

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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Colleen Rose Ash

Our sister Colleen Ash passed away February 10, 2019. Mrs. Ash was born August 11, 1931. She married Robert Ash February 16, 1951. They were the parents of two daughters, Becky Chapman (Steve) and Linda Liggins. Mrs. Ash was always proud to talk of her five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded by her husband Bob, sister Vada Ramsey Weaver, son-in-law Marty Liggins, nephew Terry Ramsey, and great granddaughter Lydia Inkenbrandt.

Sister Ash was baptized here October 7, 1945. She and Mr. Ash were active members at Camden Avenue church of Christ for many years. He served as a deacon and in other areas as well. She served in many roles.

Mrs. Ash was a wonderful Christian example. A true Proverbs 31 woman. Whether it was homemade cookies for VBS, shower gifts, food donations, monetary donations for events, her card ministry, her smile and warm hugs, you could always count on her. We will cherish the memories and miss her as a devoted sister in the Camden Avenue family.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Stan Inman
John Life
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
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Words are free.
It's how you use
them that may cost
you!

You might be the person God is
preparing as the answer to
someone's prayer.
Be ready!



Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Jim and Carolyn Henry, Jim Hughes, Nancy Inman, Phyllis Johnson, Annette Kirk, Bill and Mary 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

♥ Please keep Annette Kirk and Bob Armstrong in your prayers as they are experiencing health issues. Remember them with prayers and cards. ♥

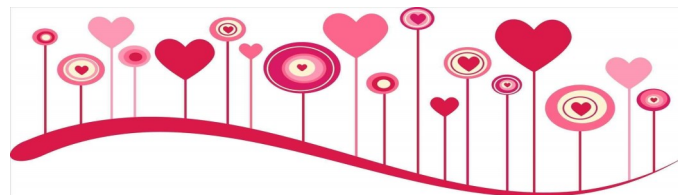
Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), Patty Alton, David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Ann Duley (Niece of Gilbert and Lucille Hardman), Paul DuVall (Terry Hofmann's cousin), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Bennet Haught (Brian Haught's father), Blaine Hescht, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nesselroad), David Lawson, Carolyn Sue Miller, 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)

We extend our sympathy to the following families:

- The family of Colleen Ash. Her service was Wednesday at Leavitt Funeral Home.
This is the addresses for her daughters:
Linda Liggins - 6494 Welannee Blvd., Laurel Hill, FL 32567
Becky Chapman - 3081 Bird Drive, Ravenna, OH 44266
- The family of Wilma Lewis. Her services was Wednesday at Lambert-Tatman.
- The family of Bill Butterfield. His service was yesterday.

Keep these families in you prayers.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the many birthday cards. I appreciated them. **Keith Smith**
- ♥ Thanks to all who reminded me I'm a year older. The cards were great. Thank you for them. **Marion Goldsmith**
- ♥ Your cards, thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated for our mother and us during her recent surgery, hospital stay and while she was at the Arbors in Marietta. Thank you for the delicious meal provided for us after her funeral and the beautiful roses. Our mother loved the congregation here and cared deeply for everyone. In Christian love, **Becky & Steve Chapman - Linda Liggins family**

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Our
American Red Cross Blood Drive

will be tomorrow 1:00 - 5:30
in the MP Room.

Donors are needed.

Sign-up sheets are on counter.

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Josh and Brittany Gray are the proud parents of a baby girl, Elena Jade Gray. She arrived February 13 weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and 19½ inches. Proud grandparents are Steve and Linda Gray and great grandparents Bill and Carolyn Davis and Donna Tice. Congratulations!

MEETINGS TODAY

Elders, Preachers, Deacons today at 4:00 with Men's meeting and Ladies meeting at 5:00.

BLOOD DRIVE TOMORROW

Our Blood Drive will be tomorrow in the MP Room 1:00-5:30PM. Sign-up sheets are on the counter. Donors are still needed.

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY PLANNING MEETING

All ladies are welcome to a devotional/planning for the 2019 MOV Ladies Inspiration Day tomorrow evening at 6:30 at the Lynn Street congregation. The MOV Ladies Inspiration Day will be Saturday, April 6. Flyer on foyer bulletin boards.

LOVE AND CARE SING

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

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send students to the convention, see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

Please remember Len Haid's brother in your prayers and with cards. He is experiencing health issues.

Charles (Bill Haid) - 224 Garrison Avenue, Charleston, WV 25302

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Daily Bible Reading

February 17 - Matthew 27:57-66, Leviticus 11-12
February 18 - Matthew 28, Leviticus 13
February 19 - Mark 1:1-28, Leviticus 14-15
February 20 - Mark 1:29-45, Leviticus 16-17
February 21 - Mark 2, Leviticus 18-19
February 22 - Mark 3:1-19, Leviticus 20-22
February 23 - Mark 3:20-35, Leviticus 23
February 24 - Mark 4:1-25, Leviticus 24-25

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

February 24 - *Fasting*

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



What a Christian should look for when going to college?

