

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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Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the *LORD*,
for He is good.

His love endures forever.

Psalms 136:1



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Dearll Vincent

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In Need of Prayer

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Bill Camp, Nina Cheuvront, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Jeff Fitcher, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Jill Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Larry Wigal, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Danny Guard (friend of Saunders) Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Breck Hesselrode, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), Parker Nulter (Grandson of Nulters), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), Ted Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)

We update our Prayer List periodically, removing names if we have no recent updates on that person. Update the office of any changes.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to June Schultz on the passing of her husband George. The funeral was last week.

We extend our sympathy to Gene & Peggy Phillips on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Kim Phillips. Her funeral will be Monday

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you to everyone that donated, set-up, and worked at the Coat Giveaway. We helped 152 people. Terry Hofmann
- ♥ Thank you for everyone that came to Monday Night for the Master this fall. We will begin again in 2020. Mark Tonkery
- ♥ Thank you to all that gave to help out with the Latrobe Street Thanksgiving baskets.

BIBLE CALL

304.420.2416

HEAR RECORDED INFORMATION ON HUNDREDS OF BIBLE SUBJECTS

24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK.

BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.

DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS.

Upcoming Events

GLEANER CANS

Due to the office by December 1.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items needed for college students. Sign up sheet on the counter in front foyer. Packages will be put together December 1 after evening services. Items can be left in the bin in the front foyer.

LADIES ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Thursday, December 5 at 6:30pm. Bring a wrapped ornament and a snack to share. See Laura for any questions.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch. Sunday, December 8 after morning worship and Bible class. Everyone is welcome.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Monday, November 25 at 7pm. All are welcome.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Today at Newport church of Christ. Leave Camden at 5:40pm.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

Beginning December 4 the Adult classes will be changing.

- ♦ 11am class- "Acts to Revelation" with Mark Tonkery
- ♦ 7pm classes
 - ♦ Auditorium: "Great People of the Bible" a Winter Series with different men from the congregation teaching
 - ♦ Room 109: "The Prophets" with Paul Inman
 - ♦ Multipurpose Room: "Parenting" with Rick Stanley

CARD SHOWER

For Brody Cornell, 6 year old son of Ernie & Rachel Cornell broke both legs in a car accident last week. Their home address is, 31 Wood Drive Little Hocking, Ohio 45742



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a distinctive holiday. It doesn't commemorate a battle or anyone's birthday or anniversary. It is simply a day set aside to express our nation's thanks to Almighty God. Thanksgiving has roots in the very beginning of our country's formation with the arrival of the Pilgrims. But as our country developed into a self governing nation we see in 1789, George Washington made the following public proclamation.

"By the President of the United States of America. A proclamation: Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, & humbly to implore His protection and favor..."

"Whereas, Both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me `to recommend to the people of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God. . .'"

"Now, Therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. . ." So read the very first Thanksgiving Proclamation. (Edited for space)

This Thursday, Nov. 28 our nation pauses once again to give thanks. And one would assume that because of the example of our forefathers, and because we today have so much, that we would be an extremely thankful people. But it is often just the opposite, isn't it? The more we get, the less thankful it seems we become, the less mindful of God we seem to be, and the more we want.

Notice the attitude that Scripture teaches about "thanksgiving":

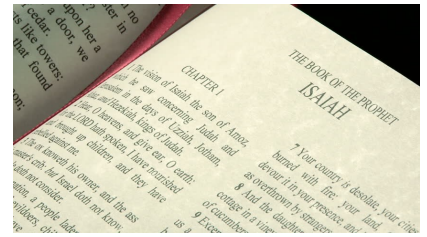
- Eph 5:4, "Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving."
- Php 4:6, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
- Col 2:7, "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."
- Col 4:2, "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."
- 1Ti 4:4 "For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,"

As we gather with our families this Thanksgiving Day, may we remember and be thankful for all the blessings that God has bestowed on us both great and small. (Adopted for our use).



GIVE THANKS

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery
The Suffering Servant part 2
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7



I. The Servant's _____ Is. 49:1

II. The Servant's _____ Is. 49:1-3

III. The Servant's _____ Is. 49:7

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery
The Suffering Servant part 3
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

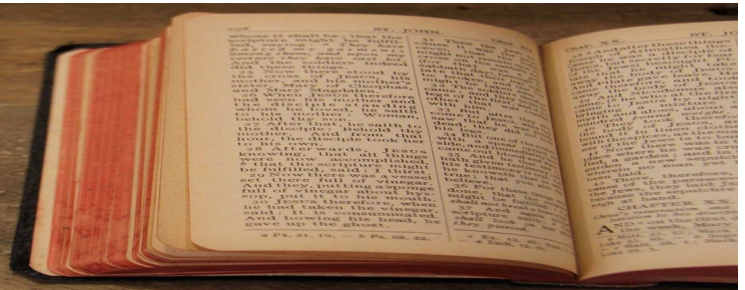
Finding Rest for Our Souls

When I'm tired I can go home to my nice comfy mattress and get some rest. Sometimes. (I do have three kids who still find joy in randomly tackling me). However, there are some kinds of weariness that my mattress won't fix. I can go to bed emotionally and spiritually tired and wake up emotionally and spiritually tired. And where can I find vitality and enthusiasm again? Red Bull didn't give me wings. Vegging out in front of the television for hours left me with less energy instead of more. So what can I do? Where can I go? I only know one place where I am certain to get the rest I need. I need to go to Jesus. He says "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

