



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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IF I MISS HEAVEN

- I'll miss the greatest, grandest, most glorious place ever conceived.
(Revelation 21:1-4)
- I'll miss a grand reunion with Christian family members who preceded me. (Genesis 49:33)
- I'll realize the tragedy of taking for granted the blood Christ shed in sacrifice for me. (Hebrews 2:9)
- I'll recall forsaken opportunities to be a child of God and a faithful follower of the Savior. (Luke 16:25)
 - I'll never again see the light of day. (Matthew 25:30)
 - I'll suffer unbearably and unendingly. (Mark 9:43; Matthew 25:46)
- I'll never again have the opportunity to praise and worship Jehovah God.
(II Thessalonians 1:7-9)
- I'll abide forever with the most horrific characters from human history.
(Revelation 21:8, 27)
 - I'll be punished with the demons. (Matthew 25:41-46)
 - I'll not have one friend or loved one to care about my fate.
(Revelation 21:4)
 - I'll have no hope. (Romans 8:24; Titus 1:2)
 - I'll be lost forever. (Revelation 14:10-11)

Author Unknown

Don't miss going to heaven.
If we can assist you in any way, please let us know.
Let's make it our goal that we all get to heaven together.

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Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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**If what's ahead
concerns you
and
What's behind hurts
you.
Then look up.**



*Where God guides,
He provides.*

Isaiah 58:11



Dearll Vincent - Belpre Landing (Room 201)

Remember him in your prayers and with cards. No visits, please.

Address: 1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Mike Wade

Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Mark Berry, Don & Sheri Blackwell, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Sherry Haddox, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Sydney Harvey and baby (Friend of Don & Brenda Dougherty), 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 III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Randy Townsend

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:

- To the family of Richard Deem. He was Rosemary Merrill's brother-in-law and Lois Nulter's nephew. His service was yesterday in Parkersburg.
- Brian Haught and family in the passing of his father, Bennet Haught. He passed Wednesday. His service was yesterday in Fairview, WV.
- To the family of Rex Currey. He passed away May 26. Graveside service will be today at 2:00 at the Independence Cemetery in Sandyville, WV.

Keep these families in your prayers.



A special thank you to Herb and Joyce Wright for the delicious food at the luncheon Wednesday. Also, thank you to Rick and Kay Stanley for the tour at Henderson Hall. Thanks to all that attended!

- ♥ Thank you for the many remembrances - including prayers, calls, and cards at the passing of our Uncle Dale Dotson.

Gala Miller, Patty Sayre, Rick Stanley and Families

Camden Avenue Congregation News

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a VBS meeting today at 5:00 in Room 109. All teachers and those working with VBS are asked to attend. See Mark Tonkery if you have questions.

CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Care Group Leaders meeting this evening after services in Room 109.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 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.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers Amish Country will be Thursday, June 13. Leaving the church building at 8:00AM. Sign-up sheet and itineraries are on the counter.

MEETINGS - JUNE 23

Note the date change: The Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting will be Sunday, June 23 at 4:00 with the Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting to follow at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

The next MNFTM will be July 1 at 5:45 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for dinner attendance count and food items. Work projects will include distributing VBS flyers, mailing invitations, and other jobs focusing on VBS.

MISSION TRIP DATE CHANGE

We will be helping with VBS August 2, 3 and 4 at the Northeast congregation in Galena, OH where Dana Slingluff preaches. This is a change in the date. Sign-up sheet is on the counter if you can help.

BIBLE BOWL COACH NEEDED

A Bible Bowl coach is needed for our 1st - 6th grade team. Let Mark Tonkery know if you can help.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Cadence Hescht - June 21 and Jon Hescht - June 22. Please add to your church calendar.

