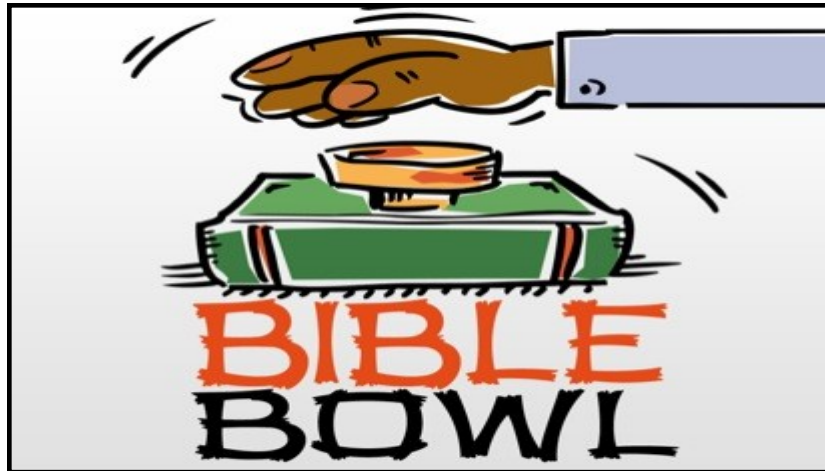


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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Everyone is encouraged to attend the
31st Annual Bible Bowl this Saturday.

The book of Luke (NKJV).

9:00–9:30	Registration
9:30–9:45	Devotion
9:45–10:00	Welcome and Rules
10:00–10:20	1st-6th Grade Teams, Round 1
10:20–10:40	Teen Teams, Round 1
10:40–11:00	Adult Teams, Round 1
11:00–11:20	1st-6th Grades, Round 2
11:20–11:40	Teen Teams, Round 2
11:40	1st-6th Grades and Teen Teams Dismissed for lunch
11:40–12:00	Adult Teams, Round 2
Noon	Adult Teams Dismissed for Lunch
12:45–1:05	1st-6th Grade Teams, Round 3
1:05–1:25	Teen Teams, Round 3
1:25–1:45	Adult Teams, Round 3
1:45–2:05	1st-6th Grade Teams, Round 4
2:05–2:25	Teen Teams, Round 4
2:25–2:45	Adult Teams, Round 4
2:45–3:05	Afternoon Devotional
3:05–3:30	Presentation of Awards

Everyone is encouraged to support the teams.

(Come for part of the day or all day.)

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
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
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Where there's His will, there's a way.



Matthew 5:13-16

Our church family in need of your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Gloria Frazier, Diana Hesselrode, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Betty Porter, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patty Alton, Luann Ayers (Shelley Todd's cousin), 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), Loretta Eddy (Ron Moncrief's sister), Tony Haid (Len's son), Crystal Rich, 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 Road, Walker, WV 26180

Please keep Eli and family in your prayers and remember he loves mail.

We extend our sympathy to Justin and Kassi Adkins in the passing of his father, Mark Adkins.



Congratulations to Cody and Kristi Hoover at the birth of **Ellie Rose Hoover**. She arrived September 8 weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Proud siblings are Edwin, Leah, Henley and Parker Hoover. Congratulations to grandparents, Stan and Debi Inman.



♥ Thanks for the anniversary cards we received. We appreciated every one.

Paul and Barbara Saunders

♥ Thank you to everyone who came out Saturday for the Youth Day! Special thanks to all the ladies who made sure the food was ready to go. Also, to Ben, Brenden, Scott, Kevin and Mark for their roles in the day! Thanks, Kyle



TODAY

6th grade and above meeting after Bible study in Room 109 to discuss CYC and other events. Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting at 5:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend our congregational singing on the church lawn this evening after services.

31st ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL

Scorekeepers are needed for the Bible Bowl this Saturday. Let Rick Stanley know if you can help.

NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 24

Friends Day, Harvest Dinner, Prayer and singing evening service. More details to come.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next week - September 25, 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 devotional/work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to the sing at Love and Care next Monday evening at 7:00.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers trip to Henderson Hall will be Tuesday, September 26, leaving here at 9:30. Bring your lunch and we will have a picnic. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Dwain for more information.

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

We are planning to recognize our family of Veteran's. We would like to have pictures of all military, past and present. Include name, branch of service, rank, years and where served on back of a military picture, preferably. Pictures will be copied and returned. Submit by mid-October to Marion Goldsmith.

JIM AND CHARLOTTE GALLOWAY

Jim and Charlotte's home phone number is not listed in the church directory. Please update your directory. 304.489.1161

DISASTER RELIEF

We sent funds to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief. We will be sending additional funds. If you would like to make a monetary donation, see one of the Elders.

