

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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You are the light of the world.

A city that is set on a hill

cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14



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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*Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.*

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, 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...

- ♥ Joe Wilson- Having cancer surgery Sept 8.
- ♥ Steve Higginbotham- Stage 4 cancer.
- ♥ Jim Dailey- has been in the hospital.
- ♥ Betty Porter-health problems.
- ♥ Tom Little- Mark's uncle had cancer surgery.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Richard Marshall.
The funeral was last week.

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- September 3rd-5th Team 2 is in charge of the lawn. Team 2 includes Mike Bayer, Bill Merrill, Scott Johnson and Dylan Muncy. Any problems call Jim Gallo-way.

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

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

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.

SCIENCE VS EVOLUTION SEMINAR- October 23-25.

DIRECTORY UPDATE- Tammy Kerns will be moving soon. Her new address will be 338 Crown Manor Circle Suite 13 Mineral Wells, WV 26150.

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.

HELP NEEDED- Gary Alton & Carrie Alton are needing someone to watch Jordan from 7am-7pm on September 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 26th & 27th. If you can help call Carrie at 304-488-4704.

WVCYC CD'S- The camp has released an anniversary CD with new and favorite past songs. If you would like a CD there is donation request of \$20 per CD. You can pick them up in the office.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Elders Must Know...

There are some things that an elder must know about himself as well as knowing what the Bible teaches on so he can be an effective elder. The Bible tells us the follow things that an elder must know:

An Elder must know himself. 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1 and 1 Peter 5:1-5 all teach that an elder must know himself. He must know how he relates with his wife, children, and the people in his community as well as to the Christians in the congregation. An elder must show he is able to manage his life well by being mature in the faith (Heb. 5:12-14). A man who is to be considered qualified for the position of elder needs to have spent time with his wife and family and continues to do so. Elders are men who lead their family in Christ and have managed them well; this is the main training ground for a man to be an elder. If a man cannot lead his family to Christ or manage them well how can he expect to lead the lost to the Lord or manage the church?

An Elder must know the congregation in such a way that they move the congregation forward and closer to God. As has already been stated the family is the training ground for one to be an elder. By learning to build good relationships in his home he will be able to build relationships with the people in the congregation and this will help him to better lead the congregation. When relationships are being built within the congregation the elders can know the “pulse” of the congregation so they can better meet the congregation’s needs. This will help the elders to know how to move the congregation forward spiritually and help them to set goals to help the congregation to mature in Christ. The elders need to help the congregation to stay focused on the goal of Heaven and help others get there as well (Phil. 3:12). This is the idea of being a shepherd knowing the congregation and helping them get to heaven (1 Peter 5:1-4; and Acts 20:17-30).

An Elder must know how to be a servant. Jesus said those who want to lead must be a servant (Mt. 20:25-28; Jn. 13:14-15). A servant is a person who has the go first attitude, as Jesus modeled in His life. By this a leader needs to do the jobs that no one else is willing to do and teach others how to do them (Eph. 4:11-16). Elders need to also encourage others to be servants and to be faithful for the cause of Christ (1 Thes. 5:11). The Bible tells us that elders are helped with deacons who help with many aspects of serving the congregation. Elders also need to be setting the example for others to follow in word and deed (Col. 3:17). By being a servant, he shows the congregation what they must do to be servants of Christ as well.

Elders must know how to rest. Jesus also shows us that as a leader one needs to take time to rest and pray (Mark 1:35, 6:31 and 6:46). Elders must know themselves to the point that they know how much stress they can handle and realize the time to stop and rest. Elders who serve best take time to read their Bibles, focus on spiritual matters in prayer, and taking time to relax, doing things that they enjoy. Too many godly elders have failed the church and themselves because they did not know themselves well enough to stop and rest.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

There's a Great Day Coming

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20:11-15

How many do you think are going to heaven? Matthew 7:13-14

What do you imagine heaven will be like? Ecclesiastes 3:11, John 14:2-3

What very important event happens before people are admitted into heaven? Revelation 20:11-15.

Do you think most people are as ready for judgment as they think they are? Matthew 25:12

How can we be prepared? 2 Thes. 1:8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, Romans 6:3-4, Acts 2:38, Matthew 24:13

How does a coming judgment impact the way you live today?

