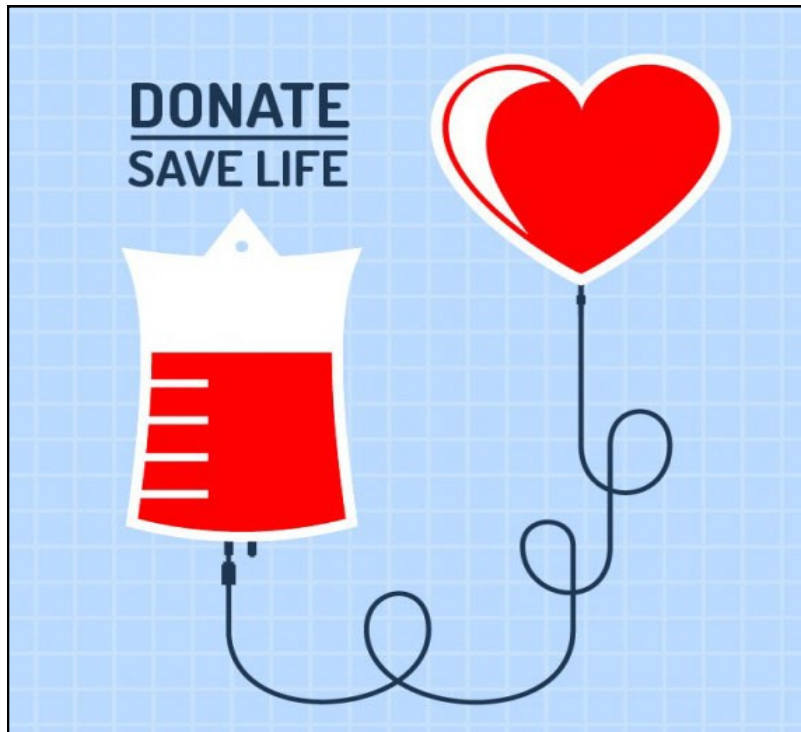


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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**Our American Red Cross
Blood Drive
will be
Monday, February 19
1:00PM - 5:30PM
in the Multipurpose Room.**

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
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Pray

not only because
you need something,
but because you
have so much to
thank God for!



♥ Please keep baby Ty Inman in your prayers. He has been hospitalized in Ruby Memorial, Morgantown, WV.

Camden Clark - Colleen Ash (Room 426)

Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Collen Ash, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Charlene Donahue, Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van and Nancy Putnam, Bob Smith, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Gert Barnes, Travis and Alisha Doyle (Hardman's granddaughter), Casey Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Glen Hawkins, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Susan Williams (Brenda Dougherty's friend)

***We are in the process of revising our Prayer List to keep it current.
Please inform the office of changes, updates and additions.
Names will appear on the list for three weeks if no update is received.***

We extend our sympathy to Jean Martin and family in the passing of her sister, Barbara Richards. She passed away Wednesday, January 17.

Eli Clark

499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180
Please continue to keep Eli and family in your prayers.
He enjoys receiving mail.



THANK YOU
note for you



♥ Thank you for the cards, prayers and calls. We appreciate your kindness.
Van and Nancy Putnam



MEETINGS TODAY

Elders-Preachers-Deacons meeting at 4:00. Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting at 5:00.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is invited to the sing at Love and Care Monday, January 29 at 7:00PM.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 27 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

BETTY LAMB'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go celebration for Betty Lamb's 90th birthday Sunday, January 28 from 2:00-4:00. Let's make Betty's birthday special!

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, February 19 in the MP Room 1:00-5:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion Goldsmith for more details.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Edwin Hoover and Henley Hoover for their Bible class Perfect Attendance.

CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Van and Nancy Putnam's 19 year old grandson, Austin Foster is serving in the United States Air Force. He has recently been stationed in Montana. He would enjoy receiving cards of encouragement. His address is: 30 76th Street North, Apt. 335, Great Falls, MT 59405.

Daily Bible Reading

January 21 - Matthew 13:47-58, Genesis 43-44
January 22 - Matthew 14, Genesis 45-46
January 23 - Matthew 15:1-20, Genesis 47-48
January 24 - Matthew 15:21-39, Genesis 49-50
January 25 - Matthew 16, Exodus 1-3
January 26 - Matthew 17, Exodus 4-5
January 27 - Matthew 18:1-14, Exodus 6-7
January 28 - Matthew 18:15-35, Exodus 8-9

**Thank you for
worshiping with
us today.
We love and care
for YOU!**

Bible Class Reading

January 22 - 1 Samuel 8:4-6, 9-10, 13, 19, 22
January 23 - 1 Samuel 9:2-3, 6, 14, 17
January 24 - 1 Samuel 10:1, 24-26
January 25 - 1 Samuel 11:14-15
January 26 - 1 Samuel 12:14-15, 21



DANA'S DIRECTION

Reverence in Worship

“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.” (Psalm 89:7)

I am often asked, and sometimes reminded of the need to address the subject of reverence in worship. I will admit to being so ‘tuned in’ (or ‘tuned out’) during worship services that I seldom notice the commotion going on around me (talking, visiting, going in and out, texting) but I am no less assured that is taking place. This indicates there is a need to address the attitude we should have when we approach God to worship. As you visit other congregations you also become aware of the wide variety of ‘worship styles’ (from formal and staid to ‘hip, hip, hooray’) which begs the question “What is truly involved in holding God in reverence in the assembly of the saints?”

