

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.

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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THANK YOU
for joining us!

**Our Youth - Parenting Seminar
continues today.**

Theme: What Is Your Responsibility?

Speaker: Lonnie Jones

Schedule

9:30: *Priorities For the Family, What Needs to Come First?*

11:00: *What Immorality and Drugs Are Doing To the Family*
6th Grade and above will remain in the auditorium.

Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship Meal in the
MP Room after worship and Bible study.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
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
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Todd Kirk
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Church should be
your excuse for
missing things,
not visa versa.

PRAY

without ceasing

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, 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

Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Mark Berry, 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), Bennet Haught (Brian Haught's father), Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nesselroad), David Lawson, Carolyn Sue Miller, Shirley Packard, 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

We extend our condolences to Peg Phillips and family in the passing of her son-in-law, Duane Deem. His service was Wednesday in Parkersburg.



Dearll Vincent - Belpre Landing (Room 318)

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

Address: 1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714



- ♥ From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for all you've done for our mother over the years; visits, cards, calls, and transportation. We are especially grateful to Jim and Charlotte Galloway, Aunt Lenore Vaught, Aunt Lois and Uncle Dave Nulter, and our cousin, Steve Sprout. The folks who assisted with the funeral arrangements and meal afterwards did an outstanding job! Again, we thank you! God bless you. **The Sprout Girls - Libby, Karla and Amy**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, prayers, calls and visits during our "down time." We appreciate everything. **Larry and Carol Fleak**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone for the birthday cards. **Bob Miller**

Church News and Announcements



BAPTISM

We rejoice that Tim Eaton was baptized Monday by Mark Tonkery. He is the son of Lois Nulter. He will be in Care Group 2. We welcome him into the family at Camden Avenue.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible Study.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIAL ORDER FORMS

VBS teachers and helpers are asked to have your order forms returned to Mark Tonkery today.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES AWARDS RECOGNITION

Everyone is welcome to the LLL Awards Recognition this evening after services in the MP Room. Bring finger foods and snacks.

CPR REFRESHER CLASS

The CPR refresher class will be tomorrow in the MP Room 6:00PM-9:00PM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion for details.

WARREN CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS LECTURESHIPS

The 9th Annual Warren Lectureship will be Thursday, May 9 at the Blennerhassett Hotel with Speaker: Devon Brown. Reservations required to 304-917-3707.

MEETINGS - MAY 19

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

GRADUATES PICTURES AND GET-TOGETHER INFORMATION

Pictures of our high school and college graduates will be featured in an upcoming bulletin. Include student's name and school information with the photo. Photos may be given to Kimberlee or left in the office by May 12. Photos will be returned. Everyone is invited to the get-together in the MP Room May 19 after evening services to honor the graduates. Bring snacks, desserts and beverages. Our high school graduates are Haley Johnson and Jordan Kirk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 MORNING CLASS

Mark will teach the 11:00 morning Bible class May 29. Following the class we will go to Henderson Hall for a picnic lunch. Rick Stanley will provide a tour of Henderson Hall. The tour will be \$8 each. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for attendance count. Details are with the sign-up sheet. See Mark or Dwain for details.

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of Bible Subjects*

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

Brochures are available in the foyers.

Please distribute to family, friends,
neighbors and co-workers.

Daily Bible Reading

May 5 - Luke 22:1-23, 1 Samuel 27-29
May 6 - Luke 22:24-53, 1 Samuel 30-31
May 7 - Luke 22:54-71, 2 Samuel 1-3
May 8 - Luke 23:1-25, 2 Samuel 4-6
May 9 - Luke 23:26-56, 2 Samuel 7-10
May 10 - Luke 24:1-12, 2 Samuel 11-12
May 11 - Luke 24:13-35, 2 Samuel 13-14
May 12 - Luke 24:36-53, 2 Samuel 15-16

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



You've Got to Have Cement

A brick house needs something to hold it together. I don't care how beautiful the bricks may be, how straight they are laid, how well they are made. If there's no cement between them, that house is going to fall. You might build a brick house without cement, but I have never seen anyone foolish enough to try it. If you managed to get it built, you wouldn't have it long. The first little storm that came along would take care of that.

A church needs something to hold it together too. It's not enough to have many members, it's not enough for every "living stone" in the house of God to be beautiful. You've got to have cement. And love of the brethren is that cement.

Hardeman Nichols wrote, "The happiest congregations I know are composed of members who radiate cheerfulness, kindness and understanding. There is an atmosphere of love among them that is evident even to strangers. It is not a superficially manufactured external either. It runs deeply in their veins. To them, love is not some rare gem to be stored and hidden in a vault of selfishness. Rather, it is the goal of their lives which are not aimed at getting, but at giving.

"The work of promoting such happiness in congregations was begun by the apostles of Christ. They trained others to maintain this noble task. Paul instructed Timothy about his primary work in the church in Ephesus: "The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith" (1 Timothy 1:5).

Great churches are more than doctrinally correct. They have learned to exclaim with the psalmist, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." They have found their cement in brotherly love.

