

# 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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# Friday Night Sing

November 8, 2019

7:00pm



Camden Avenue

Hymn Sing



Bring snacks and drinks for the fellowship after the sing.



**Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
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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**Our church family in need of prayers.**

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Nina Cheuvront, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, 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, Sue VanCamp, Larry Wigal

Dearll Vincent is in Selby. Continue to remember all of these with cards and prayers.

**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, Stephanie Hardman, 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)

**Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the Darrell and Norma Vaught and Lenore Vaught on the passing of Louise Vaught. Her funeral was Thursday.

We extend our sympathy to Harold & Sally Shank on the passing of Florence Shank.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Keith Ball.

**Appreciation**

- ♥ Thank you everyone for the beautiful birthday cards. Russ Alton
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful anniversary and birthday cards for Earl & I. That was so thoughtful. Love, Earl & Donna McConnell
- ♥ I appreciated all the birthday cards I received. Thank you all very much. Kay Mills

GIVE Thanks  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD:  
HIS Love ENDURES  
FOREVER!

Psalm 107:2

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Keep up the good work of telling others about  
this program. Brochures are in the foyers.  
Distribute them to family, friends, neighbors  
and co-workers.

**Daily Bible Reading**

- November 4: 2 Timothy 3; Jer. 30-31
- November 5: 2 Timothy 4; Jer 32-33
- November 6: Titus 1; Jer 34-35
- November 7: Titus 2; Jer 36-38
- November 8: Titus 3; Jer 39-41
- November 9: Philemon; Jer 42-45
- November 10: Hebrews 1; Jer. 46-48

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

- The 11am Wednesday morning Bible study has begun meeting and will continue until March.
  - Mark will present a survey of the books of Acts through Revelation
- At 7pm we will have the following adult classes.
  - Room 109 “Beyond First Principles” with Mark T.
  - MP room “Parenting” with Rick S.
  - Auditorium “Visualized Bible Study” Lesson 1. Lessons from Genesis with David E.

### **NEW DIRECTORY**

The last day to get your picture taken will be Nov. 4. Check the sign up sheet in the foyer.

### **COAT GIVE-AWAY**

Has been changed to November 16 from 10am-12pm. See Chris or Terry Hofmann.

### **BIBLE BOWL MEETING**

There will be a meeting on November 10 in room 109 after evening services for anyone interested in the Bible Bowl.

### **Widow, Widower, Veteran Lunch**

November 11. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT SING**

November 15 there will be a special Friday night sing held at the “Twin City Opera House” in McConnelsville, Ohio from 7-9pm. The bus will leave from Camden at 5:15pm.

### **MEETING TODAY-LADS TO LEADERS**

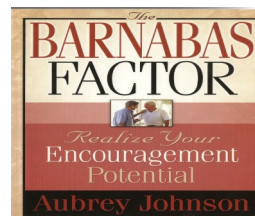
There will be a short meeting today after Bible class in room 109 for everyone participating in Lads to Leaders.

### **RAKE & RUN**

Today, immediately following Bible Class. Meet in the MP room for pizza.

### **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**

The Ladies Bible class that meets in room 112 will begin a study about Encouragement on November 17.



### **BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning this Wednesday from 6-6:45pm we will be having a ladies Bible Study. All ladies are invited. It will be based on the Lads to Leaders Pearls book. Girls from 6th-12th grades that would like to come can then take the Pearls test for Lads to Leaders. Any questions see Laura.

### **SECRET SISTERS**

Sign up sheets can be picked up in either foyer. Return to Kimberlee S. or Laura T. by Nov 17.

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



## Bring a Friend Next Sunday

Next Sunday, Nov. 10 we are making a special effort to invite our family and friends to our worship services. We are calling it “Family and Friends Day.” It is estimated that each Christian knows seven or more people who are not Christians. Think about your relatives, friends, neighbors, classmates, co-workers, or others that you know that do not go to church or are not New Testament Christians? Think about those people in the past week you had a religious conversation with. Think about those you spend the most time with; maybe those people you see at a work or a social event. These are the people we need to invite next Sunday.

