

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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LIFE CHANGING

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12



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Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Melva Farris, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Bill Lemley, Helen Miller, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Okey Phares, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp,
Dearll Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends

Sherry Bartlett (Bob Miller's daughter), Mark Berry, Betty Blair (neighbor of Dorothy Stevens), Kelly Boyce, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, Danny Guard (friend of Saunders) Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins),
Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams

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 the friends and family of Pat Burkey.
Her funeral was last week.

Thank You

- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the cards, Facebook posts, and all the birthday wishes! May God Bless each of you! Thank you, Mark T. Tonkery
- ♥ Thanks to all who donated at our Blood Drive. We had 24 donors, 20 whole blood & 4 double reds. That gives us with credit of 28 units. Special thanks to those who helped, Sandy Keller, Bill Mills, Sandy & Jim Hughes, Sami Tonkery, Pat Rine, and Karen Life. -Marion & Jo
- ♥ Thank you Sandy Hughes for making the communion bread for February.
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards and acts of kindness shown during our loss. We are truly blessed to have you in our lives. Allen & Billie Coe
- ♥ Ryan, Madison & Baby boy Highman would like to thank everyone for the baby shower and the many gifts. We are extremely grateful. In Christian Love, The Highmans

Announcements

SCIENCE VS. EVOLUTION SEMINAR

March 27-29 with Dr. Jeff Miller of Apologetics Press. See the bulletin board for more info.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE

If you would like to receive the Christian Woman Magazine at your home this year. See Robin Anthony. The cost is \$21.50.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS

Beginning in March there will be 2 classes for adults to choose from, Rick Stanley will be teaching "God's Top Ten" in the auditorium and Mark Tonkery will be teaching "The Church and The Christian Life" in room 109. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend Mark's class so that he can order books for the class.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

This Friday, February 28 at Bridgeport the sing will begin at 7pm.

LADS TO LEADERS

- ♦ If you would like to contribute a monetary donation to help with the trip to Lads to Leaders please give these to Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.
- ♦ Mentors remember to check in on your assigned participants.
- ♦ Oral Bible Readers will meet in Room 112 after services tonight.



LOVE AND CARE SING

Tomorrow, Monday February 24 at 7pm.

ASK THE PREACHER

March 29, will be a questions and answers night for our evening sermon. If you have a Bible question you would like to submit please give it to one of our elders or to Mark. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE

Next Sunday, March 1, Mark and Doug will be at CYC. In their absence Charles Pugh will be speaking at the morning worship service, Kody Inman will speak at the evening service and Walter Morgan will be teaching the auditorium class for Mark.

WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS

Will be eating together on March 4 in the MP room following Bible class. Sign up if you plan on attending.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The book of the month for February is Psalms 1-41. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board in either foyer.

MOVING HELP

John Phares is needing help moving items from a storage unit to his house on Saturday, February 29. If you can help please call him at 330-383-6665 and let him know.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Spread your wings and fly

There's a fable told of a barnyard of geese that gathered each week to hear their eldest repeat the story of the Great White Gander who, long ago, spread his magnificent wings and flew over the barnyard fence to freedom. The story was well told and so inspiring that all the geese would honk their approval and sometimes even flapped their wings in excitement. Each week they would repeat this ritual because it was a very important part of their lives. But, oddly enough, it never occurred to any of them to actually spread their own wings and fly. (Story by Søren Kierkegaard).



This little tale reminds me of what many do each Lord's Day. Many gather to listen to the Word of God, sing some hymns, say a few prayers, partake of the Lord's Supper, give of their means, fellowship, and then leave the building only to do the same thing again the following week, with never a thought to do anything with the challenge of God's Word between each meeting. For so many we are like those geese in the story, we never actually get around to "spreading our wings and flying."

James 1:22, reminds us, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James explains that God expects us to do something with His message. God wants His people to be a "living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1-2). However, many in Christianity miss this. They miss the sacrifice, the surrender, the dying to self, and giving their all to the Lord. Many forget that Christianity is a religion of sacrifice. Jesus said in Matthew 10:37-39, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

There must be a place and time in our faith, we say "no," to jobs, family, hobbies, activities, things, and places, so we can say "yes" to God and be "doers of the Word". Now it is true we are to be Christians in these activities, but the Bible also teaches that we must do something for the Lord and that is the sacrifice, stopping and doing what the Lord asks us to do, hearing and doing. So not only is Christianity a sacrificing religion, it is a practicing religion.

