

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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On my bad days I seek You.

On my good days I thank You.

On my great days I praise You.

But everyday I need You.

Thank you God for always being here for me.

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Elders:

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

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You never look good trying to make someone else look bad.



Our church family in need of prayers.

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

Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), Patty Alton, David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Diane Bowling (Madeline Gregg's neighbor), Paul DuVall (Terry Hofmann's cousin), Casey Freeman (Don and Brenda Dougherty's friend), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Jim & Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nesselroad), Sue Nelson (Chris Hofmann's aunt), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), John Rockhold, Leonard Shears, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Dorcas Stanley (Sallie Hinzman's mother), Kimberly Wade (Marvin and Arrahwanna McMasters' daughter), Marv Williams

Belpre Landing - Nancy Kimes (Room 112)

Mike Wade is recovering from knee surgery.
Keep him in your prayers and remember him with cards.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you to everyone who remembered us with an anniversary card. At a time of year when everyone is busy with Christmas cards and you took the time to also send us an anniversary card. We are blessed with such a wonderful church family. **Mike and Teresa Wade**
- ♥ Thanks for all the birthday wishes and cards. **Bob Eddy**
- ♥ I would like to thank the Inman's and Cochran's all the kids for raking my leaves and walnuts. Also, I would like to thank everyone for my birthday cards. **Mary Daniel**
- ♥ We want to "Thank" everyone who donated items and food for the Coat Give-Away. We gave out about 100 coats and other winter items. Also, all those who helped with the Coat Give-Away on Saturday. Your help was very much appreciated. (**Chris and Terry Hofmann**)



Thank you for worshipping with us!

MEETINGS TODAY

Elders, Deacons, Preacher meeting today at 4:00. Men's meeting at 5:00.

LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Ladies Holiday Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 18 at the Parkersburg Country Club. Lunch will be served at noon. Checks need to be made payable and given to Gala Miller. \$5 optional gift exchange. Information sheet on the counter.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Please note: There will not be a sing at Love and Care December 31 due to the holidays.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to a New Year's Eve get-together in the MP Room starting at 8:00 with devotional at 10:00. Bring \$2 for pizza and snacks. All ages. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will conduct the 2:30 service at Love and Care Sunday, January 6 and 7:00PM Thursday, January 10.

HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the boxes in the rear auditorium foyer for your holiday cards. Feel free to distribute to others.

REMINDER

Melva would like to recycle holiday card envelopes. She uses envelopes to distribute coupons. They may be left in her file in the card box at the rear auditorium foyer.

Thank You Ron!

As many of you know, Ron Riddle stepped back from his role as an elder here at Camden Avenue at the end of November. He has served in this role for over 10 years. During this time, he has done an excellent job and has approached this role with great dignity and respect. He has always had the heart of a shepherd and looked out for the flock with love. Ron, we appreciate your many contributions to this congregation and what you will do for it in the future.

Thanks again,
The Elders

Housing needed

Doug Wells is need of housing. He has not been able to sell his house yet and the place he was going to rent did not work out. If someone would be able to house Doug or know of a place to rent please let our elders, Mark, or Doug know. His wife will be staying in Michigan until they sell their house.

Thank you!

Daily Bible Reading

December 16 - Revelation 4-5, Joel 1-3
December 17 - Revelation 6, Amos 1-5
December 18 - Revelation 7, Amos 6-9
December 19 - Revelation 8, Obadiah
December 20 - Revelation 9, Jonah 1-4
December 21 - Revelations 10-11, Micah 1-4
December 22 - Revelation 12, Micah 5-7
December 23 - Revelation 13, Nahum 1-3

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Forgiveness

According to an Associated Press account, in September 1994 Cindy Hartman of Conway, Arkansas, walked into her house to answer the phone and was confronted by a burglar. He ripped the phone cord out of the wall and ordered her into a closet. Hartman dropped to her knees and asked the burglar if she could pray for him. "I want you to know that God loves you and I forgive you," she said. The burglar apologized for what he had done. Then he yelled out the door to a woman in a pickup truck: "We've got to unload all of this. This is a Christian home and a Christian family. We can't do this to them." As Hartman remained on her knees, the burglar returned furniture he had taken from her home. Then he took the bullets out of his gun, handed the gun to Hartman, and walked out the door. Praying for our enemies is incredibly disarming. (– Scott Harrison, Waterloo, Iowa. Leadership, Vol. 16).

Cindy Hartman was following the teachings of Jesus. Jesus instructed us in Matthew 6:12, 14-15 that we are to forgive those who sin against us. Notice what Jesus teaches, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:12, 14, 15). Paul continued this teaching of forgiveness by writing to the Ephesians in Eph. 4:31-32, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. "

The excellence of the Christian faith is forgiveness. No other religion teaches people to forgive one another and to pray for the forgiveness of their enemies as Christ commanded. "Marcus Aurelius, the Roman Emperor and Stoic saint, used to say to himself every morning, "Today you will meet all kinds of unpleasant people; they will hurt you, and injure you, and insult you; but you cannot live like that; you know better, for you are a man in whom the Spirit of God dwells."

We who are Christians are a people whom the Spirit of God dwells. "Others may have in their hearts the unforgiving spirit, others may sin in ignorance; but we know better. We are Christ's men and women; and we must forgive as He forgave us." (William Barclay 285-6, Luke Commentary). The excellence of the Christian faith is forgiveness as the Bible teaches. Let us consider how we are to forgive one another.

