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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<u>Camden Avenue church of Christ plans to hold</u> <u>worship services Sunday mornings.</u>

Some aspects of our service will be modified to protect the vulnerable. Here are the guidelines we expect to follow for everyone's protection:

• If you have <u>any</u> symptoms of illness; if you have any signs of fever; if you have come into contact with anyone who is ill; if you have been to a "hot zone" recently; if you have concerns about your own compromised immune system, you are encouraged to please stay home.

• Entrance to the building will be limited to the main entrance facing the parking lot (the covered drive-through entrance).

• When entering or leaving the church building or while moving around inside the church building, please wear a face covering. These may be removed while seated in the pew during services.

- Single service communion sets are planned to be used. These will be available in the main foyer and may be picked up when you enter the building.
- To maintain physical separation, we will only use every other row for seating. Please maintain the recommended six feet distance from others. (Family units are encouraged to sit together as a group.)
- Collection baskets will be placed on the table near the podium. As you are leaving the assembly, you may place your contribution in one of the baskets at the conclusion of services.
- Please dispose of your used single service communion sets in one of the refuse containers as you exit the building at the conclusion of services.
- Please exit without stopping for socializing. Our desire is to maintain "social distancing" and thereby limit potential for spreading illness.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are located on either side of the auditorium entrance in the main foyer and at all water fountains. You are encouraged to take advantage of these hand sanitizer dispensers.

The Elders of the Camden Avenue church of Christ

Elders:

Jim Galloway Clayton Huber John Life Paul Saunders Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers.

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

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Michelle Dailey, Randy Dean (Mark Dean's brother), Beth Ferguson, Lindsay French (Patrick Rine's niece), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Ray Hoover (Cody Hoover's dad), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & 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

Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list. We update our Prayer List periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

New Prayer Requests this week ...

- Those on the front line including- Jasmine Fitcher, Carol Hargrove and Jill Smith
- Morgan Amos-friend of Wade's been dealing with health problems.
- All of those on the front-line
- Harvey Caplinger
- Hunter Thompson- (Leon & Judy Hupp's nieces grandson) 19 year old Diagnosed with Leukemia
- Jordan Smith- Pneumonia

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Roy Goodmiller. Roy was a Assistant Minister here at Camden Avenue and an author. He passed away on Saturday May 16. There was a private funeral.

Announcements

<u>Worship Services will be held on Facebook Live</u> Sunday evening at 6pm Wednesday evening at 7pm

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There will be singing and a Bible study conducted via Facebook Live.

<u>CAMDEN AVENUE BIBLE BOWL-</u> October 3, Hebrews & James. 6th grade and under Hebrews only.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for May is 1 & 2 Timothy. Read and then call the office to sign up. The book of the month for June will be Amos.

<u>CONTRIBUTION</u>- If you are not attending services at the building contribution can be mailed or dropped off at the church throughout the week.

<u>WIDOWHOOD WORKSHOP-</u> The Widowhood Workshop at Pine Grove Church of Christ in Scott Depot, WV has been postponed until 2021.

CHURCH PICNIC- The church picnic scheduled for June 6 has been cancelled.

Good News

If you have Good News to share with the Camden Avenue family let the office know.

Congratulations Hannah Shears on graduating from Washington State with her nursing degree!

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

A Family Rule

The church is special. When we meet together it is not just a gathering of acquaintances or friends, but a family reunion. I say "family" because we are all "Members of the household of God." It is a relationship into which we have been born; we are "children of God."

With this in mind, let us hear the words of 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10, "But concerning love of the brethren you have no need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brethren throughout Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, to do so more and more."

When I was growing up we had some family rules. Everybody ate together at the same table, and no one could leave the table until everyone was finished. You did the chores assigned to you, or wished that you had. You never talked back to mother, etc.

Therefore, it did not surprise me to find that there are rules in God's family. One of the most prominent concerns love. In the words of Jesus, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." It's a rule that is hard to stay. We are not only to love one another, but "to do so more and more."

There's much wrapped up in that little word love. It means that we will be patient with one another when opportunities arise for agitation. It demands kindness and thoughtfulness from us instead of malevolence. It banishes forever arrogant and rude behavior toward one another. It keeps us from insisting on having our own way. It eliminates the twin curses of irritability and resentfulness. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do, but always rejoices in the right. Come to think of it, love isn't such a little word at all when viewed in the context of 1 Corinthians 13.

Brethren, let's love one another, and do so "more and more." It's a family rule!

Written by: John Gipson



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery <u>Why we must preach?</u> Text: 2 Timothy 4:2

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Tonight's Worship Service will be held on Facebook Live at 6pm via the Camden Avenue Facebook page. P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery Title: Facing Loneliness Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 4:6-8

Doug's Discussion

Return to the Refuge

I heard some terrible news the other day. Someone I know fairly well decided that he no longer believes in God. His wife got this shocking news after inquiring why he wasn't taking communion. She, as you can imagine, was devastated. And what of their young son? She wasn't planning on having to guard against him imitating his own father. I truly do grieve for this family and pray that someday soon this man turns back to the Lord. I ask you pray too. I can't give you names but pray anyway. God knows.

