

Camden Church of Christ

Christ Centered ~ Bible Based



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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 am

Morning Worship 9:50 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

The Campbell Movement

(Continued where left off last week)

THE MCCALLA DEBATE PUBLISHED

Upon his return home, Mr. Campbell began at once to make ready for the publication of his debate with McCalla. It had not been stenographically reported, but from his own copious notes and those taken at the time by Sidney Rigdon he was able to accurately reproduce it, so that, in spite of McCalla's efforts to discredit it before its appearance, those who heard it were able to fully attest its correctness. It contained a large amount of interesting matter on the subjects under discussion, in addition to the arguments made in the debate, and altogether made a book of four hundred pages. Mr. Campbell said in the preface: "If The whole of this work were a forgery, it combats every argument made by the Pedobaptists; and if the arguments impugned in this volume are refuted, the reader may rest assured there are no others to exhibit." It is said that "this discussion, indeed, thus reported and circulated, proved to be the severest blow that Pedobaptism had ever received in any part of the world." It may here be added that this blow, together with those struck by other Restoration preachers since that time, has just about put this unscriptural practice of infant baptism to death in this country. A half century and less ago it was a frequent occurrence, but in these latter days it is rarely heard of, and no man of standing will rise up to defend it.

SEEKS TO ADVANCE RELIGIOUS REFORMATION

All the while Mr. Campbell continued to urge his plea for reformation both through the pages of the Christian Baptist and also by his public addresses. Many who through his efforts had been released from the bonds of clerical rule were now beginning to investigate the Scriptures for themselves. To all such he endeavored to render every possible assistance and encouragement by calling attention to the differences between ancient and modern Christianity and by giving valuable instructions as to the best methods of studying the word of God.

A method he recommended for the study of the New Testament was to take it up with pen and pencil in hand. "Begin with Matthew's Gospel; read the whole of it at one reading or two; mark on the margin every sentence you think you do not understand. Turn back again; read it a second time in less portions at once than in the first reading; cancel such marks as you have made which noted passages which on the first reading appeared to you dark or difficult to understand, but at the second reading opened to your view. Then read Mark, Luke, and John in the same manner, as they all treat on the same subject. After having read each evangelist in this way, read them all in succession a third time. At this time you will be able, no doubt, to cancel many of your marks. Then read Acts of Apostles, which is the key to all of the Epistles; then the Epistles in a similar manner. *(Continued on last page)*

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS. Please fill out a white visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, 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.

Friends and Family Day – We will be having our Friends and Family Day with Bill Watkins (who works with the Crieve Hall congregation near Nashville) on July 31.

Placing Membership – Fran and Doug Utley have expressed their desire to place membership with us. We are so glad to get to welcome them into our church family here at the Camden church of Christ. They already felt like family, but now it's "official."

Lads to Leaders – Awards and recognition will be given to our young people who participated in Lads to Leaders last year after the evening worship service on May 15th.

Communion Bags – We are requesting your help with preparing the communion bags for Sunday morning in leu of preparing communion trays. A sign-up sheet is being placed on the bulletin board for this.

Second Harvest Food Bank – Help is needed sorting food on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, from 9 to 11 a.m. This is for ages 6 and up. Let Stacey Ballard know if you can help, and he can give you more details.

Mowing – A sign-up sheet for mowing has been placed on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help with that. This could change, but for right now, we need help with both the zero turn and tractor.

High School Seniors – We are going to be honoring our graduating seniors this evening after our regular worship service. They are Brett Townsend, Tell Laux, Lexi Harris, and Cloe McDowell.

Ladies Fellowship with a Purpose – Ladies fellowship with a Purpose will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Area-Wide Cook-Out – We will be having an area-wide cook-out at the barn with area congregations May 14th at 12 p.m. All area congregations and friends are welcome to join us.

