

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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.

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Three people may be saved from the blood donated
by one person.

You can make a difference!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive will tomorrow in the MP Room
from 1:00-6:00.

Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

See Marion for details.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner

Ministers:

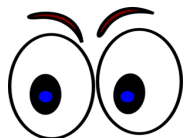
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How do you live
your life...when
nobody's
watching?



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Gloria Frazier, Gilbert Hardman, Diana Hesselrode, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson
(Jo Langler is home with health issues related to her asthma. She is requesting your prayers.)

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patty Alton, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Elijah Clark, Alan Eaton (Lois Nulter's son), David Fogglin, Tony Haid (Len's son), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Helen Ruble, David Smith (Billie Coe's nephew), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Merl White (Terry Hofmann's father), Susan Williams (Friend of Don and Brenda Dougherty), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)



Eli Clark

499 Montgomery Hill Rd
Walker, WV 26180

Please keep Eli and family in your prayers and remember him with cheery cards.

Colleen Ash's daughter, Linda Liggins will have cataract surgery tomorrow in Florida. Please keep her in your prayers.

Ray and Phyllis Johnson are residing at the Brookdale Senior Living.
They would enjoy hearing from their church family.
Brookdale Marietta

150 Browns Road, Marietta, OH 45750



THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for our anniversary cards. **Keith and Eloise Smith**
- ♥ Thank you all for the beautiful birthday cards. I appreciate each of them.
In Christian love, **Colleen Ash**



News and Announcements

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Braidon and Lexi Knotts in the birth of their son, Skylar Keith Knotts. He arrived Tuesday, August 8 weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and 20 inches. Proud big sister is Payton. Congratulations to grandparents Rob and Kathy Hoover and Brian and Ann Knotts and great-grandparents Bill and Sherry Hoover.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be tomorrow in the MP Room 1:00-6:00. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. Donors are still needed. See Marion for more information.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO ROSCOE VILLAGE

The Golden Agers trip to Roscoe Village will be this Tuesday, August 15, leaving at 8:00AM. Plans include a horse-drawn canal boat ride, lunch and historical tour. We will have dinner at Theo's in Cambridge on the way home. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. Dwain would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with anyone interested and/or planning to go on the trip.

MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING

Men's meeting and Ladies' meetings next Sunday at 5:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, August 26 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. Romans 12 will be discussed.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Each family is asked to take a coin bank and fill it over the next few months. The banks are located in the foyers.

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP DVD'S

DVD's of the Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp's 65th Anniversary are available on the counter in the foyer for a \$4 donation.

Daily Bible Reading

August 13 - Romans 6, Psalms 25-29
August 14 - Romans 7, Psalms 30-33
August 15 - Romans 8:1-17, Psalms 34-36
August 16 - Romans 8:18-39, Psalms 37-38
August 17 - Romans 9, Psalms 39-43
August 18 - Romans 10, Psalms 44-47
August 19 - Romans 11:1-21, Psalms 48-51
August 20 - Romans 11:22-36, Psalms 52-56



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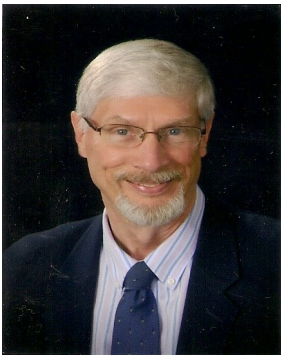
Summer Series

will continue this Wednesday
at 7:00 with
Steve Haguewood.

Please join us!

Daily Reading - Bible classes

August 14 - Numbers 13:1-3, 17-20
August 15 - Numbers 13:25-33
August 16 - Numbers 14:1-12, 17-24
August 17 - Numbers 14:26-38
August 18 - Numbers 14:39-45



DANA'S DIRECTION

Rick Stanley – Counsellor on Staff

We are so fortunate to have a trained counselling professional on the staff here at Camden Avenue. Rick is semi-retired from the Counselling and Wellness Center here in Parkersburg, but is available to speak with anyone here on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00pm-4:00pm, or at other times by appointment.

Rick grew up here at Camden Avenue. His parents Eugene and Alverda were very active in the church here with his father serving as an Elder and his mother taught bible classes for many years. Rick and Kay were married here in 1975 and Rick has taught a Sunday morning class for nearly all of those years.