It is hard to believe, but my daughters are talking about going to college, they are in high school and it will not be long before they take that big step into adulthood and college life. So, as a parent, I have been thinking a lot about my daughters going to college as well. Although I would like for my daughters and every Christian to go to a Christian college, I realize that this may not be possible for some, because of degree programs, finances, scholarships, and many other reasons. But even if a person goes to a Christian College there are still some things they should be thinking about as one starts living life on their own. So, whether a person is going to a Christian College or a public College they should think about the following:

- First, as one goes off to college, they must keep seeking God and putting Him first (Mt. 6:33). It is often in college that one can be tempted to ignore God and follow a crowd of friends that may choose a way of life that is contrary to the will of God. So, keep seeking God, studying the Bible, praying, and obeying Him in your everyday life.
- Second, find a church home and be committed to that local body of Christians, not only will this help one keep their focus on the Lord, but it will have one develop friendship and a community of believers that can be a family, while one is away from their own family and church home (Heb. 11:24,25). Plus, they may give you a home cooked meal occasionally.
- Third, find and develop friendships with fellow Christians, this again is where the local congregation will be of great importance. We tend to be influenced by our friends, whether good or evil. Remember 1 Cor. 15:33, "Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."
- Fourth, go on a mission trip. One of the great spiritual building events in my college years was when I went on mission trips; I went on three mission trips in college and was blessed every time. Whether the mission trip is foreign or domestic look for an opportunity to go. Most Christian colleges offer mission trip opportunities during spring break, and summer breaks, but there are many missionaries looking for groups to come and help them throughout the year. Even if one does not go to a Christian College there are still many opportunities to go on short term mission trip. One place to check out opportunities for short term mission trips is Disciple Trips their web page is: <http://www.discipletrips.com/about-us.>; These are mission trips supported and sponsored by members of the church of Christ.

This is just a short list of spiritual things that a Christian should be looking for during their college years. The goal is to develop one's own spiritual life, and grow as a Christian, so one will go to Heaven.

Young people and parents, please be very prayerful and wise in your choice of college or university it will point you in the direction that you will live the rest of your life, please make sure that direction is helping you get to Heaven.

SERMON NOTES

Let Love Continue

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7



I. The problem: The Corinthians were pointing to their _____ gifts as being _____ than _____ another.

II. The response from Paul: Not _____ will have the same gifts but we all can have _____.

a. Love must be the _____ (1 Cor. 13:1-3).

b. Love must _____ (1 Cor. 13:4-7).

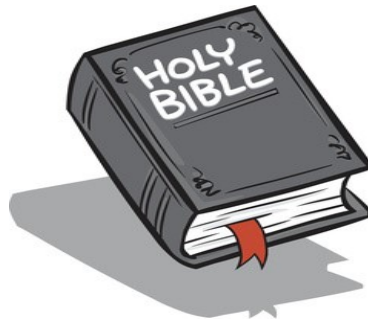
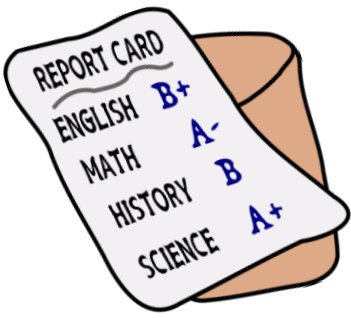
c. Love must _____ (1 Cor. 13:8-13).

III. The application:

Doug Wells will be preaching this evening. Let's all be here!

We thank Mark and Doug for the wonderful sermons they bring us. Our congregation is blessed.

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Not Hard to Get

I think a general rule is the more worthwhile something is the harder it is to get it. In school it wouldn't have been hard for me to pass a class with a "D." I could do that with almost no effort at all, but the much more valuable "A" took a lot more work. If something is extremely valuable it might even be unattainable. Could I get a small diamond to ask Raeanne to marry me? Sure, with some saving and sacrifice. Could I obtain the 45.52 carat Hope Diamond? Uhh . . .not legally. And since I'm a minister instead of a master criminal not illegally either. Get how this works? The best things tend to be super hard to get. But I hope this doesn't discourage people from pursuing God. I hope this principle doesn't convince people to abandon seeking God's Word.

Even though every Word from God is more precious than diamonds it is amazingly accessible to us. As Moses once said, God's Word "is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, 'Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, 'Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it" (Deuteronomy 30:12-14). I think righteous people would happily cross the ocean to receive a word from God . . . but they don't have to. God loves us so much that He has put something incredibly valuable within reach.