Wednesday Night Bible Study – Due to our new class on Acts on Sunday mornings, the auditorium class will be shifting from our study on New Testament churches in the Book of Acts to the seven churches of Asia from Revelation 2-3. This will be starting this Wednesday.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Cancer: Robert Blackstock (a friend of Greg Matlock), George Smith (brother of Brenda Travis), Bryant Allen (Michelle Ballard's brother), Loman Ballard (Stacy's father), Faylene Marvin (Cecil Bates's sister), Eddie Breeden (a member of the Hustburg church of Christ) Shane Karney (grandson of Kathy Butler), Paula Cox (a teacher at Briarwood), Janet Holland (friend of Rebecca Whitfield), Myrt McLarty, Becky Orr (John Taylor's aunt), Triston Frye, Alex (the son of Ron Reiter, a friend of Ross Cole), Judy Kennon (Renee Crossett's stepmother), Steve Cannady (a local nurse practitioner), Mark DeBruce (Glenda Sparks' brother-in-law), Doug Utley (Anita Boyd's son), Millette Florence (Emory's sister-in-law), Maelinda Varneke (the wife of Michael Varneke, who does our fire extinguishers and is a member of the church), Meg Day (Heidi Laux's sister), Kari McDaniel (a friend of Megan Todd), Frank and Terry (Barbara Thompson's brothers).

Others: Luke Crossett, Susie Brackins, Tracy Tolley, Linda Hams, Tammy DeBruce, Lynn White, Vickie Cox, Ann Dinkins (Angela Hick's mom), Johnny (Susie Brackins' brother), 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, Russell Holmes, Aaron Roberts (a friend of Garrett Todd and Shawn McDowell), Donnie Cuthbertson (a friend of Ross Cole), Jeff Homan (a nephew of Emma and John Dawson), Brian Melton (a friend of John and Cindy Lumpkin), Thomas Little (a friend's grandson of Wanda Horner and Marge Phillips), Mildred Hedge (J.C. Hedge's widow), Janice and Billy Watkins, Brenda Travis, Rita Kelly, Lainey and Levi Chisholm, Brett Wyatt (a nephew of Penny's niece), Lynn McKee (a friend's mother of Nicole Blackburn), Vickie Hudgins (Mike Wilson's sister), Debra Bates, Madison French (Wanda Malin's niece), Sharon Oros (Debra Bates' cousin), Anthony Herbison (Greg Matlock's stepson), Diana Berdy (Debra Bates' mother), Fiscus Nicole (a friend of Kermit Peck), Jerry Kelley, Terry Larkins, Virgie Heintz, Wanda Horner, DeeDee Ellis (a friend of Tonya Robinson), Rita Kelley, Bob Farmer, Dorothy Laux, Mary Margaret Ulderich, Eddie (a friend of Tom Ulderich), Juana Chavez (Karla Cook's mom), Christopher Jordan (the child of a friend of Brian and Heather Larkins), Tony Matlock, Donna Grimes, and Frances Layman (Sid Osment's great aunt).

Sympathy: To the families of Nell Blackburn (Adam's grandmother), Lyndell Weatherly (Debbie Larkins' cousin), and Lattie Bawcum (John Ivey's great aunt).

Military: Mallory Pratt Triplett, US Marine Corp; Joshua Melton, US Marine Corp; Austin Riley, US Navy; Hunter Sparks, US Airforce.

Special Donations

- Given to the building fund in memory of **Nell Blackburn & Phyllis Wilkinson** by m/m Johnny Lumpkin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Susan Phipps** by m/m George P. Sugars.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Phyllis Wilkinson** by Charletta Ragsdale.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Phyllis Wilkinson** by m/m Bill Jarnagin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Susan Phipps** by m/m I. A. Roberts.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Eddie Curtis** by Anita Boyd.

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

Recent Prayer Requests

- Let's please remember **the people of Ukraine** in our prayers. If anyone would like to send aid for them, there is an address on the bulletin board where that can be sent.
- **Virgie Heintz** was able to come back home from rehab. She is feeling much better and happy to be home, but still needs our prayers.
- **Jim Curry** has been placed under Hospice care. He lives in Hohenwald.
- **Anna Sue Curtis**, who was a member of the Dry Branch church of Christ, was moved from the Samaritan Village to Life Care of Bruceton. Prayers have been requested for her. She is in room 221 and likes phone calls. Her number is posted on the bulletin board.
- **Meg Day**, Heidi Laux's sister, has begun radiation treatments. She will be going every day for 6 weeks. Her address is on the bulletin board.
- **Scarlett Barber**, Alayna Ulderich's niece, is a newborn who had seizures as a result of excess bleeding in her head outside the skull. She has some brain damage, but the extent is unknown until she sees a neurologist.
- **Lorie Link**, Karen Lynch's sister, still can't put weight on her knee that she had surgery on recently. She went back to the doctor last week.
- **Gail Carmen**, also a sister of Karen Lynch, will be having surgery May 23rd.