Rick's education was received at OVC and West Liberty College. He enlisted in the Army in 1970, and through a series of events, that Rick regards as providential, he was directed toward Social Work and Counselling. He began his career at St. Joseph's Hospital working in the Mental Health field, and continued his education at WVU and OU. He spent many years working with adolescents. He and Kay kept foster children in their home.

Rick continues to see clients professionally on a part time basis and has a Veteran's Support group that he has worked with for over 24 years.

Rick defines Christian Counselling in this way: "I am a Christian, and I am a counsellor." His background, faith, experience and education have given him a lifetime perspective on helping people to deal with life's difficulties appealing to Biblical principles and faith. He is a trained, certified mental health professional, but also acknowledges the need, at times, to be able to talk over our problems with a concerned brother in Christ.

In what areas could Rick be of help? He describes times when we all hit a few "bumps in the road." He can help those who are dealing with grief and loss, depression or anxiety. He seeks to be able to assist those who are having marital and family difficulties. Rick has conducted several Marriage Retreats for our members and presented Marriage and Parenting Seminars both here and in other congregations.

Rick wishes to assure all that confidentiality is of utmost importance. For this reason, he asks that anyone who wishes to speak with him to set an appointment with him by calling 304-210-2367.

We are thankful to our elders for seeing the importance of providing this service and to Rick for his many years of serving the Lord in this way.

Prayers of the Church

(Acts 12:5-17)



The first church was a _____ church. “And they continued _____ in the apostles’ _____ and _____, and the breaking of bread and in the _____” (Acts 2:42). “And we will give ourselves _____ to _____ and the ministry of the word” (Acts 6:4).

The crisis at Jerusalem - how did the church respond? “Peter was therefore kept in prison, but _____ was offered to God for him by the _____” (Acts 12:5).

We must pray with _____. “But in _____ by _____ and _____ with _____, let your _____ be made known unto God” (Philippians 4:6). “Therefore, let us come _____ to the _____ of grace that we may obtain _____ and find grace to _____ in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). **The prayers of the church were _____, fervent, _____!** “The _____ prayer of a _____ man avails much” (James 5:16).

We must pray in _____. “And in all things _____ you ask _____, believing, you will _____” (Matthews 21:22). **God answered _____ prayers.** “I have seen your tears; surely I will _____ you....And I will add to your days _____ years” (II Kings 20:1-6). **Hezekiah asked for a _____.** “It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go _____ ten degrees” (II Kings 20:10).

God’s _____ power. “Now to Him who is _____ to do _____, _____, above all that we _____ or _____, according to the power that works in us” (Ephesians 3:20). “_____, and it shall be _____ to you, _____ and you will _____, _____ and it will be _____ unto you” (Matthew 7:7).

We must be prepared for the _____ to our prayers. “When they opened the door and saw him (Peter) they were _____” (Acts 12:16). **We need to be _____ what we pray for. God may answer our prayer _____ than we anticipated.**

_____ are the only thing that can _____ in the _____ when we pray.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Is the earth really 6,000 years old?

Recently Ken Ham of Answers in Genesis, known as the founder of the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY (near Cincinnati, Ohio) debate Bill Nye "the Science Guy" an outspoken evolutionist. One of the questions that came to my attention from the debate was the question about the age of the earth which is: "Is the earth really 6,000 years old?" Many people even people who call themselves Christians have mocked Ken Ham for his belief in a young earth. The view of the young earth is ridiculed by many because some in the science field, education, and others in the media have promoted and made popular that the earth is millions or even billions of years old. One of the reasons some support the idea of an old earth is because it helps to promote the idea of evolution and denies that God created the universe. They believe in essence that over long periods of time like millions and billions of years the universe just happened.

Now I am not sure how old the earth really is, to be honest, but I do believe that the earth is a whole lot younger than most believe. Here are some reasons why I believe such:

First scientific evidence:

- The earth's magnetic field is breaking down rapidly – and by the way that the scientist measure the breakdown of the magnetic field, the earth could not be more than 10,000 years old.
- Then think about Hydrogen the universe. Hydrogen breaks down and is converted into helium. If given the age of the earth as the evolutionist suggest, then the universe should mainly be helium, yet the universe consists chiefly of hydrogen.
- Then think about the shrinkage of the sun, which is about 0.1% per century (about 5ft. per hr.). At that rate, 20 million years ago (by evolutionary estimation) the earth and sun would actually have been touching. Impossible.
- Then the population statistics indicate that there is no way for the earth to be anything over 6,000 to 8,000 years old, else there would be so many people on the face of the earth today they literally would not fit!
- space would not allow me to write about the depth of the Moon dust, the measurement of the star light, and the record of fossils as well as other evidence that indicate a younger earth.