Reverence is defined as **“a feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, awe and esteem, as for something sacred; veneration.”** (Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary) The English word “reverence” is used seven times in the New Testament and is usually a translation of the Greek word phobos referring to “fear,” and indicates the great awe and respect (fear) that we should have for God. Knowing who God truly is should define everything we do in this life. “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole (duty) of man.” (Ecclesiastes. 12:13) A person who does not have reverence for God every day will not understand the need of it when assembled to worship.

God expects reverence when we come together to worship Him. Reverence for God does not ignore the fact that we should be ‘afraid’ to present to God as worship anything that is unacceptable to Him. “Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:28-29) This is certainly what Nadab and Abihu discovered as they offered God a sacrifice that He had not authorized (Leviticus 10:1-2).

If we truly have reverence for God we will seek to demonstrate that when we assemble to worship. Reverence in worship is not created by an atmosphere (low lights, soft music); reverence creates the atmosphere. When we assemble – realizing that we have come to offer God our sacrifice of praise – we will view the time as sacred. Solomon said “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1)

If we have reverence for God we will show respect when his word is read. When prayers are led we will participate realizing that we are taking those prayers through our High Priest, Jesus Christ, before the very throne of God! When we sing, we will truly ‘let the words of Christ dwell in us richly’ (Colossians 3:16), and will “sing and make melody in our hearts.” (Ephesians 5:19) When a lesson is presented from God’s word we will regard it as “being from God, not from man.” When the Lord’s Supper is taken, we will stand by faith at the foot of the cross, discerning the body and the blood of Jesus. If we truly participate in worship we will be far too aware of the presence of God to be distracted by every worldly interest and concern.

If we do not have reverence for God, the time that we spend together in the assembly of the saints will seem no different from a school assembly, ball game, or a concert. The truth is that many of us arrive totally unprepared to worship God. We ‘meet and greet,’ get all caught up in the social aspects of seeing one another, then, unsuccessfully ‘draw our minds in from the world’ to worship God. Make an honest assessment of the time you ‘were in worship’ this Sunday. Did you ‘draw near to hear?’ Or, did you ‘offer the sacrifice of fools?’ Our reverence in the assembly will make the difference between worship that God finds pleasing and that which will bring judgment to our souls. (I Corinthians 11:29)

“Walk in the Light” (I John 1:1-9)



John says that his purpose in writing this epistle is so that “You may have _____ with us; and truly our fellowship is with the _____ and _____ with His _____ Jesus Christ, and so that our _____ may be full.” (I John 1:3-4)

Why should we walk in the light?

A. _____ is light.

1. “God is _____ and in Him is no _____ at all.” (I John 1:5)
2. “God said “Let there be _____, and there was light.” (Gen.1:3)
3. Of Jesus, John writes “In Him was life and the life was the _____ of men.” (John 1:4)

B. God expects us to _____ in the _____, too.

1. Because it is written, “Be _____; for ___ am _____.” (I Peter 1:16)

C. If we do not walk in the light, we have no _____ with God.

1. “If we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in _____, we _____ and do not practice the _____.” (I John 1:6)

How do we walk in the light?

A. As _____ is in the light.

1. By being _____ of _____.” (Ephesians 5:1)
2. By walking in _____. (Ephesians 5:2)
3. By walking in _____. (Ephesians 5:3-5)
4. “For you were once _____, but now you are the _____ of the Lord. Walk as _____ of _____.” (Ephesians 5:8)

What are the blessings of walking in the light?

A. _____ with one another.

1. “If we walk in the light... we have _____ with one another.” (I John 1:7)
2. If our brother is “overtaken in a fault, we are to _____ such a one in a _____ of _____.” (Galatians 6:1)

B. Continual _____ of our sins.

1. The _____ of Jesus is for the remission of our sins. (Matthew 26:28)
2. _____ is for the remission of our sins. (Acts 2:38)
3. “If we say we have no _____, we _____ ourselves and the _____ is not in us. If we _____ our sins, He is _____ and just to _____ us our sins and to _____ us from all _____.” (I John 1:8-9)
4. Those who will be saved are those who remain _____.” (Revelation 3:10)

C. By walking in the light we can know that we are _____.

1. “These things I have written to you who _____ in the name of the Son of God, that you may _____ that you have _____ life.” (I John 5:13)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What Do You Want Your Child to Be?