I am glad that you came to worship this morning. I am glad that you said "no" to jobs, family, things, and places so you can be here to worship and hear the Word of God preached and taught. But once that last "amen" is spoken will you do something for the Lord, maybe call on someone who missed services, send someone a card, visit someone in the nursing home, sit down and teach a child a Bible lesson, or in some way be a "doer of the word." After all James 1:27, teaches us, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

Let's not be like that flock of geese that just flapped their wings when they could have been flying. In Christ, Mark T. Tonkery

Today's Sermon Notes:

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

God's Promises

Scripture Reading : Psalm 34:1-10

I. God promises great _____ to his people:

- a. He will _____(34:4)
- b. He will _____(34:6)
- c. He will _____(34:7)
- d. He will _____(34:8)
- e. He will _____(34:9)
- f. He will _____(34:15)
- g. He will _____(34:22)

II. God promises great blessing to his people, but we must be _____in following Him.

- a. We must _____ (34:1)
- b. We must _____(34:4,10)
- c. We must _____(34:6,17)
- d. We must _____(34:8)
- e. We must _____(34:7,9)
- f. We must _____(34:13)
- g. We must _____(34:14)
- h. We must _____(34:18)
- i. We must _____(34:22)

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery: Changing Your Life, One Day At A Time
Scripture Reading: Psalm 40:1-4

Doug's Discussion

Calm in the Storm

A storm was brewing. Just behind the king's eyes clouds of growing rage were rising. Daniel's three friends had dared to ignore the command of a king. Nebuchadnezzar is no doubt confused at what is happening. Normal people would have soon wilted under the intensity of his glare. But here these three men stand – looking totally unconcerned. Don't they realize that he has the power to either kill them or free them? Don't they realize they are inches away from death? Apparently not . . . since they are able to calmly say “we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods” (Daniel 3:4).

In a garden a storm is brewing. Forces amass over the horizon with the intent of destroying Jesus. Yet, the Savior doesn't run, even as those around Him panic and draw swords. They are told to put their swords away as Jesus submits to the turbulent mob. They carry Him away to Pilate, who is absolutely amazed at his demeanor. How can this prisoner possibly look so calm? Why isn't He begging for mercy? Why isn't He pleading His case? Pilate asks Jesus, “Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?” (John 19:10). Jesus replies that the real power isn't where you think it is.

In your life a storm is brewing. Relationships are unstable. Finances are uncertain. Winds of change are trying to blow you down. Wouldn't you like to know what made these heroes of the Bible so calm in the storm? As waves threatened to knock over Jesus' boat He was SO unconcerned that He was sleeping! Wouldn't you like to have that kind of peace and confidence? I know I would. You may be interested to know that the confidence of these men came from their faith in an all-powerful God. When threatened with a furnace Daniel's friends said “the God we serve is able to save us from it” (Daniel 3:17). When threatened with a mob Jesus knew He could call to His Father and He would deliver legions of angels. And when our lives become chaotic we too can know, if we have the faith to believe it, that God is in control. The storm will surely come. Those who trust in the Lord will be unafraid.

If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

Daniel 3:17

Youth News

NORTH END YOUTH RALLY

March 13-14 with Ben Hayes. See the bulletin board for more information.

CYC-MEETING

There will be an important CYC meeting today after evening services in room 109.



MONDAY NIGHT MERGE

Tomorrow at Mineral Wells. The bus will be leaving Camden at 6:40pm. Let Jeff know if you plan on riding the bus.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Lizzy Hoover on her decision to be baptized
Wednesday evening!

*“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins,
calling on the name of the Lord.” Acts 22:16*

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Pure Water

When I see pictures of the kind of water that some have to drink I grow very thankful. All I have to do is take my cup to my fridge. I can even choose from two different kinds of ice! Others are not so fortunate. Not only is there no crushed ice, the water is not clear and it is loaded with all kinds of unpleasanties. I thank God for those whose hearts are moved to address this need, who go into these areas and dig wells, giving the people the gift of clean water to drink. Lives are saved.

Water is essential for life, but there is a better water. Jesus once said to a woman, while sitting by a well: “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” That’s John 4:10. We thirst for water, and we should be grateful to have it. But let us thirst even more for the living water that is the gift of Christ! Come to Jesus, obey the gospel – and receive His gift of eternal life.

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, March 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
PM - Clayton Huber

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dylan Muncy
Close - Bill Merrill
6:00 PM - Clayton Huber
Close - Dave Nulter

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jon Hescht
PM - Doug Hershman

COMMUNION

AM - Rick Stanley
PM - Stan Inman
Keith Smith

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Rick Stanley
2 - Patrick Rine
3 - Bev Rine

PM

1. Herb & Joyce Wright
2. Patrick & Bev Rine
5. Ryan & Madison Highman
6. Mike & Teresa Wade

Facts and Figures

February 16, 2020

AM Service.....246
Bible Study.....168
PM Service.....186
Wednesday.....190
Contribution.....\$6632.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

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

Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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

Mark Your Calendars and Be Inviting Others to Our Upcoming Seminar.

Fliers are available on the counter in the foyer.

Science vs. Evolution
Dr. Jeff Miller

A credentialed scientist dismantles atheistic evolution.

Seminar Sessions:
Friday, March 27
7:00 PM
Saturday, March 28
10:00; 11:30 AM
2:00; 3:30 PM
Sunday, March 29
9:30; 11:00 AM

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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.

March 1

"God's Plan for Marriage"

Daily Bible Reading

February 24: Mk. 4:1-25, Lev. 24-25

February 25: Mk. 4:26-41, Lev. 26

February 26: Mk. 5:1-20, Lev. 27

February 27: Mk. 5:21-43, Num. 1-2

February 28: Mk. 6:1-29

February 29: Num. 3-4

March 1: Mk. 6:30-56, Num. 5-6