Pray because my friend has lost his fortress. "He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress . . ." (Proverbs 14:26). Where is he going to run when he is in trouble? Where will he turn when a potentially lethal virus is devastating the nation? Where will he go when the circumstances of life fill his heart with anxiety and dread? Where will he seek help when those who are against him are greater than those who are for him? Without changing his beliefs my friend has no choice but to do his best relying on his own strength. I certainly don't envy that position.

Worse still (when we make bad choices) is the fact that our choices do not only affect us. Consider the rest of the above proverb: "He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress and for his children it will be a refuge." Every parent should take this to heart. If you honor the Lord in all your ways YOU have a strong tower . . . and so do your children! They also learn to have confidence in the shelter the Lord provides. I'm glad my friend's son still has one Christian parent. That gives him a much better shot at finding life than having none.

To all the Christians I know: I never want to get news like this again. May no other believer return to wallowing in the mud. Return to your refuge often so you don't forget where it is. Then the Lord God Almighty will be a refuge for you and your children. Under this shelter we can all gather together and have the joy of the Lord. Leaving that would be the most foolish thing you have ever done. Come back my friend. Come back.

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. Proverbs 14:26

Thank You

- ♥ I am so thankful for everyone's effort in the live Bible studies, checks/calls, kind cards, gifts from my wonderful secret sister, and our church family in general. Prayers rise for continued growth of faith and trust in God through these troublesome times! With Love Debbie Amos
- Thank you to those who have been doing the yard work, you have been doing a great job, especially with all the inclement weather lately. Jim Galloway

Prayer of Thanks

- Thank You, Lord, for the rewards of Your love and simplicity of Your grace; thank You for letting me discover Your will for my life with patience and understanding; thank You for being a compassionate Father and constant friend.
- Thank You, Lord, for listening closely to my prayers, seeing what my heart needs most, and blessing my life with Your goodness.
- The blessing of prayer is knowing God is listening and upholding every promise He has made to you.
 - There's always SOMETHING TOBE thankful EOR
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.





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Serving In Worship Sunday, May 31

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman PM - David Epler PRAYER 9:30 AM - Patrick Rine Close - Bill Mills 6:00 PM - Ryan Gaston Close - Stan Inman SCRIPTURE AM - Jordan Smith PM - Dave Nulter COMMUNION AM - Len Haid PM - John Hall **Brian Knotts** PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber DOOR GREETERS 1- Paul Inman AM 2- Doug Hershman

- 3- Alisha Hershman
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- Ken & Mariella Barnes
 Dave & Lois Nulter
 Doors 3 & 4 Unattended
 David & Christine Epler
 Keith & Eloise Smith

Service Times

Sunday AM Worship......9:30 Bible Study....15 min. after worship PM Worship......6:00 <u>Wednesday</u> Bible Study.....7:00pm

| Facts and Figures | | |
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| May 17, 2020 | | |
| Facebook Live AM Service Views | .319 | |
| Facebook Live PM Service Views | .295 | |
| Facebook Live Wed. Views | .647 | |
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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....2 Restored or Requested Prayers....1 Placed Membership......3

JUNE

Birthday's

- 2- Jansen Goldsmith
 - 3- Kevin Cochran
 - 3- Glenn Snider
- 4- Bronwyn Sheppard
 - 5- Bill Mills
 - 6- Jim Hughes
 - 6- Kooper Inman
 - 8- Holly Haught
 - 10- Brenda Feick
- 11- Debbie Tallman
 - 17- Larry Plant
- 18- Rachel Turner
- 20- Liberty Wells
- 21- Cadence Hescht
 - 22- Jon Hescht
 - 23- Kyle Cox
 - 23- Ann Knotts
 - 24- Jo Langler
 - 25- Maci Inman
- 25- Jennifer Thomas
- 30- Robin Anthony
 - 30- Stan Inman

In Search of the Lord's Way each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP

<u>May 31</u> "Does Jesus Care?"

Anniversaries

- 2- Tim & Nancy Proffitt
- 3- Len & Susan Haid
- 11- Patrick & Bev Rine
- 12- Cody & Kristi Hoover
- 14- Jim & Sandy Hughes
- 14- Walter & Merilee Morgan
- 16- Jim & Charlotte Galloway
 - 16- Kevin & Becky Inman
 - 16- Ron & Peggy Riddle
 - 18- Jay & Nina Cheuvront
 - 21- Kyle & Sarah Inman
 - 22- Josh & Brittany Gray
- 22- Gregg & Cassie Hennen
- 22- Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
- 25- Don & Brenda Dougherty
- 25- Ryan & Madison Highman
 - 25- Todd & Annette Kirk28- Bill & Carolyn Davis



Daily Bible Reading

May 25: John 7:1-24, 1 Kings 14-15 May 26: John 7:25-39, 1 Kings 16-17 May 27: John 7:40-53, 1 Kings 18-19 May 28: John 8:1-20, 1 Kings 20-21 May 29: John 8:21-47, 1 Kings 22 May 30: John 8:48-59, 2 Kings 1-3 May 31: John 9:1-12, 2 Kings 4-5