

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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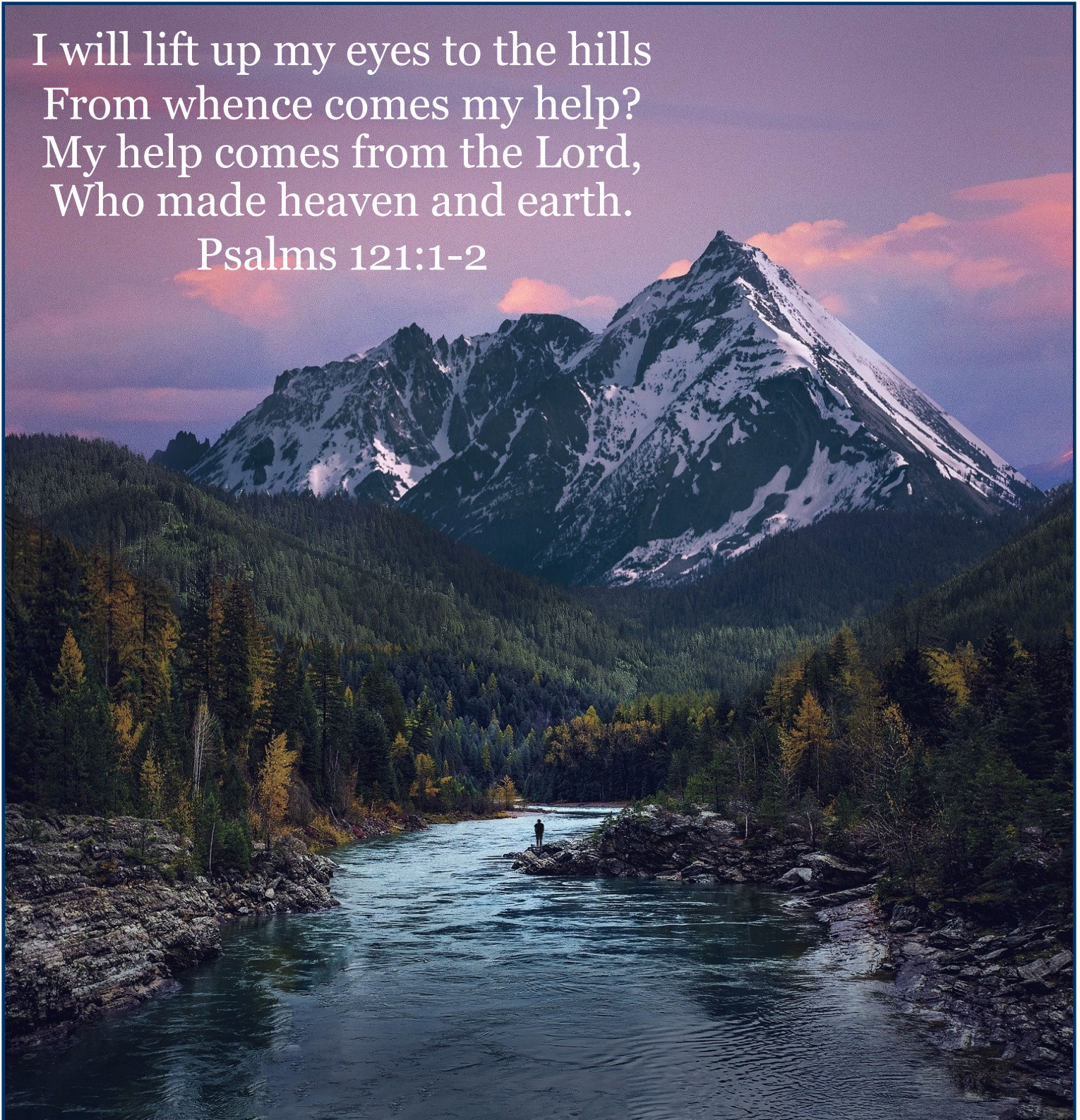
We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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I will lift up my eyes to the hills  
From whence comes my help?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121:1-2





# *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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Todd Kirk  
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## **Our church family in need of prayers**

