

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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SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

Items needed include: 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, folders, children's scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper.

Items may be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders or Scott Johnson.

Our youth are asked to meet in the MP Room Wednesday after Bible study to assemble the packets.

The School Supply Give-Away will be this Thursday at 6:00PM in the MP Room.



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
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Be happy... not because everything is good, but because you can see the good in everything!



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

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 Foggin, 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 - Nationwide Children's Hospital, 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205 (Room 12A024) He enjoys receiving mail.
 Please keep Eli and his family in your prayers.

Please remember all those affected by the flooding in West Virginia.

We extend our sympathy to Gloria Frazier and family in the passing of her sister, Anne Spokes. Her service was yesterday in Parkersburg.



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



- ♥ A special thank you to everyone for the thoughtful anniversary cards. We are truly blest! **Jane and Bill Pralley**
- ♥ Thanks for the cards and prayers in the passing of my sister, Sheila Sams. **Ira Kimes and family**
- ♥ Thanks for the birthday cards. **Margaret Dawkins**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and gifts for my birthday. I appreciated every one. **Debi Inman**
- ♥ Thank you for my birthday cards. **Mackenzie Inman**

Church News and Announcements

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

LLL kick-off this evening in the MP Room following services. Bring finger foods, snacks and beverages. See Todd for details.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Donors are needed for our Blood Drive. It will be next Monday, August 14 in the MP Room 1:00-6:00. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion for more information.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO ROSCOE VILLAGE

The Golden Agers trip to Roscoe Village will be Tuesday, August 15 for a horse-drawn canal boat ride, historical tour and lunch. Details are with the sign-up sheet. See Dwain for more information.

SECRET SISTERS

Secret Sister forms need to be given to Laura or Kimberlee today. You will be given the name and information for your Secret Sister next week. All ladies are invited to participate. This is a great way to encourage each other.

PARENT PICTURES REQUESTED

Please continue to bring pictures of your parents to Paul Inman or leave in the office (include your name, parents name and date). They will be copied, displayed and returned.

RICK STANLEY

Rick Stanley is providing counseling services at no charge to all members at Camden Avenue. He will be in his office at the building by appointment, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:00-5:00. Telephone him at 304.210.2367 or 304.428.0531 to schedule an appointment.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS, LEAH HOOVER!

Congratulations to Leah Hoover! She has Perfect Attendance in the Ages 4-Kindergarten Sunday morning Bible class!

Daily Bible Reading

August 6 - Acts 28:16-31, Job 39-40
August 7 - Romans 1:1-17, Job 41-42
August 8 - Romans 1:18-32, Psalms 1-6
August 9 - Romans 2, Psalms 7-12
August 10 - Romans 3, Psalms 13-17
August 11 - Romans 4, Psalms 18-21
August 12 - Romans 5, Psalms 22-24
August 13 - Romans 6, Psalms 25-29



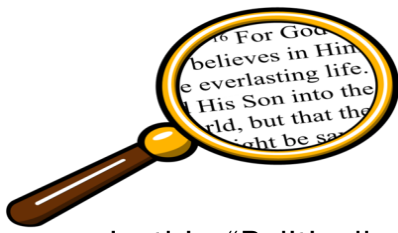
Our

Summer Series

will continue this week at 7:00
with David Newberry.
Please join us!

Daily Reading - Bible classes

August 7 - Numbers 1:4, 50-53, 2:1-2,
17, 6:22-27
August 8 - Numbers 9:15-23
August 9 - Numbers 10:11-13, 33-36
August 11 - Numbers 11:1-11, 31-33
August 12 - Numbers 12:1-15



DANA'S DIRECTION

"If God Says It - It's True"

In this "Politically Correct" world in which we live, there is a growing resistance to taking a stand – any stand! The concepts of true or false, yes or no, right or wrong are lost in a world of relativism that preaches that truth is subjective – it means whatever you want to believe it means.

What concerns me most is the influence this is having on the preaching of God's word. Sincere people often ask hard questions: "Is someone really lost if he has never been baptized?" "Will people be lost because they worship in ways different from what the New Testament teaches?" "What about the Christian who becomes unfaithful?"