Arthur McPhee, states, “The best evangelism takes place in a context of mutual trust and respect. It takes place between friends.” We sometimes call this “friendship evangelism.” This type of evangelism can be done by each of us. It is spontaneous in nature and based on lifestyle and teachable moments. We do not use a “high-pressure” sales pitch, we do not have to spend money in bringing a speaker in or advertising, just talk to a friend and invite. Sounds Biblical; does it not? After all we see in John 1:40-42 Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, and the woman at the well in John 4 told her whole village. Again, who can we bring to Christ?

Charles (Chuck) Schultheisz, former preacher at the Laings congregation and where I use to preach; shares this about the benefit of “Bring a Friend Day,” that took place at Laings some years ago. Chuck states, he was almost two months into his work at Laings, and Roger Starr one of the members at Laings, invited his friend, Darrell Landefeld. Darrell rarely missed a service from that day forward and soon he and Chuck became friends. One year later Darrell came forward on a Sunday night, handing Chuck a note, stating that he wished to come back to the Lord. He remained an active, and faithful part of God’s Kingdom up to his death in August 2003.<sup>iii</sup>

Bring a Friend day made an eternal difference in Darrell’s life; just think what it could do for your family and friends. Jesus states in Mark 16:15-16, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Will you go where Jesus is not? Will you “Go” and invite a friend to worship and Bible class next week? Think about it and then do it! MTT

# The Importance of "One"

Text: Matthew 18:12-14

We need to stay focused on reaching \_\_\_\_\_ more for Jesus!

I. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament.

A. Andrew brought \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

1. John 1:41, "He first found his \_\_\_\_\_ brother Simon and said to him, "We have \_\_\_\_\_ the Messiah" (which means Christ)."

B. Our Lord was a Master in reaching \_\_\_\_\_ person at a time.

1. John 3 - \_\_\_\_\_

2. John 4 - \_\_\_\_\_

3. John 9 - \_\_\_\_\_

C. Our Lord teaches us to reach \_\_\_\_\_ person at a time (Luke 15:1-32).

1. One lost \_\_\_\_\_ and sought.

2. One lost \_\_\_\_\_ and sought.

3. One lost \_\_\_\_\_ in a far county and his father longed for him.

II. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ today.

A. It is best to just pick \_\_\_\_\_ person at a time.

1. "People don't care how much you \_\_\_\_\_ until they \_\_\_\_\_ how much you \_\_\_\_\_."

2. Pray and look for \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Col. 4:3, "At the same time, \_\_\_\_\_ also for us, that God may \_\_\_\_\_ to us a door for the \_\_\_\_\_, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison."

3. People come to the Lord because of other \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Rom 10:14, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not \_\_\_\_\_? And how are they to \_\_\_\_\_ in him of whom they have \_\_\_\_\_ heard? And how are they to hear without \_\_\_\_\_ preaching?"

B. \_\_\_\_\_ person can make a difference.

C. Think about all the great people who brought \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus?

1. Where would you be if your parents, friends, neighbors or a preacher did not teach about Jesus?

2. Who is the \_\_\_\_\_ person you will bring?

*We are looking forward to having many guests in services next Sunday, November 10 and our goal is to have "one".*

**One** more person to teach. **One** more person to be added to the Body of Christ. Just **one** more person we can help get to Heaven.

*I hope each of you will make plans to be with us on this special day and that you will bring **one** friend.*



# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## God's Plans are Better

In a very wise moment Job said to God, "I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from you" (Job 42:2). In that moment God was planning great things for Job's life (even though I'm sure it didn't seem like it at the time). Life doesn't always go like WE planned, does it? I know people would wanted one kind of job but the market led them to settle for a different career. I have a couple of unmarried friends who I think would like to be married . . . they just haven't found the right one yet. I know of couples who would like to have children but have been unable to do so. So many people have been unable to do or have what they wanted! So many of our plans have been thwarted! But let me make a suggestion before bitterness sets in.