There are a lot of tired people out there. I can see it in their faces. The worries and cares of this life has worn them out. Woe to those who keep these people from finding rest! Once Paul stood before an official named Sergius Paulus. He was telling the man about the Word of God and the official was clearly interested. However, a false prophet was also in attendance and was discouraging Sergius from accepting the faith. Paul had nothing nice to say about this kind of behavior – he looked right at the false prophet and said "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?" (Acts 13:10). Paul had no time for someone who stood in the way of someone finding rest for their souls.

I want to encourage you to do NOTHING that gets in the way of someone finding Jesus. If you claim to be a Christian yet are involved in some immoral behavior cut that out. Someone may see and be hindered from following the Lord. Also, don't make judgements on who is the "right" kind of person to attend church with you. Jesus fellowshiped with tax collectors and sinners – only desiring that one more sick and tired person find rest. And certainly don't pervert what scripture says about obeying the gospel, confusing people about what is required to be in Christ. These people can find that rest NOWHERE ELSE. They have tried and they are still tired. So instead of getting in the way be more like Andrew who once said to Nathanael "come and see" (John 1:46). Let the whole world fade from view as you fix your eyes on Jesus and then finally . . . finally you will find rest.

*My Soul finds rest in God
alone... Psalms 62:1*



Placing Membership

Charlotte Deem 246 Price Rd. Mineral Wells, WV 26150 She will be in Care Group 4.

Daniel, Tabettha, Elizabeth & Marshall Rich 5532 Lost Pavement Rd. Parkersburg, WV 26101. They will be in Care Group 2.

Dylan Muncy 3284 Tollgate Rd. Junction City, Ohio 43748. He will be in Care Group 1.

We are happy to have Charlotte, Dylan, Daniel, Tabettha, Elizabeth and Marshall as a part of our Camden family.



Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Why Resist God?

When Mike Tyson was told about someone's plan to fight him he famously said, "everyone's got a plan until they get punched in the mouth." Well, yeah. I wouldn't want to get into a boxing ring with Tyson-no matter what plan I had. Here's my plan: run away, don't lose my teeth. I can't win. But Mike isn't on the top of my list of people I don't want to fight. God is.

Job 9:4 says, "God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered?" God's strength is rivaled by none. He can create stars with a word, end the entire universe with a command. With that kind of power why do so many think it's a good idea to fight the Lord? God tells us how to be blessed but we resist, stubbornly choosing our own way. NO, I won't pray, I won't go to church, I won't forgive those who wrong me.

Take a breath my friend and consider this: can you harden yourself against God and prosper? Can you get to heaven on your own terms? This is a fight you cannot win.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

Serving In Worship

Sunday, December 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson

Close - Ron Riddle

6:00 PM - Dwain Shears

Close - Scott Smith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Mills

PM - Paul Inman

COMMUNION

AM - Dennis Keller

PM - Bill Hoover

Don Dougherty

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Allen Coe
2 - Dave Nulter
3 - Lois Nulter

PM

1. Mike & Pam Bayer
2. Steve & Linda Gray
5. John & Linda Hall
6. Ken & Mariella Barnes

Facts and Figures

November 17, 2019

AM Service.....253
Bible Study.....185
PM Service.....201
Wednesday.....205
Contribution.....\$7734.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2
Restored or Requested Prayers...4
Placed Membership.....8

Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11am & 7:00pm

Donations Requested

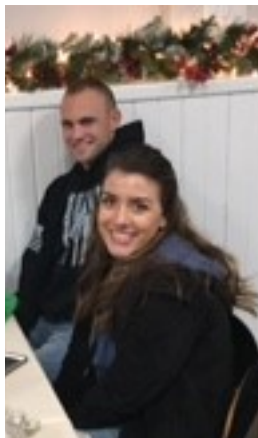
PANTRY-SACK THE PULPIT

The month of the December is Sack-the-pulpit month. Pick up a shopping list of requested items from either foyer. The items can be left on either side of the auditorium.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

We are collecting items for Community Resources, who shares with those in need in the community. Items requested are: Cleaning products, sanitizing spray, shampoo, conditioner, soap, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, ladies personal items, and diapers. Small packages (such as from Dollar Tree) are great for sharing. Any questions see Julie Taberner or Amanda Cochran. Items are needed by December 15 and can be placed in the front foyer.



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 1

"Trust God"

Daily Bible Reading

November 25: James 3; Eze. 22-23
November 26: James 4; Eze. 24-26
November 27: James 5; Eze. 27-28
November 28: 1 Peter 1; Eze. 29-31
November 29: 1 Peter 2; Eze. 32-33
November 30: 1 Peter 3; Eze. 34-35
December 1 : 1 Peter 4; Eze. 36-37