How does it impact who you will talk to about salvation? Matthew 7:21, Proverbs 11:30

Can you know that you have eternal life? 1 John 5:13

Do you know? Are you ready for that day?

P.M. Sermon Mark Tonkery

True Contentment Phil. 4:12 & 13

Doug's Discussion

The Mind of the Discouraged



I hear first impressions are really important. Thoughts and opinions can be formed in that first meeting that might never change. And that . . . can be discouraging. I don't think anyone ALWAYS puts their best foot forward. (I know I don't.) And then what? What if I believe, no matter what I do, you'll never change your negative opinion of me? I imagine that would have consequences regarding how hard I try to make things better.

I think we can learn from Job's lowest point. Just keep in mind a couple of things here. One: Job is extremely, understandably, discouraged. Two: he doesn't really understand the situation. This has led him to view God in an imperfect way. Having made that clear I'll tell you this is one of those situations where Job doesn't believe there is anything that can make the situation better. And consider the consequences found in Job 9:27-31. Job doesn't see the point of trying to fake an "everything's all right." That won't change anything. He also doesn't see the point of trying, saying: "Since I am already found guilty, why should I struggle in vain?" (Job 9:29). Finally, Job says that even if he does get clean again it won't matter because he believes that he would just get plunged back into the muck. Yeah, that's one discouraged guy.

Fortunately for Job he wasn't right. God did restore him again. But take this opportunity to see into the mind of a discouraged person! Without hope of positive change people stop struggling to make things better. All they have left is their complaint. Consider now the level of grace and forgiveness you show to other people. When they fall, when they stumble over their best foot, do you lift them up or try and make sure they stay down? When people are trying to wipe the dirt off do you shove them back into the mud? Does the way you look at someone tell them that you have found them guilty and you will always find them guilty? If so I suspect something unfortunate will happen. I think they will decide it's not worth struggling in vain.

Is that the Christian message? "Don't bother, you'll always be guilty in my eyes?" Or is the message more like "come and wash away the mud. I will remember your guilt no more. Be restored again!"? One message leads to hope and a renewed effort. One leads to giving up. Be sure you share the right one.

APPOINTING OF ELDERS

The Camden Avenue church of Christ
will begin the process of appointing additional elder(s) in September.

The timeline will be as follows:

9/6 and 9/13

Lessons concerning the eldership

9/13

Elder appointment forms will be ready for distribution to the congregation

9/13 - 9/27

Time period for elder appointment forms to be filled out by the congregation and turned in.

9/27

Due date for elder appointment forms to be turned in. Please give to any of the current elders.

**Continue to keep our current elders
and this process in your daily prayers.**



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

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, get well cards, and birthday cards. I appreciated each one. In Christian Love, Eloise Smith
- ♥ Thank you for remembering us on our 32nd anniversary with the sweet cards and texts. Many thanks, Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

Serving In Worship

September 6, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - David Epler

6:00 PM - Patrick Rine

Close - Daniel Rich

SCRIPTURE

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Jon Hescht

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Stan Inman

COVID-19

It was requested that we print this in the bulletin from one of the calls earlier this week.

Today's devotional thought comes from Dan Winkler. He uses each letter in Covid-19 to remind us of the blessing we have in Christ.

C- Conquerors in Christ

O- Overcomers

V- Victorious

I- Invincible

D- We have been delivered by Christ

The hyphen – represents life, the pleasant life we can live as New Testament Christians

19 – What does 3+16 equal, 19. John 3:16, tells us why we are blessed, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."



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Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

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24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK.

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DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS,

AND CO-WORKERS.



Facts and Figures

August 23, 2020

Facebook AM Service Views.....314

Facebook PM Service Views.....303

Facebook Wednesday Views.....278

Contribution.....\$3944.00

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 30
"The Call of the Cross"



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Daily Bible Reading

August 31: 1 Cor. 5, Ps. 91-94

September 1: 1 Cor. 6, Ps. 95-101

September 2: 1 Cor 7:1-24, Ps. 102-103

September 3: 1 Cor. 8, Ps. 104-105

September 4: 1 Cor. 8, Ps. 106

September 5: 1 Cor. 9, Ps. 107-109

September 6: 1 Cor. 10, Ps. 110-114