If you do not get something you wanted it may be because God has something better in mind for you. I mean, I get at the time this thought might bring you no comfort. We can get a kind of tunnel vision where all of our focus is on what we want at that moment, and not having it can seem like agony. I get it. I've been there. But have you ever looked back on something you really wanted at the time and you were glad that you didn't get it later? Sometimes we get those kinds of moments of clarity and sometimes we don't, but know this: God's plan is best. For those who willingly submit to that plan God can make good things happen. No purpose of His can be defeated. He can give us something that is better than anything we imagined for ourselves.

The prophet Isaiah shares comfort from God to those who are unable to have children. He tells the barren women and widows to sing and not be afraid (Isaiah 54:1,4). Why? Because "your Maker is your husband – the Lord Almighty is his name – the Holy One of Israel is your redeemer" (Isaiah 54:5). To others who cannot have children God says "Follow me, and you'll have an even greater reward." No, you might not have the blessing you imagined but "to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off" (Isaiah 56:5). Do you see? I don't think there's anything wrong with having a dream about how life will go. But if you follow the Lord don't be ashamed or bitter if things don't go like you planned. God just has something better in mind.

"I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. Job 42:2

## Those that read the book of the month in October.

Mark T. Tonkery

Bill Mills

Naomi Carr

Susan Anderson

Amanda Cochran

Dave Nulter

Ron Riddle

Kay Mills

Alice Cochran

Cindy Huxley

Laura Tonkery

Lois Nulter

Breanna Tonkery

Delmas Carr

Dorothy Stevens

Sonya Hescht

Sandy Keller

*“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge & all discernment.” Phil. 1:9*

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### Placed Membership

Debbie Amos has placed membership with us. We are so glad to have her worshipping and working with us. She will be in Care Group 4. Her address is 2026 Blennerhassett Heights Parkersburg, WV 26101.

### Requesting Prayer

Cindy Huxley came forward on Sunday. Keep her in your prayers.

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## **Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells**

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

In the Roman Empire many outcasts and criminals died on a cross. Most are forgotten. But we know the name of Jesus. And when you see a cross, that's exactly who you think of, Jesus.

People used to walk by a cross and shudder. It was a thing of horror. But that's not how we see the cross today. In fact, it's not uncommon to see someone wearing a cross around their necks, but think how remarkable that is! We don't walk around with golden electric chairs strapped to our wrists. I've never see a guillotine on a necklace. For good reason! These are instruments for death-we fear them. But the cross was worse than either.

I can think of only one explanation why something that was so despised became something that was glorified. Someone must have done something incredible on a cross. And someone did. Long ago at Calvary the Son of God was lifted up on the that cross, out of His great love for us. He gave His life so that we can live forever. Believe it. That's why when people think of a cross they think, as they should, of Jesus.

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, November 10

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Walter Morgan

Close - Doug Wells

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Marion Goldsmith

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Bob Miller

PM - Ryan Highman

### COMMUNION

AM - Len Haid

PM - John Hall

Rick Stanley

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Rick Stanley

2 - Pat Rine

3 - Bev Rine

### PM

1. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

2. Todd & Annette Kirk

5. Mike & Teresa Wade

6. Keith & Eloise Smith

## Facts and Figures

October 27, 2019

AM Service.....229

Bible Study..... 168

PM Service.....170

Wednesday.....192

Contribution.....\$7075.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...4

Placed Membership.....4

## Service Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

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

# FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY

Next Sunday  
November 10.

A Fellowship Lunch will be held in  
the MP Room following worship  
and Bible classes.

Plan on being here and  
bring a friend.

Invitations are in the foyers.

Everyone Bring One

## 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.

November 10

"What Matters"

Gospel Meeting  
at Hopewell church of Christ

Nov. 3-7

Mon-Thurs. 7pm

each evening

with David Newberry