

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 Gospel Meeting with Paolo Di Luca will be October 7 - 10.

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE FROM ME?

Sunday 9:30 AM: WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE? (Micah 6:3-8)

11:00AM: A NEW WAY OF THINKING (Ephesians 4:25-32)

6:00PM: MORAL CONSISTENCY (James 2:10)

Monday 7:00PM: READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER (1 Peter 3:13-17)

Tuesday 7:00PM: IMITATE GOD (Ephesians 5:1-6)

Wednesday 7:00PM: LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN (1 Peter 2:12-17)

Invite your family, friends and co-workers.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
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If you have trouble getting up for worship, you may have the same trouble when Christ comes again.



Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Mary Edwards, Jim Henry, Gwen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Dennis Keller, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Eloise Smith, Valeria Sprout, Lenore Vaught

Prayers requested for family and friends

Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Casey Freeman (Don and Brenda Dougherty's friend), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Tony Haid, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Sue Nelson (Chris Hofmann's aunt), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Leonard Shears, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)



Our sincere condolences to the family of Eli Clark. He passed away September 24. His service was here at the building yesterday.

Please remember Roy, Karen, Caleb and Josiah Clark at this difficult time. Keep them in your prayers.



- ♥ Thank you for the encouragement and especially from the encouragement team. **Glenn Snider Jr.**
- ♥ **Mary Edwards** thanks everyone for the cards and sweet notes. A special thanks to Donovan Walton for providing dinner for me and my family.
- ♥ I want to thank everyone that sent me cards for my birthday. I enjoyed reading each and every one of them. Thanks for gifts also. **Connie Hickman**

Thank you to **Alisha Hershman** for preparing the communion bread this month.

Church News and Announcements

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will conduct the services at Love and Care today at 2:30PM and Thursday, October 4 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages. This will be the kick-off to our Gospel Meeting.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items are needed for College Care Packages. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for items requested. Items may be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer by next Sunday. There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assemble the packages next Sunday evening in the MP Room after services.

GOLDEN AGER'S FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

The Golden Ager's will be taking a Fall foliage trip Thursday, October 11. Leaving the building at 8:00AM. Dinner at Quinet's Restaurant. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Dwain for details.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be October 17 after Bible study. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter. Please bring finger foods, snacks, desserts, and beverages to be served in the MP Room.

HAID'S SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan Haid invite everyone to the annual Bean Dinner at their cabin at 4:30 Saturday, October 20. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count. Please bring items to go with soup beans and hamburgers also, desserts and beverages. Remember your lawn chairs!

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet October 22 in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner and 6:30 devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

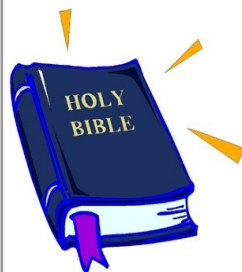
SECRET SISTER REVEAL

We will have our Secret Sister Reveal Thursday, October 25 in the MP Room at 6:00PM. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. See Laura or Kimberlee for more information.

Daily Bible Reading

September 30 - Galatians 2, Ecclesiastes 10-12
October 1 - Galatians 3, Song of Solomon 1-4
October 2 - Galatians 4, Song of Solomon 5-8
October 3 - Galatians 5, Isaiah 1-2
October 4 - Galatians 6, Isaiah 3-6
October 5 - Ephesians 1, Isaiah 7-8
October 6 - Ephesians 2, Isaiah 9-11
October 7 - Ephesians 3, Isaiah 12-15

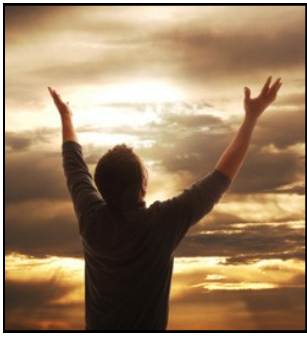
11:00 WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS



Mark will be teaching the Wednesday morning class beginning November 7.

The class will continue through March. Everyone is welcome to attend this Bible study.

We will continue to have the Wednesday 7:00PM Bible study.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Why God?

This past week our hearts were broken to hear of the passing of young Eli Clark. Many in the congregation know the family very well. I was first acquainted with Eli and his family through Ohio Valley Christian Camp a few years ago.