- **Doug Utley** needs special prayers. He is not reacting well to his immune therapy.
- **William Holder** suffered a concussion recently, but seems to be doing ok.
- **Brenda Travis** is having some health issues.

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 April 24, 2022

Sunday School	102
Sunday Morning Worship	151
Sunday Night Worship	64
Wednesday Night	81

NEXT WEEK

May 8, 2022

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Morning Prayers

David Ulderich
John Dawson

Evening Prayers

Joe Sisco
Geoffery Kee

The Lord's Table

Daniel Richardson

Scripture Readers

Stacy Ballard (a.m.)
Cameron Ballard (p.m.)

Evening Communion

Tell Laux

If unable to serve, please tell William Blow.

Please Remember Our Shut-ins

Mary Edwards, Ray and Joyce Frazee, Kathy Butler, Dorothy Laux, Dorothy Chappell, Sue Bell, Janice White, Virgie Heintz, Jimmy and Evelyn Johnson, Frank and Marge Phillips, Jean Bogle, and Wanda Horner.

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." (Jas 1:27)

The Campbell Movement

(Continued)

Always, before reading an Epistle, read everything said about the people addressed in the Epistle which you find in the Acts of the Apostles. This is the course which we would take to understand any book.”

INTO THE MAHONING ASSOCIATION

In an article some time ago the method by which Mr. Campbell escaped excommunication by the Redstone Association was recounted. He and about thirty others applied for and received letters from the Brush Run Church and immediately organized the Church of Wellsburg. When his enemies in the Redstone Association discovered that he was neither a messenger nor a member of the Brush Run Church, their interest in excluding it from the association was immediately lost. Now, in September, 1824, he, together with John Brown and George Young, was sent as a messenger of the church at Wellsburg to the Mahoning Association, which met at Hubbard, and Trumbull County. in the minutes of this meeting the sixth item reads as follows: “At the request of the church of Christ at Wellsburg it was received into the association.” It will be noted that this congregation did not call itself a Baptist Church, but the “church of Christ at Wellsburg.” It is also true that the principles of the Restoration were making rapid progress in this association, which a little later on adopted them *in toto*.

SOME INTERESTING QUESTIONS

The character of questions sent up by the churches of this association and the answers given by it indicate how the reformatory principles were working among them. Here are some of them:

“Queries from Nelson Church: (1) Will this association hold in its connection a church which acknowledges no other rule of faith and practice than the Scriptures? Answer: Yes, on satisfactory evidence that they walk according to this rule. (2) In what manner were members received in the churches set in order by the apostles? Answer: Those who believed and were baptized were added to the churches. (3) How were members excluded from the church? Answer: By a vote of the brethren.

“Query from New Lisbon Church: Is it scriptural to license a brother to administer the word and not the ordinances? Answer: We have no such custom taught in the Scriptures.

“Query from Randolph Church: Can associations in their present modifications find their model in the New Testament? Answer: Not exactly.

“Query from Youngstown Church: Was the practice of the primitive church and exact pattern to succeeding ages, and is every practice designed for good to be receded from which was not the practice of the primitive saints in their peculiar circumstances? Answer: It is the duty and high privilege of every Christian to aim at an exact conformity to the example of the churches set in order by the apostles, and

to endeavor to imitate them in all things imitable by them.”

It is evident that these churches had been strongly directed to the New Testament church as the divine model for all succeeding ages. The spirit of inquiry had been awakened. There was manifestly a searching of the Scriptures and a disposition to call in question every religious doctrine and practice for which there was no divine authority.¹

1. This article was copied from the following: L. L. Brigrance, “The Campbell Movement,” *Gospel Advocate*, Vol. 77, Num. 5 (Nashville, TN.: January 31, 1935), 104, 117 open.

α YOUTH GROUP α

Remind code: @316-john

Senior Night

Tonight after evening Worship
(Please see Mrs. Joan Phillips if you'd like to help with refreshments and or decorations.)

JOIN US ON THE BIBLE APP!

Let Trevor know if you need help joining.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BIBLES TO CHURCH & CLASS

Kids Corner

5th Grade and Under

PEW PACKERS!

Sundays @ 5:45 in room 106 (next to nursery)