The Word is in our hearts so that we may seek (and find) God. I've watched a few Indiana Jones movies in my time, where Harrison Ford goes on incredibly difficult quests to obtain priceless artifacts. Perhaps that's how many people view seeking God. They may think the quest to get to God would be so difficult, the obstacles so great, it's not really worth the effort. Perhaps these people would be surprised to know that God is not far away. The obstacles to get to God are great but they have already been overcome by Christ. "From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us." (Acts 17:26-27). What is it worth to you to be near God? How worthwhile would that be? Rejoice that God has made this an exception to the rule! God is worth more than the whole world but He is not far from each one of us.

MARCH

Birthdays - Anniversaries

March 5 - Jordan Alton, Haylee Smith, Cody Young
March 6 - Kayla Inman, Kelsey Proffitt
March 7 - Harvey Caplinger Sr.
March 9 - Elic Galloway
March 11 - Malorie Fleak
March 12 - Penny Eddy
March 13 - Patty Dawson
March 14 - Meika Eddy, Jim Galloway
March 15 - Mark Dean, Lindsay Proffitt, Paul Saunders
March 16 - Dennis Keller, *Bill & Kay Mills
March 18 - Billie Coe
March 21 - Sheila Deems
March 22 - Barbara Cramlet
March 23 - Madison Highman, Mike Lucas
March 26 - Sherry Hoover, Ted Miller
March 27 - Melinda Eddy, *Stan and Debi Inman
March 28 - Donovan Walton
March 29 - Rob Hoover
March 30 - *Scott and Gwen Johnson
March 31 - Scott Smith, Norma Vaught

* Anniversary

If your birthdate and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like to be included on the church calendar, please contact the office this week.

YOUTH SECTION

Christian Youth Conference
February 22-24

Keep our group in your prayers as they travel to Pigeon Forge and attend CYC.

2019 Monday Night Merge
7:00PM - 9:00PM

Topic: 6 Tips to Avoiding Temptation

February 18 - Examine Yourself
Sunrise congregation

February 25 - Flee Temptation
Lower Paw Paw congregation

March 4 - Don't Get Discouraged
Camden Avenue congregation

March 11 - Confess and Repent
OVU (Hosted by Latrobe Street congregation)

Flyer on foyer bulletin boards

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A farmer once invited a friend to come to his orchard and gather some apples. The friend declined and explained by saying, "I passed by your orchard and picked up an apple that had fallen over the fence, and I never tasted anything so sour in all of my life."

The farmer answered his friend saying, "Those trees around the outside are for those who come to steal my apples. I went fifty miles to select the sourest apples I could find to plant around the edges, so people might taste them and think they were not worth stealing. But if you come inside, you will find that we grow a very different quality. These apples are as sweet as honey."

There are those who make the same mistake and judge the church by its members who are just "hanging around the edges," those who are unfaithful, and uncommitted. There is a much different fruit on the inside, some very "sweet" and dear people. Come on in and see for yourself.

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



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, February 24

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Len Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - David Epler

6:00 PM - Todd Kirk

Close - Marion Goldsmith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dave Nulter

PM - Mike Wade

COMMUNION

AM - John Life

PM - Clayton Huber

Kevin Cochran

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dearll Vincent

2 - Cotton Sayre

3 - Patty Sayre

PM

1. Patrick & Bev Rine

2. Dave & Lois Nulter

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Mike & Teresa Wade

6. Don & Sheri Gaston

Facts and Figures

February 10, 2019

AM Service.....264

Bible Study.....205

PM Service.....161

Wednesday.....144

Contribution.....\$7634.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers....5

Placed Membership.....8

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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



Remember our shut-ins and folks that have not been able to attend services in your prayers and with cards.

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Parkersburg, WV 26104

Ray Sams
223 Delaware Street
Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Teacher: Rick Stanley ~ Foundations of Biblical Principles ~ Room 109

This study will be for all who want to learn more about God's Word. For those who are new to the Scriptures, this will be a study to help you learn where to find subjects in the Bible. For those who are familiar with Biblical topics, this will be a time to refresh your memories. The Bible will be our Text Book.

Come join us, beginning March 6, 2019.

Love and Care Assisted Living has an immediate need for a back-up Registered Nurse.

We are required by the State of WV to have a back-up nurse to be on call if the staff RN is out of town or unavailable to answer any emergencies. If this is something you would be interested in or would like detailed information, contact DeDe Cook or Treva Daggett @ 304-863-8950.

Bible Call ~ 304.420.2416

Answers to Bible questions and prompts for Bible studies

Brochures are available in the foyers with details. Feel free to distribute to family, friends, and co-workers.

Any questions, see David Epler or contact him at 304.834.1945 or 616.554.0990.