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., 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, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie 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, Steve Higginbotham, 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), Betty Newman (Judy Hupp's sister), 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,

## **New Prayer Request updates this week...**

- ♥ Joe Wilson- Had surgery last week.
- ♥ Betty Lamb- Home after dislocating shoulder. Cards & Calls appreciated.
- ♥ Scott Johnson- recuperating after surgery Thursday.
- ♥ Bill Kirby- had surgery last week and is in Eagle Point Rehab recovering.
- ♥ Ty, Addie & Kasen Inman- Having tubes put in ears on the Sept. 18.
- ♥ Clifton Inman- Having cardiac MRI Sept. 21
- ♥ Sarah Inman- Having surgery Sept. 22
- ♥ Tom Little- Mark's uncle beginning radiation treatments this week.

# *Thank You*

- ♥ Thank you for the get well cards I received. Barbara Cramlet
- ♥ Thank you Mark & Doug for the daily devotional and prayer.
- ♥ A special thank you to each of you for the birthday and thinking of you cards. I enjoyed them all. Ray Sams
- ♥ Ruth Wells thanks everyone for the cards and phone calls and birthday wishes she received for her 101st birthday.

# Announcements

**LAWN CREWS**- September 17-19 Team 4 is in charge of the lawn. Team 4 includes Kevin Cochran, Paul Inman, Brian Haught & Ben Haught. Any problems call Jim Galloway.

**BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**- Saturday at 10am. Through Zoom and Kahoot.

**BIBLE BOWL**- October 3. Through Zoom and Kahoot. *If you plan on participating sign up on the counter in the foyer.*

**WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF PREACHING LECTURESHIP**- Paul's Epistle to the Romans. October 25-29. Lecture 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 may be turned into the office.

**SCIENCE VS EVOLUTION SEMINAR**- October 23-25.

**SECRET SISTERS**-If your secret sister has not yet been revealed to you see Laura Tonkery.

**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.

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



**WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN**- October 4 from 2pm-3pm. The bus will be available for transportation from the building at 1:30pm.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**- beginning Tuesday, October 6 at 7pm through Zoom. 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. If you plan on attending or have any questions see Laura Tonkery.

**BIBLE STUDY**-beginning Thursday October 8 at 7pm through Zoom everyone is invited to participate. Based on the book God's Game Plan by Aubrey Johnson. See Mark T. for more information.

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## Elder Qualifications

The qualifications of elders are given in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and in Titus 1:5-9. A man who is being considered for this office must first desire the task. He must also be a man of good character, the husband of one wife, one who is temperate in nature, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drinker, gentle, not quarrelsome, and not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well, must be established in the faith (not a new convert), and must have a good reputation within and without the church. Congregations who are appointing or ordaining elders must seek out men who meet these qualifications.

Elders (bishops) are shepherds who have been entrusted with the responsibility for the flock, the local congregation of God's children. Elders are pastors and overseers and are to watch for the souls of each deacon, preacher, teacher, and member of the congregation of which they have the oversight. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for the is unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17)

Congregations must have more than one elder: "The elders which are among you I exhort, who I, also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away" (1 Peter 5:14)

Elders are responsible for the feeding of the congregation: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed to church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Elders are aided in their responsibility by those who teach and preach the Word, and by deacons, those special servants who help with the work of the local congregation.

Let each of us strive to ease the burden on our elders and make their labor a joyous one. May we study the Word so that we are grounded in the truth, and may we always seek to do the will of the Father, rather than our own.



# *Today's Sermon Notes*

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

**What do we look for when choosing a man to be an elder? Part 1**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7**

i. The gift of \_\_\_\_\_ of the man (1 Tim. 3:1; Rom. 12:4-8).

ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the man (1 Tim. 3:2, 4-5; Titus 1:6).

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

**What do we look for when choosing a man to be an elder? Part 2**

**Scripture Reading: Titus 1:5-9**

i. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a man (1 Tim. 3:2-3; 7; Titus 1:7,8).

ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ maturity of a man (1 Tim. 3:6; Titus 1:9).