Daily Bible Reading

June 2 - John 10:1-21, 2 Kings 8-9
June 3 - John 10:22-42, 2 Kings 10-11
June 4 - John 11:1-27, 2 Kings 12-14
June 5 - John 11:28-57, 2 Kings 15-16
June 6 - John 12:1-26, 2 Kings 17
June 7 - John 12:27-50, 2 Kings 18-19
June 8 - John 13:1-20, 2 Kings 20-21
June 9 - John 13:21-38, 2 Kings 22-23



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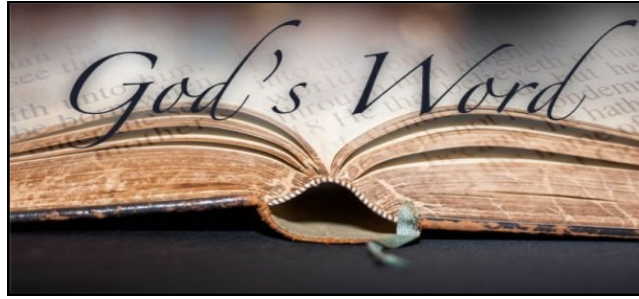
Hear Recorded Information on Hundreds of Bible Subjects

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

Keep up the good work of telling others about this program. Brochures are available in the foyers.

Distribute to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Is an Active Faith Important?

A ship wrecked off the Rhode Island coast, one winter day. A father and son managed to get into a lifeboat. The father refused to let his son help row. Upon reaching land, the father found his son frozen to death. The boy needed activity in order to live.

What is true of the physical body is true of the Body of Christ, the Church, there needs to be an active faith in following God.

Yet, what I often encounter with many people today who claim to be Believers, is that having “faith” simply means that one just acknowledges that there is a Christ. Some today think that if you merely confess that Jesus is one’s Savior, and you pray that He will come into your heart, you will be saved. That just going to a church building is good enough to express one’s faith in God. That if you give a little money here and there to the church everything will be alright with God.

However, the Bible gives many powerful examples of active faith. For example, in Hebrews 11 we find those who followed God had an active faith like Abel, Noah, Abraham, and many others. As we continue to read Hebrews 11, we see these people of faith lives’ were filled with the struggles of life, persecution, loneliness, and even death for following the Lord. Yet they made offerings, built things, went to foreign countries, obeyed, worked, and refused the pressures of life to show the world and even us today what it is to have faith in God.

In God’s Word, faith is action, obedience, it is a response to God and not just a mental belief alone. Our faith in Christ causes us to act in ways God has prescribed and Christianity, then becomes an active lifestyle.

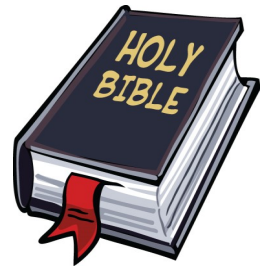
So, is an active faith important?

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him... And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight” (Hebrews 11:6; 32-40 NASB).

The Bible says in Hebrews 11 that an active faith pleases God. I want to please God, don’t you?

God's Amazing Grace

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:11-14



I. **G** _____ – Titus 2:11

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

II. **R** _____ – Titus 2:14

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III. **A** _____ – Titus 2:13

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IV. **C** _____ – Titus 2:11-3:7

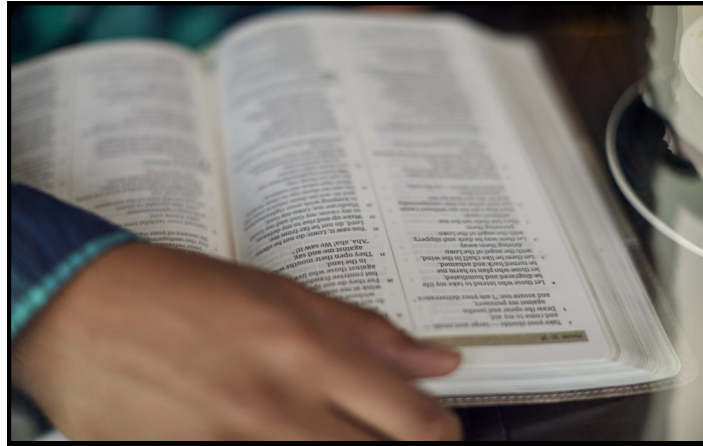
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V. **E** _____ – Titus 2:12,14

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3. _____

Finally,
Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Stay Supplied

There is more than one way to defeat an army. Head-on clashes with the enemy work – if you're stronger. A sneakier approach is to cut off the enemy's supply lines. This tactic has been used for centuries. Soldiers need food, medical supplies, and ammunition. If you can find a way to disrupt the flow of these things you have greatly weakened your opponent without even firing a shot. Hungry soldiers don't fight very well and eating the questionable leftovers can be a problem. (Napoleon lost more soldiers from spoiled food than from bullets).

