

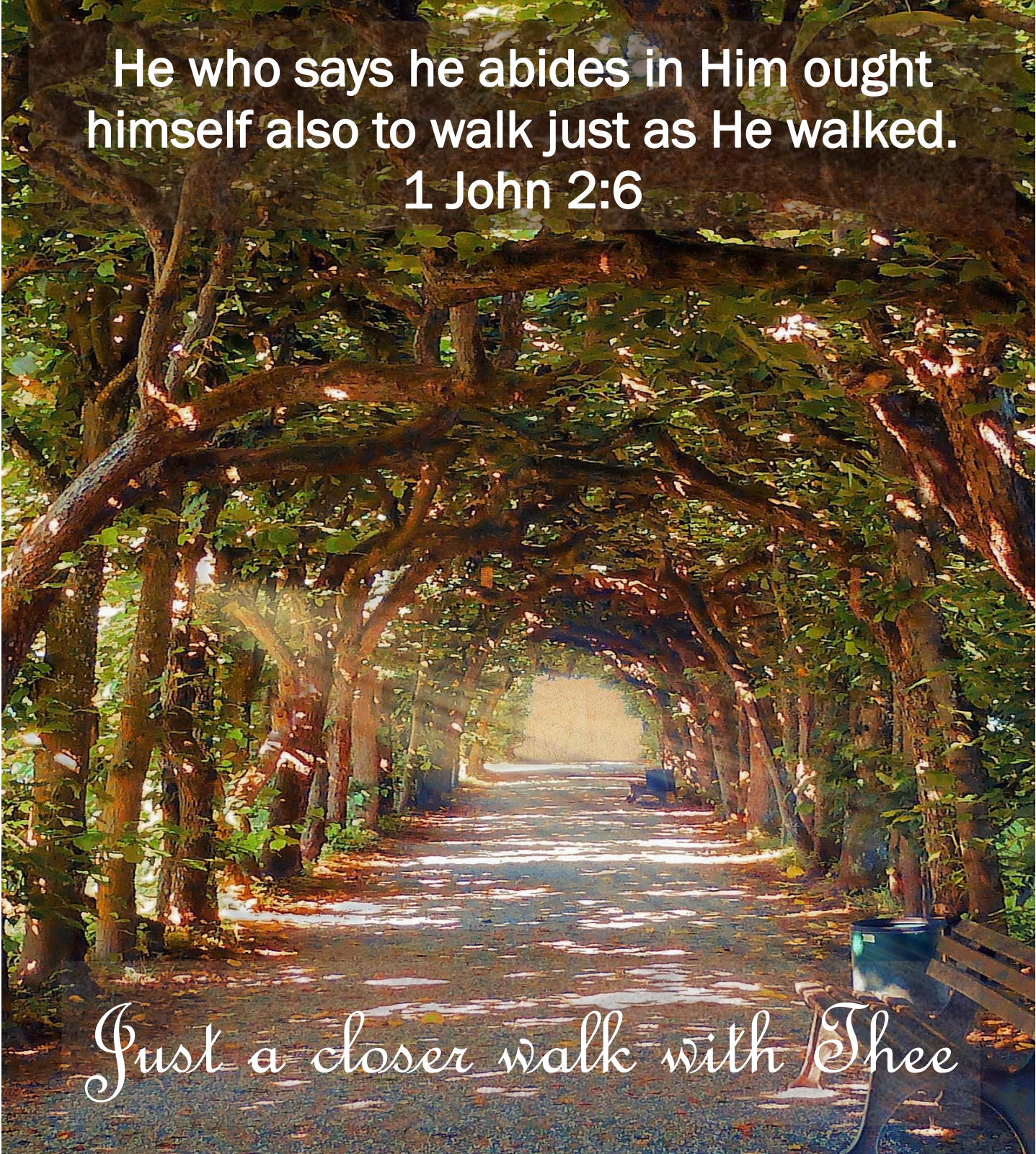
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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He who says he abides in Him ought
himself also to walk just as He walked.
1 John 2:6

Just a closer walk with Thee

In Our Prayers

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
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Our church family in need of prayers

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Barbara Cramlet, Jim Dailey, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Richard Marshall, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Michelle Dailey, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Barbara Galloway, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill), Mark Metz (Rick Stanley's nephew), Bob Payne (friend of Tonkerys), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins), Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

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 Request updates this week...