# *Doug's Discussion*

## When Excuses Won't Work



After building up his courage the suffering Job decides what he wants is to stand before God and make his case. Picturing a courtroom Job wants to make his defense. He comes to believe that if he could just stand before God and make his arguments that he would be vindicated. Indeed, you can see his confidence in this plan growing in several of his speeches. And then . . . God appears. Keep in mind that most of us would consider Job to have a reasonable complaint. He has no doubt been planning for quite awhile what he is going to say. But then God appears. His glory is before Job's face. God's vast and immeasurable wisdom is put on full display. At that point guess what happened to the elaborate case Job planned to present to God? Let's let Job share what was left of it: "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5-6).

My friends, Job was a righteous man. Scripture puts him on a level with men like Noah and Daniel. Job was eloquent and wise. He could point to his deeds and say: "see! I have done nothing shameful, not since my youth. My life is filled with blessing others." And this man, who had achieved elite levels of righteousness, found it impossible to speak on his own behalf in the presence of God. I want to point out to us all that we will one day experience what Job did. We too will someday stand before the glory of God. And what do you think you're going to be able to say on that day? You (and me) who are considerably less righteous than Job, you who have much less of a case to make, what are you going to say on that day?

I think there are many people who have put some thought into how they are going to excuse their behavior in the event the judgment is a real thing. "God, you didn't show me enough evidence." "Lord, my parents didn't treat me right . . . that's why." That sort of thing. "God, it's not sin . . . it's a disease." All kinds of arguments that sound well and good here on earth. But guess what is going to happen when you stand before the glory of God while you squint your eyes due to His blinding radiance? I suggest to you that your mouth will go dry. You will instantly despise your best made plans and most well thought out excuses.

I have but one hope on that day. His name is Jesus. "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). I can't claim a blameless life. And I think Job has me beat hands down with it comes to righteousness. But I also think there's no point in making excuses. I won't be about to spit them out before the glory of God. So I'll trust in Jesus – because when I am His the Lord makes intercession for me. Only through Jesus can we stand before God with confidence. Otherwise there's just nothing to say.

# 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.



Lads to Leaders function today  
after evening services.

This is for all interested in Lads and  
will recognize the accomplishments  
of last year.

## **BIBLE CALL**

**304.420.2416    [WWW.BIBLECALL.INFO](http://WWW.BIBLECALL.INFO)**

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**BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS. DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS,  
NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.**



## Serving In Worship

September 20, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - David Epler

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Daniel Rich

Close - Doug Hershman

6:00 PM - Josh Hall

Close - Dwain Shears

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Dustin Hughes

PM - Chris Hofmann

### COMMUNION

AM - Patrick Rine

PM - Bill Mills



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## Service Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

## College Care Packages

There are boxes in the hallway outside the offices. Items can be placed in all or any of the boxes. They are labeled for each individual Camden Avenue college student. If you would rather turn your items into the office, they will be distributed in the boxes for you. Items need to be in the boxes by Sunday, October 4.

Ideas for Care Packages ... (all foods individually packaged)

- \* Hand Written Notes
- \* Microwave popcorn
- \* Pretzels
- \* Granola Bars
- \* Cookies
- \* Fruit Snacks
- \* Cheese Crackers
- \* Tea
- \* Hot Chocolate
- \* Mints
- \* Gum
- \* Candy
- \* Pens
- \* Highlighters
- \* Pencils
- \* Sticky Notes
- \* Gift Cards
- \* Tissues
- \* Chapstick
- \* Anything else individually wrapped and able to be mailed.



## Facts and Figures

September 6, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....152

Facebook AM Service Views.....291

Sunday PM Service.....136

Facebook PM Service Views.....221

Wednesday Service.....119

Facebook Wednesday Views.....188

Contribution.....\$11751.00

### 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  
September 13  
"Jesus The Christ"



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## Daily Bible Reading

September 14:1 Cor. 15:35-58, Pro. 3-4

September 15:1 Co. 16, Pro. 5-6

September 16: 2 Co. 1, Pro. 7-8

September 17: 2 Co. 2, Pro.9-11

September 18: 2 Cor. 3, Pro. 12-13

September 19:2 Cor. 4, Pro. 14-15

September 20: 2 Cor. 5, Pro. 16-17