You can be sure that our enemy, the devil, uses the same strategy. God is stronger so head-on attacks are not Satan's best option. Jesus says about His sheep that since God is greater than all "no one can snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28). With God we are undefeatable! To win the devil has to weaken us up first. I think the best way to do that is to try and cut us off from the source of our spiritual strength. If the devil can distract us when it is time to pray, if he can convince us that more television is more important than the Word, if he can convince us to fill our Sundays with activities that aren't church then we are going to have problems. You become spiritually hungry and weak when these supply lines are cut off.

Let us all take to heart the words of Jesus! He proclaims, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). I've picked up many fallen branches in my yard. Separated from the tree they all quickly wither and die. But connected they bear leaves and fruit. We are the same. Connected to God not only do we thrive but we also bring many blessings to others. If we remain in Christ we spread the light of Jesus wherever we go. So let's stay connected. Defend your supply lines so you remain strong. Zealously defend your times of prayer, study, and worship. The One who is in us is greater – so as long as we are connected to Him victory is ours.



END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ICE CREAM PARTY

Everyone is invited to the MP Room this Wednesday after Bible study for an ice cream party to celebrate the end of the school year.

Items needed are listed on the sheet on the counter.



Church Camp

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP
CAMP HERVIDA

Senior Week ~ June 9 - 14

Junior Week ~ June 16 - 21

Intermediate Week ~ June 23 - 28

Registration forms are available in the foyers.



Don't be the person who says, 'get over it.'
Be the one who says, 'I am going to help you
through this.'

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

At Camden Avenue visitors make us happy. We love having another voice to join us in song. We love getting to know new people. So, of course I hope you come visit us sometime. I think God would also approve of you visiting, but our All-Knowing Father might have something he wants you to do first.



Too many people think going to church cancels out any wrong doing in their lives. Too many think putting something in the collection plate means the rest of their lifestyle is okay. However, Jesus has something to say about that: "if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First, go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24). I'm quite sure God wants you in church. I'm equally sure that God wants you to make things right with anyone you have wronged. So go, be reconciled to your brother, and then come visit us at church.

I am Doug Wells with the Camden Avenue Church of Christ where you are always welcome.

Serving In Worship

Sunday, June 9

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Doug Wells

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brian Haught

Close - Dennis Keller

6:00 PM - Clayton Huber

Close - Paul Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Bob Miller

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Camp

PM - Rick Stanley

Bill Merrill

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



Love. Grow. Serve.

HELP ME!

Help me find somebody today who needs what I have to share:
a kind word, a thoughtful deed, a bit of loving care.

Help me to take the time to be an understanding friend to
someone who needs a helping hand on which they can depend.

Help me to love as Jesus loves, that same unselfish way.
Help me to be like Jesus in all that I do and say.

Upcoming Events:

Vacation Bible School

July 8 - 10 ~ 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Church Picnic

August 17

Our Summer Series will begin this week.

Speaker: Brent Smith

Main Street Church of Christ ~ Caldwell, OH

Please join us!



Facts and Figures

May 26, 2019

AM Service.....270

Bible Study.....175

PM Service.....173

Wednesday.....209

Contribution.....\$6710.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...1

Placed Membership.....1

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Friday Night Sing



Transportation
will leave Friday
at 5:15 for the
sing at the
Buckhannon
congregation.

Everyone welcome!

Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

will air 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.

June 9 - THE WORD WAS GOD



*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are loved and appreciated at Camden Avenue.*