- ♥ Harvey & Mary Caplinger- health problems
- ♥ Joe Wilson- Having cancer surgery Sept 8.
- ♥ Steve Higginbotham- Stage 4 cancer.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Eddie DeLoach. There was a private service last week. If you would like to send Clarence a card his address is 2952 W. Haven Dr. Cookeville, TN 38506

Announcements

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for August is Psalms 73-89. Read and then sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the office to sign up. The books of the month for September will be Hebrews and James.

LAWN CREWS- This week August 27th-29th Team 1 is in charge of the lawn. Team 1 includes Gene Dulaney, Doug Hershman, Drew Hershman, Ryan Highman and Ken Barnes. If you have any problems call Jim Galloway.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Continues this Wednesday on Facebook Live at 7pm. Dylan Muncy will be speaking on "What does the Bible say about Itself"?

BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE- Thursday at 7pm. Through Zoom and Kahoot. See Doug Wells for more details.

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF PREACHING LECTURESHIP- Paul's Epistle to the Romans. October 25-29. Lectureship flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

POTTER CHILDRENS HOME- There are change cans available in the foyer. Once you have filled your change can it can be turned into the office.

BRIDGEPORT LADIES RETREAT- Will now be held through Zoom and Facebook on September 18th & 19th. Registration is still needed by today. See the bulletin board for more information.

BIBLE BOWL- October 3. Through Zoom and Kahoot there will be more information to come.

SCIENCE VS EVOLUTION SEMINAR- October 23-25.

REMINDER- After morning worship, take your communion cup, and place it in the trash.



DIRECTORY UPDATE- Jo Langler has moved. 1600 Knotts Ave. Apt. 2 Parkersburg, WV 26101. Her mailing address is still P.O. Box 2346 Parkersburg, WV 26102. Shower her with cards.

SECRET SISTERS- It is time to let your secret sister know who you are. Due to the virus we will not be meeting to do the reveal this time instead, send a card, give her a gift, call her home. We will start up again in a few months. Any questions or if you need help in getting in touch with your Secret Sister let Laura know.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

SHEPHERDS AND THE CONGREGATION

Heb. 13:17, “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

In the life of each congregation of the Lord’s church it is essential that we continue to appoint men who will lead the congregation as shepherds or elders. 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 both give the qualifications of the men who are to fulfill this function of leadership in the church. As important as it is to find men who are mature Christians who meet the Biblical standards of leadership, one must keep in mind that this is only one part of what helps a congregation function as God designed. Another part of having a faithful congregation is having faithful followers.

Heb. 13:17 points out that the congregation must be one that faithfully follows godly leadership. This passage teaches members of a congregation that they are to follow in such a way that they help their elders enjoy their job as shepherds. This is done in part of being good followers.

I am sure we have been in a situation at one time or another, such as at school or at work, when it seemed that there were “too many coaches and not enough players.” In situations like this, nothing can get accomplished, the same is true in the congregation. If the congregation did not have leaders to lead and followers to follow the congregation would debate every idea and situation that came along, and nothing would be accomplished.

Although it is true wise shepherds are open to suggestions, and advice, after all Pro. 15:22 tells us, “Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.” But with all the counsel and advice elders may receive, they still need to make a decision and give direction to the congregation. Sometimes shepherds must make the hard choices, (like how to deal with the pandemic). It is during difficult decisions elders need the understanding of the congregation and “good followership”; as Heb. 13:17 put it “Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.” Of course, Heb. 13:17 is not talking about following an eldership that wants to deviate from God’s Word of truth, and lead people away from God but as an eldership follows Christ, the congregation should follow them.

Being good followers helps the church to function with unity, with a single mind, and helps the whole congregation to function in brotherly love (see 1 Cor. 1:10).

It is essential to have godly men shepherding the congregation, but it is also essential that we have faithful members following Christ and our elders as they strive to help each member on their journey to Heaven.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon Mark T. Tonkery:

Revive us again

Scripture Reading: Psalms 85:4-7



Three R's of revival:

R _____

R _____

R _____

P.M. Sermon Mark T. Tonkery: Relying on God
Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Doug's Discussion

God's Word is an Event

The time comes for the scripture reader to come to the front and read his selection. The man is hunting for the passage on the way to the front, clearly unprepared. He fumbles and mumbles through it and then goes back to sit down. While he was reading those in the pews did not look particularly interested. One man is seen playing Pac-Man on his phone. A few of the ladies are giggling among themselves about . . . something. Several looks are vacant.