Jesus is...Lord
Scripture Reading:
Text: Philippians 2:9-11



I. Jesus is our _____.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

II. Jesus is the _____.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

III. Jesus is the _____.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

IV. Jesus is the _____.

A. _____

B. _____

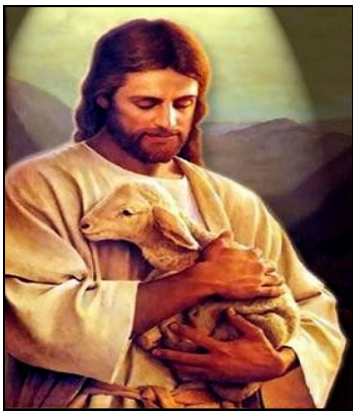
C. _____

Sunday Evening Sermon
Will there be degrees in eternity?
Scripture Reading:
Luke 12:42-48



Laura and I would like to thank everyone who came to our open house, it was very nice time and we appreciate everyone's fellowship. Thank you for allowing us to be apart of the church family here at Camden Ave. God Bless each of you!

Mark, Laura, Breanna, and Samantha Tonkery



(The following article is written by Doug Wells, who has recently been hired to work with the congregation here. To help get to know him a little better his articles will be featured in the bulletin.

Please keep Doug and his family in your prayers as they make this transition).

Let Jesus Remove Your Doubt

John the Baptist once had an episode of doubt. Keep in mind that John saw Jesus and testified to his disciples: “Look, the Lamb of God!” So he knew who Jesus was, even when few others did. However, even though John had great spiritual strength, he also had a moment of weakness. He doubted what he knew to be true about Jesus. In his defense, he was in prison because of his godly testimony. Times were hard. So John sends his disciples to ask Jesus “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” (Matthew 11:3). Even the mighty John the Baptist struggled at least once to have confidence in Christ.

The goal is to have an undivided mind when it comes to our faith in God and our hope of salvation. The goal is to have a faith that is unshakable by any circumstance. But that is the goal, not always where we are right now. If we are having a moment like the one John had we should do what John did. We turn our attention to Jesus and ask Him for help with our faith. We should cry out like the man seeking healing for his son, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24).

The Bible teaches that if you are in Christ you are saved. “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). But have you ever had a moment when you doubted it? When you, as a baptized and faithful member of the Church, thought that maybe you had sinned just one too many times to have hope? Listen, if you’re refusing to repent of some wrongdoing then there is good reason to be nervous about the judgment. But I’m talking to those who are trying to live for God and have a moment when they wonder if Jesus is effective enough to get them there. And to you, faithful Christian, I say that He is. Put your confidence in Jesus and keep it there because He has the power to save you.

Written by Doug Wells



January 1 - Jim Merrill
January 3 - Ryan Gaston
January 7 - Nancy Kimes
January 9 - Patty Alton, Gary Farris
January 10 - Cody Hoover, Lorna Marshall
January 12 - Lucille Hardman
January 14 - Bill Hoover, Ron Moncrief, Bob Smith
January 15 - David Houser, Sam Merrill
January 17 - Gala Miller, *Bill & De Fleak,
*Dearll and Carol Vincent
January 18 - Merilee Morgan, Alivia Moser,
*Bob and Sharon Smith
January 19 - Keith Smith
January 24 - Ben Haught, Sarah Inman, Joyce Wright
January 26 - Brittany Gray, Becky Inman
January 27 - Betty Lamb
January 28 - Donna McConnell
January 30 - Cotton Sayre

* Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the calendar, contact the office this week.

Youth Events

January 11-12

The Priestly Kingdom - (Belle Church of Christ)

The Student Conference by Kingdom Forward is about encouraging and equipping students (middle school through college) to be a part of the King's mission.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

Deadline to sign-up is today.

See Mark Tonkery for more information.

6th-12th Grade Girls January Classes

Girls are invited to a Bible study.

The study will continue through the LLL Pearls book.

Sessions will be: 9:00AM - 11:30AM

January 5 and January 19

Any questions, see Laura.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A man shopping in the grocery store was being followed by his small son. The boy was carrying a basket, and his father was loading it with one item after the other.

A customer was watching and began to feel sorry for the struggling boy; walked up to him and said, "that's a heavy load for a little chap like you, isn't it?"

The boy expressed surprise, then smiled and said, "Oh, don't worry, my dad knows how much I can carry."

Have you ever thought the burdens you were carrying was more than you could bear?

God knows our struggles, our weakness, and our burdens. He cares for us and will never allow our burdens to be greater than we can bear.

1 Corinthians 1:13, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

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





December is Sack the Pulpit to restock our church pantry.

Items requested:

- Canned potatoes
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Baked Beans
- Vegetable Soup
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned carrots
- Canned Meats (Chicken, Vienna Sausage, etc.)
- Crackers
- Breakfast cereals
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned peaches/fruit cocktail
- Mac n cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Peanut butter
- Jelly

Items may be left on either side of the pulpit.

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.

December 23 - COME TO JESUS



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, December 23

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jon Hescht

Close - Marion Goldsmith

6:00 PM - Kody Inman

Close - Bill Merrill

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Mills

PM - Don Gaston

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Russ Alton

Kevin Cochran

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Cotton Sayre

2 - Dearll Vincent

3 - Patty Sayre

PM

1. Sami Tonkery & Haley Johnson

2. Bill Camp & Donovan Walton

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Bill & Rosemary Merrill

6. Walter & Merilee Morgan

Facts and Figures

December 9, 2018

AM Service.....245

Bible Study.....181

PM Service.....209

Wednesday.....187

Contribution.....\$8915.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...5

Placed Membership.....6

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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