President Theodore Roosevelt had four sons. He was very proud when the first three sons announced their intention to join the military. But when his fourth son also decided to join the Army, the old Roughrider balked. "Not all my boys," he said to his wife. But she replied, "Ted, if you raised them as eagles you cannot expect them to fly like sparrows."

Every parent should have a dream for his or her children. Isaiah put it this way: "And all your sons will be taught of the Lord; and the wellbeing of your sons will be great" ([Isa 54:13](#)). Three things to consider:

You announce what you want your child to be by what you teach him. It is not the church's responsibility alone to teach your children. Deut. 6:6-7, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." It is our responsibility as a mother and father. One man had been in a non-Sunday School congregation. When asked why, he said, "We did not object to classes. What we were afraid of was that parents would quit teaching at home." Was he right?

You announce what you want your child to be by the example you set. It is amazing how some parents put the ball games, camping trips, and fishing trips above attending worship, and then are amazed that their children leave the church. Someone wrote, "What you are thunders so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." Research tells us that, "parents are teaching their young about God's plan in their lives around the clock. Children are shaped more by parents than their peers. Of course, children, may act, dress, and do many of the things their peers do but the parents' values, opinions and core beliefs are carried over to their children. If our children see us reading the Bible, praying, obeying the word of God in our daily life and really wanting to be at worship when the church assembles, more than often our children will want to do these things as well.

The instruction Paul gave to Timothy in 1 Tim 4:12, is good instruction for parents as well, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

You announce what you want your child to be by the plans you make for him. Your children know if something is really important to you. Have you been saying from the time they started school, "Now make good grades so that someday you can go to college." They know how important that is to you. Have you encouraged them to be a preacher, a missionary, Bible school teacher, elder, etc.? By your plans, you have told them what you think is important.

Youth Events

January 28

Transportation will leave next Sunday at 6:30 to join the traveling youth at the North End congregation.

The yearly **Monday Night Merge** youth events begins February 5 and will continue through March 12. Each Monday evening worship session will begin at 7:00 and conclude with food and fellowship.

February 5 - Barlow Vincent

February 12 - Little Hocking

February 19 - Dewey Avenue

February 26 - Hopewell

March 5 - Newport

March 12 - Ohio Valley University

Flyer on foyer bulletin boards.



A good friend isn't just someone you want to spend time with, but someone who encourages and challenges us to be more like Jesus in our daily lives.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

Jesus said in this world we will have trouble. People deal with their troubles in many different ways. According to Ripley's Believe It or Not, there is a Shinto ceremony where people pour an alcoholic drink onto a carp and then release the fish into the water; believing the fish will swim away, carrying the troubles of the person who released it.

If it were only that easy to deal with our troubles!

Christians have something much more dependable than a drunken carp.

Jesus said, in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Hebrews 13:5 tells us the Lord, "...will never leave us nor forsake us. Then in 1 Peter 5:7 it encourages us to cast all our anxieties on him, because he cares for us.

We each have troubles. Jesus says to bring all your troubles Him. He cares for us. He really does.

I am Mark T. Tonkery with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.





Parents

Matthew 7:12 Plays a key role in marriage. Jesus said, *“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.”*

When children see parents treat each other the way they want to be treated, it has an impact upon them. Children learn that marriages are happy when the partners act in a selfless way, rather than self-centered. They see that being kind, and considering others better than yourself results in a happy marriage and happy family life (Ephesians 4:32; Philippians 2:3). Parents who have lived this, have learned it, too!

Sadly, we often reserve our most hurting words and actions for those we are supposed to love the most! Why is this? *While we ought to live peaceable with all men* (Romans 12:17-21), shouldn't this be especially true with the spouse to whom we have pledged our lives?

Ultimately, how spouses treat each other effects the entire family. If parents treat one another as Matthew 7:12 says, the children are taught how to behave when they get married! Don't forget just how powerful your influence is, parents! Children learn how to treat others in the home.

Parents, let us learn from the example of Abraham (Genesis 18:19).

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Opportunities To Serve Sunday, January 28

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht
PM - Dana Slingsluff

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Walter Morgan
Close - Josh Hall
6:00 PM - Ron Riddle
Close - Clayton Huber

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Porter
PM - Steve Moser

COMMUNION

AM - Len Haid
PM - Rick Stanley
Dennis Keller

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

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

1. Clayton & Verna Huber
2. Zoe Merrill & Josh Hall
3. Bill & Sherry Hoover
4. Todd & Annette Kirk
5. Ryan & Cheryl Logston
6. Dennis & Sandy Keller

Facts and Figures

January 14, 2018

AM Service.....189
Bible Study.....145
PM Service.....153
Wednesday.....140
Contribution\$9114.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

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

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study...15 min. after worship
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study....11:00AM & 7:00PM

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.