Is this a scene that you have witnessed? Hopefully not where you worship! If you have I would suggest God's Word needs to regain the place of honor that it once had. Back in Nehemiah and Ezra's day the people came together to read scripture – and there was plenty of preparation involved. They actually built a wooden platform for the event, so that the scripture and the reader could be elevated above the people. When the Book was opened all the people stood up out of respect. Then Ezra “read it aloud from daybreak till noon . . . And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law” (Nehemiah 8:3). Be sure you caught that. Daybreak until NOON. And the people listened to every word! How many of us lose interest after about verse four? These people listened and they went home rejoicing “because they now understood the words that had been made known to them” (8:12).

I don't think we need to do all of the things they did on that day, or on the days that followed. (They were reading scripture like that all week). But, however this can be achieved, we need to remember that the reading of the Word of God is not some trivial thing! Read it over a few times before you get up there Scripture readers. Listen attentively congregation. Reading the Word of God is an amazing event. It is a moment when God reaches down from heaven to communicate to us His will. Listen to this Word. Listen in the message and in the classes when this Word is explained. And then by all means go home rejoicing. You now understand one more piece of the wonderful plan that God has for you.



***Please Note the change to this update ***

Lads to Leaders/Leaderette Status Update



We are moving forward with our Lads efforts at this time and would like to let the congregation know our plans at this time.

We will be having a Lads to Leaders function at a later date. This will be open to all that are interested in Lads. We will recognize the accomplishments from last year. We will also have our kickoff for next year.

For anyone that paid fees or donations this past year to support Lads we will apply these funds to our Lads program for the upcoming year. If you would prefer, we would be happy to refund these funds back to you. Let Bill Mills or myself know if you would like a refund.

I would like to thank the congregation for the unwavering support of Lads even in these difficult times!

Todd Kirk



If you are interested in encouraging our kids in the fall quarter though homework and memory verse checking see Doug Wells.

Thank You

♥ I appreciate the birthday and graduation cards and well-wishes. With love,
Hannah Shears

Serving In Worship

Sunday, August 30, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - John Life

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - Brandon Sheppard

6:00 PM - Dwain Shears

Close - John Hall

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dylan Muncy

PM - Kevin Cochran

COMMUNION

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Rick Stanley

September Birthday's

5- Ruth Wells

5- Dorothy Stevens

9- Delmas Carr

9- Alice Cochran

10- Gloria Frazier

10- Zoe Hall

12- Bill Fleak

12- Grace Smith

13- Gene Phillips

14- Brenden Smith

16- Patty Sayre

17- Jenny Reynolds

18- Braidon Knotts

18- Kyle Knotts

21- Connie Hickman

22- Nancy Inman

23- Jo Goldsmith

24- De Fleak

24- Sandy Keller

25- Avery Goldsmith

25- Levi Wells

26- Alisha Hershman

26- Chloe McCloskey

27- Gilbert Hardman

27- Sean Plant

28- Carl Curtiss

28- Natalie Inman

29- Cheryl Logston

30-Naomi Carr



September Anniversaries

1- Calvin & Jean Martin

4- Paul & Barbara Saunders

8- Kody & Chelsea Inman

14- Steve & Holly Sprout

24- Harvey & Mary Caplinger

28- Allen & Billie Coe

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm



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Let the office know of any corrections or updates for the calendar.

Facts and Figures

August 16, 2020

AM Service186

Facebook AM Service Views.....144/236

PM Service.....169

Facebook PM Service Views.....238

Contribution.....\$7341.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....3

In Search of the Lord's Way

each Sunday morning
at 7:30 on WTAP

August 23

“Salvation and the
Cross”



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Daily Bible Reading

August 24:Rom.15:1-21, Ps. 70-72

August 25:Rom. 15:22-33, Ps. 73-74

August 26: Rom. 16, Ps. 75-77

August 27: 1 Co. 1, Ps. 78-79

August 28: 1 Co. 2, Ps. 80-84

August 29: 1 Co. 3, Ps. 85-88

August 30: 1 Co. 4, Ps. 89-90