Second the biblical evidence:

- Gen. 1:1, Ex. 20:11 and Mk. 10:6 all state that God created everything in the university and formed man and woman out of the dust of the ground, so the Earth is five days older than humans. Notice it did not take God billions of years or even months to create the earth, He just spoke and immediately it happened.
- Second we can calculate the age of the earth by the genealogies mentioned in scripture. We know by doing this that from the present time to Jesus is approximately 2000 years, and from Jesus to Abraham another 2,000 years, and from Abraham to Adam is another 2,000 years. This adds up to 6,000 years. (Information taken and adopted from Apologetics Press.com)

So from this evidence it seems that the earth is about 6,000 years old, although we may not know for certain, we can know beyond a shadow of doubt that our Lord created the universe. Rom 1:20, states, "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse." Think about it!

(Welcome back to the Tonkery family. They have been on vacation.)



One of the best ways we can prepare our children this year as they go back to school is through prayer.

We pray for **peace**. We pray that they will not worry about things that they cannot control, but that they will trust in You. We pray they will develop a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving as they look to You daily for their needs.

We pray for **protection**. We pray that evil will be far from them and that they will trust You as their refuge and strength. That they will be strong and courageous in the presence of danger.

We pray for **purity**. Create in our children a clean heart. Keeping their thoughts and actions pure and motivated by love. We ask you to guard them from temptations and let them know You are always faithful to provide a way out and help them to endure.

We pray for **passion**. We pray that our children will hunger and thirst for You and Your Word and will love You with all their heart, soul and mind. Give them compassion and generous hearts to love others as much as You love them.

We pray for **perspective**. We pray that our children will see every challenge through Your eyes, eager to share the love of Jesus. We pray that they will set their minds on things above, rooted and grounded in Your love.



STAY SHARP!

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (James 1:5)

We pray that all students and staff have a safe, productive school year!

Youth Events

5th grade and under devotional this evening after services in the MP Room. Bring items to decorate cards for Eli Clark.

Youth Day at Rockport congregation this Saturday, starting at 3:00. Activities include singing, meal, outside games and campfire devotional. Please provide your own transportation.

Transportation will leave Sunday, August 27 at 4:50 to join the traveling youth group at the Sardis congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

“What Every Family Needs”



Friends and Family

A man who has friends must himself be friendly...Proverbs
18:24

August 20 - Children's Week

September 1 - Caravan to the sing in Ravenswood

September 3 - Prayer evening service

September 9 - Youth Day

September 14 - Ladies' Day at Love and Care

September 10-13 - Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

(Meals will be served in the MP Room at 5:45. Monday 9/11 - Men cook for the Lades. Tuesday 9/12 - Pizza. Wednesday 9/13 - Hotdog roast) More details to come.

September 17 - Fireside sing after PM services

September 23 - Bible Bowl

September 24 - Harvest Dinner - Noon

Song and prayer evening service

Please continue to pray for these efforts.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

We love God, you and our church family!

If you have any questions or would like additional information (i.e. home Bible study, Bible Correspondence Courses, etc.) please let us know.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, August 20

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears

DEACON IN CHARGE - Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Walter Morgan

Close - Bob Armstrong

6:00 PM - Kody Inman

Close - Don Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM - Cody Young

PM - Donovan Walton

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Fleak

PM - Mike Wade

Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Kevin Inman

4 - Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Dana Sponseller & Donovan Walton

2. Mark & Laura Tonkery

3. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

4. Sami Tonkery & Bre Tonkery

5. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard

6. Richard & Lorna Marshall

Facts and Figures

August 6, 2017

AM Service.....239

Bible Study.....177

PM Service.....216

Wednesday.....195

Contribution\$7614.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....0

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00

Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, Dish Channel 239, Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV Channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM

Upcoming Program

August 20 - YOUR SALVATION

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the Pursley congregation.

Everyone welcome!