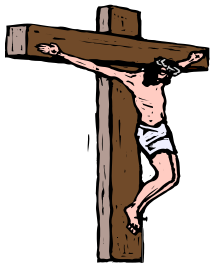
Since hearing about Eli's cancer diagnosis and now his passing I have been asked why did God allow this to happen? This is similar to what Solomon asked in Ecclesiastes 7:15, "In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing." It seems that even Solomon did not understand such situations. So, I do not pretend to understand why this happened to young Eli nor do I have all the answers. But, the scriptures do provide us with some comfort.

Such as Isaiah 57:1-2 which states, "The righteous man perishes, and no one lays it to heart; devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous man is taken away from calamity; he enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness."

This passage reminds us that sometimes the devout and the righteous die and are taken away from calamity and enter God's peace. For whatever the reason the righteous and devout are taken away from us, it may be that God is helping the individual avoid further or worse calamity, evil, or other troubles. For the Christian, death is not always a bad thing, sometimes God may allow it to protect us from more evil. Although for those who are left to continue to live upon this earth will miss and grieve for those who depart to the next life, we must take comfort that they have peace. Revelation 14:13 also reaffirms this by saying, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

In closing there are many questions when it comes to the death of a young person. Although God's Word can comfort us, and we can have faith in the fact that God will take care of those who pass from this earth at an early age or any age. We still hurt and grieve the passing of our loved ones. Maybe we can relate to King David in 2 Samuel 12:22-23, He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

We each will go to the grave or meet Jesus Christ in the air at His second coming. Heb. 9:27 teaches, "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." There are no promises in this life that we will live to an old age, but whether we are young or old Rev. 2:10 encourages us to, "...Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." May each one of us be faithful unto death, whenever that day may come.



What I like about Jesus Christ?

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:22-36

I. What I like about Jesus Christ?

- A. He was a _____ Acts 2:22
- B. He did _____ Acts 2:22
- C. He was _____ Acts 2:23
- D. He was _____ Acts 2:23
- E. He was _____ Acts 2:24
- F. He _____ Acts 2:25
- G. He is _____ Acts 2:34

II. What did people do who fell in love with Jesus?

- A. _____ Acts 2:37-39
- B. _____
_____ Acts 2:40-47

III. What will you do with Jesus Christ?

Sunday Evening: **What is a disciple?**

Scripture Reading: Acts 18:24-28



- I. Who were the disciples? _____
- II. When does one become a disciple? _____
- III. What do disciples do after becoming a Christian? _____

Upon much consideration and prayer, I am resigning as an elder at the Camden Avenue Church of Christ effective September 23, 2018. I need to focus more time to my family and meet the demands of my growing business.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity I had to serve as an elder. I plan to continue to attend this congregation and serve in the Lord's work. I love and care for my church family at Camden Avenue.

In His service,
Dwain Shears

From The Elders

We appreciate Dwain's good heart and the work he did as an Elder at Camden Avenue. We will continue to keep him and his family in our prayers!



WHO ARE WE?

Simply stated, we are Christians! We are an imperfect people serving a perfect Lord. We are the human part of a Divine institution - the church. We are a going church for the coming Christ. Ideally, we are upon this earth going to Heaven. We are endeavoring to speak where the Bible speaks and to be silent where the Bible is silent.

We call Bible things by Bible names and do Bible things in Bible ways. We profess in faith - unity; in opinions - liberty; and in all things - love. We have no book but the Bible, no creed but Christ, no plea but the gospel, and no name but the Divine. Our creed is Christ alone.

Our pattern of life is the New Testament. Our service is for all mankind. We can't do everything, but we can do something. We have something unique. We have God's will, God's promises, and God's blessings.

We have a mission - God's mission - to evangelize, to edify, to be benevolent, and to worship in "*spirit and in truth*" (John 4:24).

We are restoring New Testament Christianity in our century of time just as it was given in the 1st century. We are looking for "*a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God*" (Hebrews 11:10).

As we follow the One who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." (John 14:6), let us make His work our work, and His mission our ministry.

