maiden** and **Carolyn Farmer** by Anita Boyd.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Rachel Epperson** by m/m Bill Jarnagin.
- Given to the building fund to honor **our elders & wives, our deacons & wives, our song leaders, Sue Bell, Jerry Berry, Jean Bogle, Pete & Dorothy Chappel, Odell Farmer, Desmond & Dorothy Jarrett, Dorothy Laux, Tom McCormack, Mary Jo Medlin, Barbara Thompson, Gail Townsend, and Buddy & Shelby Webb**, by Anita Boyd.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Carolyn Farmer** by m/m Thomas Ray Townsend.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Carolyn Farmer** by Mary Jo Medlin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Carolyn Farmer** by Barbara Thompson.

*Our caring remembrances are gratefully appreciated by the families and by the church.*

## Recent Prayer Requests

- Please keep **this country** in your prayers.
- **Dwayne Robinson's** biopsy will be rescheduled at a future date.
- The family of **Levi Chisholm** really need our prayers. Their two-year-old twins, **Lainey** and **Levi** nearly drowned. Levi is having treatments in a hyperbaric chamber in New Orleans. You can learn more about this on their Facebook page called Light for Levi and Lainey. If you would like to send a card to this family, the address has been posted on the bulletin board.
- Barbara Thompson's son-in-law, **Jerry**, is doing better, but her daughter, **Brandy**, now has covid-19.
- **Myrt McLarty** has multiple polyps on her throat. She will need surgery for this. A date has not yet been set for this.
- **Shane Karney**, the grandson of Kathy Butler, has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep Kathy and Ann in your prayers.
- At the time of this printing, **Marcia Hatley's** family has been called to be with her at Lifecare.

- **Barry Richardson**, a tenant of the Thompson's, has a blood clot in his leg. The doctors are considering amputation.
- **Ron McKinney**, a friend of the Thompson's, had a stroke last weekend. He is unresponsive and on a breathing machine. Please remember this family in your prayers as well.
- **Jerry Sparks**, Wesley's dad, is in need of our prayers.
- **Ed Ulderich** went to see a hematologist in west Memphis this past Thursday.

## FROM THE ELDERS

*The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, we would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.*

## FOR THE RECORD

Week of January 3, 2021

Sunday Morning Worship:	95
Sunday Evening Worship:	42
Wednesday Night:	46

*- Sunday morning Bible classes remain temporarily suspended due to covid-19 concerns.*

*[Continued from page 2] have been beautiful. If Judas had been loyal and true to Christ and had given him this kiss to prove his loyalty, the world would never have stopped talking of this deed. Our songbooks would be filled with songs about Judas, sermons about his loyalty would be preached, and everywhere his name would be praised. The fact that he took the most beautiful caress of love and made of it an instrument of treachery, his deed has gone down in history as one of the blackest crimes ever committed.*

*It is true that sometimes a deed prompted by an ugly motive is overruled to the glory of God. Joseph was sold by his brothers into slavery. This was an ugly deed prompted by a vile and infamous motive. However, when the brothers of Joseph came down into Egypt, Joseph said to them, "You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good." The experience of Joseph and being mistreated by his*

brothers, made it possible for him to pass from the tent of a nomad to the Palace of a King without being puffed up. The unfortunate experience of Joseph made him humble and wholly dependent upon God.

III. *How then can we, too, test the motive of our deeds?* we might help ourselves to understand the motives back of our deeds by asking ourselves questions like these: Do we cease or deeds when men fail to applaud? Do we work faithfully as long as we are permitted to teach a class, and stay away when we are not? Do we serve faithfully when we serve as a leader and quit when another takes our place? Do we go to church as long as we are greeted warmly and quit if we are ignored for a service or two? The answer to these questions will reveal the condition of our hearts. If we regard more highly the opinions of men about us than we do what God thinks of us our motives are not pure.

The best cure for a heart that serves only for the praise of men is to surrender to the wish and will of Christ. We should fill our lives with positive good. We cannot drive the darkness out of our lives with a club. We must allow the light of the gospel to shine in our hearts. Paul said, "whatsoever ye do, work heartily, as unto the Lord." If we do everything heartily as *unto* the Lord, we will thus avoid the danger about which Jesus speaks.

\* *Gospel Advocate* (Nashville, TN.: January 31, 1957), 65, 74.



### **Youth Events**

**February 26-28<sup>th</sup> - CYC.** Total cost is \$80. Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - \$25. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - \$25.

### **Scripture Readers**

January 10<sup>th</sup> AM CJ Baker  
January 10<sup>th</sup> PM Joel Sisco  
January 13<sup>th</sup> Paul Ulderich  
January 17<sup>th</sup> AM Tom Ulderich  
January 17<sup>th</sup> PM Cameron Ballard  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Hunter Sparks  
January 24<sup>th</sup> AM Aden Hardin  
January 24<sup>th</sup> PM Trevor Smith