These questions are not hard because we cannot determine what the Bible says – they are hard because they lead to conclusions that people don't want to hear. Unfortunately, I hear many Christians (preachers included) who "back away from the truth" in order to "spare someone's feelings."

"Are those people living in sin?" It's not for us to judge. "Is my mother (son, daughter, husband, etc.) who was not a Christian, or became unfaithful lost? "Don't worry – our God is a merciful God." We sometimes leave the impression that there are no certainties in the Christian faith. We know what God says, but we're not sure what He will do!

How contrary is this attitude to the very nature of God. God is truth. It is impossible for God to lie. (Hebrews 6:17-18) This is the very basis of our faith – and our hope. "God is not a man, that He should lie. Has He said, and will He not do it? Has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19) God's word is true. "Your testimonies, which You have commanded, are righteous and very faithful." (Psalm 119:138) "And the scripture cannot be broken." (John 10:35)

The truth of God's word is unchanging. Our willingness to stand on it often is not. The problem is that many are "ashamed of the gospel." (Romans 1:16) We are afraid that we will offend someone or be viewed as intolerant. And so the message – the truth (the only thing which can save us or set us free) is compromised - watered down, to make it more acceptable to men.

But the truth remains the truth. It may fall out of favor with men. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and will turn away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." (II Timothy 4:3-4)

We may imitate the "feel-good, positive mental outlook, I'm O.K., you're O.K" message popular in churches today – but the truth remains the truth. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." (II Timothy 2:13) "For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar." (Romans 3:3-4)

We are warned in scripture that those who do not have a love for the truth will end up believing the lie and be lost. (II Thessalonians 2:10) The only hope that we really have to offer a world that is lost in sin is the truth. "Buy the truth, sell it not!" (Proverbs 23:23)

Noah found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord: (Genesis 6:5-13)

The people of Noah's Day:

"Then the Lord saw that the _____ of man was _____ on the earth, and that every _____ of the _____ of his heart was only _____ continually" (Genesis 6:5). "The earth was also _____ before God, and the earth was full of _____" Genesis 6:11).

God's judgement against them:

God said, "The end of all _____ has come before Me, for the earth is filled with _____ through them, and behold, I will _____ them with the earth" (Genesis 6:13). "For I am _____ that I have made them" (Genesis 6:7).

Why Noah found favor with God:

- I). Because He was a _____ man. "Noah was a _____ man" (Genesis 6:9).
- II) Because he was _____ in his _____ (Genesis 6:9).
- III) Because he _____ with God. Like his great-grandfather _____.
- IV) Because he was _____.

"Thus, did Noah according to _____ that God _____ him" (Genesis 6:22). Noah's obedience was by _____. "By _____, Noah being warned of things not yet seen, _____ with godly _____, prepared an ark for the _____ of his household by which he _____ the world and became _____ of the righteousness which is according to faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

- V) Because he was a _____ of _____.

"God saved Noah, one of _____ people, a _____ of righteousness, bringing the _____ on the world of the _____" (2 Peter 2:5).

Why we need to find favor with God:

Because the world we live in awaits God's _____. The next judgement will be _____. "The day of the lord will come like a _____ in the night, in which, the _____ will pass away with a great noise, and the _____ will _____ with a fervent heat: both the _____ and the works that are in it will be _____ up" (2 Peter 3:10).

How can we find grace in the eyes of the Lord?

- We must be _____ in God's eyes.
- We must be _____ in our generation.
- We must _____ with _____.
- We must be _____ of _____.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Which does God believe?

A large family sat around the table for breakfast one morning. As the custom was, the father returned thanks, blessing God for the food. Immediately afterward, however, as was his bad habit, he began to grumble about hard times, the poor quality of the food he was forced to eat, the way it was cooked, and much more. His little daughter interrupted him saying, "Father, do you suppose God heard what you said a little while ago?" "Certainly," replied the father with the confident air of an instructor. "And did He hear what you said about the bacon and the coffee?" "Of course," the father replied, but not as confidently as before. Then his little girl asked him again, "Then, father, which did God believe?"

What does God believe about our worship and faith? Which does God believe when we complain that the singing is too loud... the preacher preached too long... the song leader is off key? What do we really feel more strongly about; that we have an opportunity to worship and serve God? Or complain about how we wish things were done our way? Have we counted our blessings? Do we realize that many people do not know the gospel? Do we realize that many congregations do not have song leaders, preachers, teachers, elders, and even children?

Complaining about spiritual things and spiritual leaders is nothing new. Back in the days of the Old Testament Moses, was chosen by God to lead the Israelites. Yet he could not satisfy the people of God. They complained about the Quail, Manna, Water, His wife (Num. 12:1), The promise land, His leadership (Num. 16:1), and on and on. No man can endure such a barrage of grumbling without having seen the mercy of God. He was "outnumbered" by the hundreds of thousands of arguing and complaining Israelites. What's sad is that it's God's people who were grumbling and complaining. Had they forgotten where they had come from? What God had done for them? What God was doing for them? What did God really believe about Israel's faith?

Paul in Philippians 2:14 -15, commands, "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,". How are we applying this scripture to our lives? What does God believe about our worship and faith? Think about it!
Mark T. Tonkery

Tonight's sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Title: Warning about complaining

Scripture Reading: Numbers 11:1-2



The Tonkery's will be out of town this week for vacation.



Look for ways this week to brighten someone's day:

1. Bake goodies for co-workers, neighbors...just let them know you appreciate them!
2. Send thank-you note(s).
3. Hold the door for someone.
4. Compliment someone.
5. Visit a shut-in, someone in the hospital, nursing home or Love and Care.
6. Share the love of Jesus.
7. Let our elders and preachers know we love and appreciate them.
8. Remember our widows and widowers. They can get lonely.
9. Let your spouse, children, parents know that you love and appreciate them.

Be a blessing to others this week!

Youth Section



LLL kick-off this evening in the MP Room after services. Bring snacks, desserts and beverages. See Todd for details.

August 9

Assemble items for School Supply Give-Away in the MP Room following Bible study.

August 19

Youth Day at Rockport congregation. Starting at 3:00. Day will include singing, meal, outside games and campfire devotional. Please provide your own transportation.

August 27

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

Bible Busters meet every Sunday evening at 5:30 in the front of the auditorium. Children of all ages are welcome.

“What Every Family Needs”



Friends and Family

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

Children's Week - August 20

Youth Day - September 9

Our Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders - September 10-14

Bible Bowl - September 23

Help save lives!



**Donate blood
at our
upcoming
blood drive!**

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 14
in the MP Room 1:00-6:00.

Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

See Marion for details.

Website

Please note that our website address has changed
to www.cacoc.net.

Both addresses work, but we felt this shorter one would
flow better.



5th Annual West Virginia School of Preaching
Sing and Pie Fling (Moundsville, WV)

Friday, August 18

Singing: 7:00-8:00PM with Fellowship and
desserts at 8:00-?

RSVP by August 16 at 304.845.8001

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

Upcom13ng Program
August 13 - YOUR SIN

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will
leave Friday at
5:30 for the sing
at the
Sand Hill
congregation in
Point Pleasant.

Everyone welcome!

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, August 13

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE - Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Merrill

Close - Steve Gray

6:00 PM - Clayton Huber

Close - Kyle Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Rob Hooyer

PM - Kevin Inman

COMMUNION

AM - Dennis Keller

PM - Ryan Gaston

Dan Rich

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Jim Hinzman

2 - Cotton Sayre

4 - Patty Sayre

PM

1. Kody & Chelsea Inman

2. Steve & Linda Gray

3. Ryan & Madison Highman

4. Paul & Barbara Saunders

5. Dana & Cindy Slingluff

6. Bill & Sherry Hoover

Facts and Figures

July 30, 2017

AM Service.....270

Bible Study.....181

PM Service.....170

Wednesday.....193

Contribution\$6141.00

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