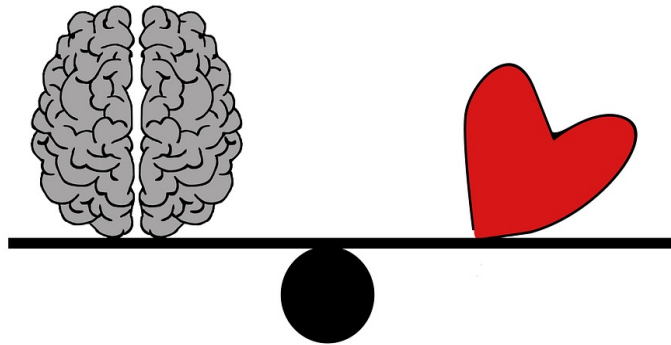
To the extent there is a weakening of the bonds that unite us as fellow Christians, to that extent we are hastening our demise as a congregation. Give us more cement! Let brotherly love continue. " (Hebrews 13:1)

SERMON NOTES

We are glad to have Lonnie Jones with us this morning. He will be speaking at our 9:30 service and 11:00 Bible study in the auditorium.

Be here this evening as Doug will be preaching.
His Love Endures Forever
Psalm 118:1

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Catch Up Your Heart

Sometimes it takes a moment for our heart to catch up to our mind. I know that God exists. I know that His plans all work together for good (check out Romans 8:28). I know that all of God's promises are true. But then some sort of crisis hits like a health problem that won't go away or a parenting issue of some kind or the van of death needs ANOTHER repair . . . and in these moments I confess I may ask, in my heart, "what are you doing God? Is this really the plan you have for me?" When a crisis of faith like this happens I know I need to go spend more time in prayer. Usually it is in prayer when my heart catches back up to my mind. When I seek the ability to fully trust again, God sends all I need to believe.

When Gideon was sent to rescue the Israelites in Judges 6 he knew all he needed to know. He knew that it was God who was sending him. God proved it with fire from a rock! Gideon knew that God was capable of miraculous signs, having heard from his fathers about the wonders that God had done in Egypt. And yet, despite all this knowledge, when facing an enormous army, Gideon's heart needed a little more convincing. So he prays "If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said" (Judges 6:37). I can't help but notice that God did not condemn Gideon for this prayer, or for the similar prayer that came after. God gave Gideon what he needed so his heart could catch up to his mind.

However, that being said, I'm quite sure God would not have been happy if Gideon had failed to act after getting what he needed. If Gideon had remained in doubt after being given enough to believe that would have been a sin to be judged. When fear enters our hearts we must be careful not to be like the people who are "always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7). God is always teaching us, speaking through His Word. Comforting us in prayer. Are you able to acknowledge that He is there and He is good? There is a time to seek these truths in prayer. After it is time to stand up, confident in the Lord and in His plan. As Jesus puts it, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me" (John 14:1).



CLOTHING ROOM

We are accepting clothes, coats, and blankets for the clothing room. We are especially in need of children and teens clothing.

There may be a clothing give-away this summer if we have adequate donations.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, see Terry Hofmann or one of the elders.

All donations are greatly appreciated.



Church Camp

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP AT CAMP HERVIDA

OVCYC at Camp Hervida is requesting donations of supplies. The list is on the counter in the foyer.

Items need to be left under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by Wednesday, May 29.

Senior Week June 9-14

Junior Week June 16-21

Intermediate Week June 23-28

Registration forms are available in the foyers.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

We offer informative tracts and Bible Correspondence Courses. We also have Bible studies at your convenience. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Please worship with us again!

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Every time a news story breaks with another cross or religious monument being removed from a public building I hear a lot about the separation of church and state. When that phrase is said some people nod and proclaim how important it is that church and public life don't mix. People just keep using that phrase, but I don't think it means what they think it means.

Separation of church and state is not found in the American constitution or in any of our founding documents. The phrase comes from a private letter from President Thomas Jefferson, meant to assure a church group that the government would not interfere with their expression of the Christian faith. In fact, two days later Jefferson attended a church service IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUILDING.

Do not be afraid to express your Christian faith wherever you go. Our founding fathers certainly weren't. They worshipped in the same place our country's laws were made.

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



Serving In Worship

Sunday, May 12

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ben Haught

PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Jon Hescht

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Chris Hofmann

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Kyle Inman

COMMUNION

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Cody Hoover

Keith Smith

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



Church Events

May 5 - 8

Gospel Meeting

Sunrise Church of Christ

Speaker: Dr. David Lipe

May 7

Senior Saints Day

Sunrise Church of Christ

Speaker: Dr. David Lipe

May 11

YOUTH FORMAL NIGHT RIVERBOAT CRUISE

Ages: 9th - 12th Grade

Hosted by the North End church of Christ

(More details on bulletin board by the office)

May 12 - 16

Gospel Meeting

Crum Ridge Church of Christ

Speaker: Tim Hatfield

May 17 - 18

Fort Hill Men's Retreat

Brochures on foyer bulletin boards

Flyers are posted on the bulletin boards in the foyers for these events.



The Lawn Crew
for this week will
include

Brian Haught,
Ben Haught,
Ryan Highman
and Jon Hescht.

Facts and Figures

April 28, 2019

AM Service.....265

Bible Study.....187

PM Service.....155

Wednesday.....152

Contribution.....\$7459.10

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....1

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

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.

May 12

UNDERSTANDING THE HEART

Friday Night Sing



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

Everyone is welcome!

Remember these dates

Summer Series

June 5 - August 28 ~ 7:00 each Wednesday evening

Vacation Bible School

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