Daily Bible Reading

September 17 - 2 Corinthians 2, Proverbs 9-11
September 18 - 2 Corinthians 3, Proverbs 12-13
September 19 - 2 Corinthians 4, Proverbs 14-15
September 20 - 2 Corinthians 5, Proverbs 16-17
September 21 - 2 Corinthians 6, Proverbs 18-19
September 22 - 2 Corinthians 7, Proverbs 20-21
September 23 - 2 Corinthians 8, Proverbs 22-23
September 24 - 2 Corinthians 9, Proverbs 24-25



Daily Reading - Bible classes

September 18 - Numbers 22:1-21
September 19 - Numbers 22:22-35
September 20 - Numbers 22:36-41;23:1-3, 11-12
September 21 - Numbers 23:13-17, 25-30
September 22 - Numbers 24:1-2, 10-14



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Must I Forgive?”

Occasionally when talking with someone who has had a problem with another, they will state quite adamantly, “If they don’t repent (ask me to forgive them) then I have no obligation to forgive them!” Usually this view is reflected in their attitude – they are filled with bitterness, resentment and even hatred toward their offender.

I have even heard this approach to forgiveness expressed in sermons. The argument usually goes something like this, “we are to forgive as God does, and since God does not forgive those who will not repent, neither must we.” Is that an accurate assessment of God’s will when it comes to forgiving those who sin against us?

Jesus certainly speaks of the obligation that we have to forgive others. In Matthew 18:21-22, Peter asked Jesus “how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus response was “not seven times, but seventy times seven.” In Luke’s gospel, Jesus expresses the same idea (that forgiveness should be without limits) but also indicates the need for the brother who sins to repent. “If your brother sins against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.” (Luke 17:3-4).

Does this fulfill Jesus’ expectations of us; that we forgive those who ask for our forgiveness and refuse to forgive those who don’t?

God’s demand that we forgive those who sin against us is clearly stated in scripture. “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But, if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (Matthew 6:14-15) Which part of that statement is difficult to understand?

What about those who do not repent? Is it true that God will not forgive those who do not repent? Yes! So then, why must we? The answer to that is simple – we are not God! **Only God can forgive sin.** When we say that we have forgiven someone of an offense against us, it doesn’t mean that we can absolve their sin – that’s between them and God! It simply means that we will not hold their actions against them.

Even when my brother sins against me, I am not his judge. In fact, I am a fellow-sinner who has often stood in need of forgiveness – both from God and from my brother. The authority of vengeance, punishment, and forgiveness of sin all belong to God. (Romans 12:19) If I am not obligated to forgive my brother for his offenses against me, what is the alternative? Wouldn’t it naturally be broken relationships and a heart filled with resentment, bitterness – even hatred? People say, “but I don’t feel any of those things.” If you think not, examine your heart! Jesus said to “bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” (Matthew 5:44) You cannot do that, if you refuse to forgive!

Must we forgive even those who don’t repent of their sins against us? What did Jesus say? “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mark 11:25-26) “If you have **anything against anyone – forgive!**” I know one thing. I don’t want to stand before God to be judged with a heart filled with animosity toward my brother. In order to be forgiven we must forgive.

Forgiving Like Jesus Forgave

(I Peter 2:21-25)



“Because Christ also suffered for you, leaving us an _____, that you should _____ in His steps: “Who committed no _____, nor was _____ found in His mouth”; who when He was _____, did not revile in _____; when He _____, He did not _____, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously.” (I Peter 2:21-23)

I) **Forgiveness is the _____ for which Jesus came into the world.** _____ was the problem of man from the beginning. “We have all _____ and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) “The _____ of sin is _____.” (Romans 6:23). Gods plan to forgive man of their sin was Jesus. “You will call His name _____ for he will _____ His people from their _____.” (Matthew 1:20-21).

Jesus had the power to _____ sins. In Luke 5:20 Jesus told the paralyzed man who came for healing “man, you _____ are _____ you.”

Jesus was God’s plan for the forgiveness of man. “He made Him, who knew no _____ to be sin for us.” (II Corinthians 5:21) “He was wounded for our _____, bruised for our _____ ... by His stripes _____ are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5) “Knowing that you were not _____ with corruptible things...but with the precious _____ of Christ.” (I Peter 1:18-19)

II) **Forgiveness was the _____ of Jesus’ life.** “And when they had come to Calvary, there they _____ Him. Then Jesus said, “Father, _____ them, for they do not _____ what they do.” (Luke 23:33-34) “Jesus said to Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My _____.” (John 21:15-17)

III) **Forgiveness is the _____ that Jesus taught.** “But I say to you, _____ your enemies, _____ those who _____ you, do _____ to them that hate you, and _____ for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” (Matt.5:43-45) “Peter said, “Lord, how _____ shall my brother _____ against me and I _____ him? Up to _____ times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say up to seven times, but up to _____ times seven.” (Matt. 18:21-22) “If your brother sins against you _____ him; if he repents _____ him. And if he sins against you _____ times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I _____, you shall _____ him.” (Luke 17:3-4)

IV) **Our Forgiving others is Jesus _____ for forgiving us.** “for if you _____ men their _____, your heavenly Father will also forgive _____. But if you do not forgive men their _____, neither will your Father _____ your trespasses.” (Matthew 6:14-15) After telling of the unforgiving servant who was delivered to be punished, Jesus said “So will my heavenly Father also do to you, if _____ of you, does not _____ his brother his trespasses.” (Matt. 18:35) “For judgment is without _____ to the one who has _____ no mercy.” (James 2:13)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Where are the atheists?

Hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados, flooding, and other disasters are a part of living on planet earth. Any time these events happen usually there is mass destruction and many people are left homeless, hurting, and even have to face the death of loved ones. We still have images fresh on our mind of the Hurricane Katrina which was almost five years ago only to be greeted by the terrible earthquake in Haiti just a couple of months ago.

As bad as these tragedies are almost innately the first responders to these events are Christians. I and others in this congregation and as well as many in our brotherhood have been some of those first on the scenes of disaster helping those caught in the middle. While we commend those who gave of their time, effort, and monies to disaster recovery, I think we need to ask a question: “Where were all of the atheists during that crucial time?” Thousands of humble people pledged their hands and hearts to storm victims, but not the unbelievers. Why not? How many meals did they serve? How many homes did they repair? How did they help carry the financial burden in the storm-stricken South? Where was their organizational structure for lifting the hurting throughout the towns, communities and even whole nation affected by disaster?

You see, according to skeptics, religion is a farce. Faith is a crutch for the weak. Belief in God is a tragic waste of time and energy. Ironically, whenever fellow citizens cry out for support and care, atheists are no where to be found. They look at the ravages of the storm and say, “There is no God,” while Christians roll up their sleeves and say, “How can we honor God in service?” (Matthew 25:31–46).

Isn't that fascinating? Unbelief has no redeeming value. It never wipes away a tear, it never rescues the fallen, and it never renders kind regard. It never does anything. It is selfish and self-serving. It lacks compassion. I now think I understand David a little bit better when he said, “The fool has said in his heart, there is no God” (Psalm 14:1; cf. 10:4).

Adapted from <http://www.newsletterevangelism.com/WhereAreTheAtheists.pdf>

Mark's sermon this evening will be entitled *What do vows mean?* (Scripture: Numbers 30:1-2).

- * Thank you to everyone who donated items for the college students. We will put together another college care package in December. Details will be available.

- * W.E.B. class will continue this Wednesday in the MP Room. Everyone is invited!

- * Mark will be speaking at the Slate church of Christ Gospel Meeting October 1 and 2. We plan to provide transportation. There is a transportation sign-up sheet on the counter.

Life Chain 2017

24th Annual WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1
2:00-3:00

Along Grand Central Avenue from
Lakeview Drive to Sam's Club in Vienna.

Signs and lawn chairs are provided.

Stollers and umbrellas are welcome.

Flyer on foyer bulletin boards with details.



To my Camden Ave. church family:
I wanted to say thank you for all the well
wishes and words of encouragement as I
get ready to start a new chapter in
Dallas. You all mean so much to me and
I look forward to when I'll be able to
come back and visit.

Emily Saunders

My new address:
9050 Markville Drive
Apt. 631
Dallas, TX 75243



Haid's Annual Soup Bean Dinner

Saturday, October 14 at their cabin, starting at 4:30.
Bring items to go with soup beans, desserts and beverages.
Also, bring lawn chairs.



Please pause for 2 minutes and read this:

TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

This article was submitted by Marion Goldsmith.

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, September 24

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught
PM - Dana Slinguff

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover
Close - Chris Tallman
6:00 PM - Todd Kirk
Close - Steve Moser

SCRIPTURE

AM - Len Haid
PM - Doug Hershman

COMMUNION

AM - Jeff Taberner
PM - Rick Stanley
Dennis Keller

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade
2 - Patrick Rine
4 - Bev Rine

PM

1. Brandon & Calle Sheppard
2. Steve & Julie Moser
3. Patrick & Bev Rine
4. Sherry Wilcox & Robin Anthony
5. Tammy Kerns & Martha Metz
6. Sonya Hescht & Betty Lamb

upcoming EVENTS

September 17-21

Bates Hill church of Christ
Speaker: Scott McFarland

September 23

Ladies Inspiration Day
Dewey Avenue church of Christ
Keynote Speaker: Megan Parks

September 24 -27

Mineral Wells congregation
Speaker: Tim Hatfield

September 29

Inman Bible Forum - OVU

October 1-2

Slate church of Christ
Speaker: **Mark Tonkery**

October 7

Annual Ladies Inspiration Day
Norval Park congregation
Speaker: **Laura Tonkery**

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

Facts and Figures

September 10, 2017

AM Service.....274
Bible Study.....217
PM Service.....270
Wednesday.....258
Contribution\$6355.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....1
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....3
Placed Membership....2

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.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation
will leave Friday
at 6:15 for the
sing at the
Lower Paw Paw
congregation.

Everyone welcome.

Containers are in the foyers to collect Box Tops. Clifton and Mackenzie are collecting for Fairplains Elementary and would appreciate your help.

Melva has a Box Top collection box and also appreciates your manufacturers coupons.