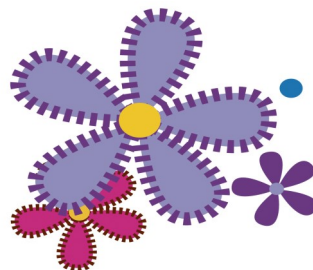
ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

The 25th Annual Wood County Life Chain will be Sunday, October 7 from 2:00-3:00.

We will be standing together on Murdoch Avenue and Grand Central Avenue between Lakeview Drive and Sam's Club parking lot in Vienna.

This is a silent, peaceful and prayerful witness of pro life Americans supporting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

More details to come.



Girls' Bible Study

All girls (grades 6th-12th) are invited to a Bible study series. The study will be based on this years' Pearls series.

All girls are invited to attend any or all of the sessions.

Sessions will be 9AM - Noon with breakfast served.

October 13 and 27 with additional dates to be announced.

See Laura for more information.

FROM THE ELDERS

We have decided to give \$5,000 each to Disaster Relief (TN) and Disaster Assistance (TX) as part of Hurricane Florence relief. We are extending the opportunity to the flock to aid in this effort as well. If you are writing a check, please make it out to the church and put Hurricane Relief on the memo line. If giving cash, please put it in an envelope marked Hurricane Relief. You can put it in the collection plate (marked appropriately) or give it to one of the elders and we will get it to the right place. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

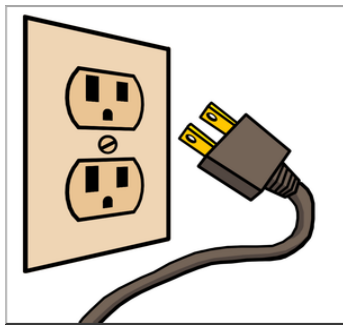
Heard on 910 AM WLTP

You are invited to the Camden Avenue Church of Christ's Gospel Meeting with Paolo Di Luca from the Bridge Street Church of Christ in New Martinsville, WV October 7-10. We meet at 2900 Camden Avenue in Parkersburg, WV. Our time of services are Sunday 9:30AM and 6:00PM for worship, Bible study is at 11:00AM. Our Gospel Meeting will continue Monday - Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

Some of the benefits that you and your family can receive by coming to our Gospel meeting will be to learn what one needs to do to become a Christian and to continue in the Christian faith (Hebrews 10:25). You will be able to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). You will be greeted with a warm welcome and have an opportunity to fellowship with other Christians.

We hope you and your family will be able to join us for our Gospel Meeting at the Camden Avenue Church of Christ. For more information: Call 304.428.0504.

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



Electrifying Thoughts!

It is fine for one to be a **LIVE WIRE** for the Lord! If he is well **GROUND**ED in truth, **CURRENT** attitudes reveal that the **LINE** of thought in religion has been **SWITCHED** so many times one hardly knows **WATTS** right. Unless one is well **INSULATED** with Bible knowledge, his Christian journey will likely be a **SHORT CIRCUIT** in returning to worldliness. All should be re-**GENERATED** by close **CONNECTION** with the Lord that their **LIGHTS** shine forth to all so that the **TRANSFORMATION** might be fully honored.

*"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His **POWERFUL** word." (Hebrews 1:3)*

To avoid the danger of **POWER OUTAGES**, stay **PLUGGED** into his **POWERFUL** Word!

Selected



Every time you delete a negative in your life you make room for more good!

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Barlow-Vincent congregation.

Everyone welcome!

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 TOPIC
October 7 - **INSPIRED**

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, October 7

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley
PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Clayton Huber
Close - Walter Morgan
6:00 PM - Ron Riddle
Close - Len Haid

SCRIPTURE

AM - Don Gaston
PM - Don Dougherty

COMMUNION

AM - Russ Alton
PM - Cody Hoover
Dustin Hughes

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dave Nulter
2 - Josh Hall
3 - Lois Nulter

PM

1. John & Linda Hall
2. Josh Hall & Zoe Merrill
* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *
5. Sonya Hescht & Betty Lamb
6. Tammy Kerns & Susan Anderson

Facts and Figures

September 23, 2018

AM Service.....258
Bible Study.....166
PM Service.....199
Wednesday.....198
Contribution.....\$7487.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested Prayers....4
Placed Membership.....5

Services Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM