

# 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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IN THE  
BEGINNING

*God created*

THE HEAVENS AND  
THE EARTH.

GENESIS 1:1



# *In Our Prayers*

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Clayton Huber  
John Life  
Paul Saunders  
Dearll Vincent

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Steve Gray  
Leonard Haid  
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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, Lenore Vaught, 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, Teresa Flinn (Shirley Martin's daughter), 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), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Chris Scott (Ron Riddle's nephew), Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Scott Stephens, Shawn Stephens, Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins), Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

## **New Prayer Requests this week...**

- ♥ Gwen Lucas- home recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ♥ Erinie & Peggy Guererro - friends of Charlotte Deem recovering from COVID.
- ♥ Kay Stanley has friends requesting prayer.
- ♥ Clifton Inman will be having surgery November 13 to stretch his pulmonary artery. He is expected to go home on the same day.
- ♥ David Newberry- Recovering from surgery in Columbus hospital.
- ♥ Chris Scott- Ron Riddles nephew recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Nancy Inman home recovering from outpatient surgery last week.
- ♥ Jeff Huxley having cardiac problems.
- ♥ Cindy Huxley's friends- Marti and Carolyn dealing with health issues.
- ♥ Chloe Weekly 9 year old with possible brain tumor.
- ♥ Len Haid- recovering from eye surgery.

# Announcements

**SCIENCE VS. EVOLUTION SEMINAR**-continues this morning. There will be two sessions, 9:30am and 11:00am.

**LAWN CREWS**- October 29-31 Team 2 is in charge of the lawn. Team 2 includes Mike Bayer, Bill Merrill, Scott Johnson, and Dylan Muncy. Any problems call Jim Galloway.

**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.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**- Tuesdays at 7pm through Zoom. For questions see Laura.

**BIBLE STUDY**- Thursdays at 7pm through Zoom, everyone is invited to participate. Based on the book God's Game Plan by Aubrey Johnson. See Mark Tonkery for more information.

**WEDNESDAY 11AM CLASS**- will begin November 4.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**- The book of the month for October is Mark. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

**ELDER APPOINTMENT**- Todd Kirk has accepted the invitation to work as an elder at Camden Avenue. If there are no scriptural objections given to the current elders by October 31 he will be appointed on November 1.



*26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
WVSOP Victory Lectures  
October 25-29  
An Online (only) Event*

**Paul's Epistle to the Romans**  
To God be the Glory (Chapters 12-16)

*Full playlist*

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcAEvZmjuyDD-9YXY9HID7xC5IKvttF4o>

*Individual Links*

<https://wvsop.com/2020-victory-lectures/>

## **BIBLE CALL**

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**24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

**BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.**

**DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS,**

**NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.**



# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## **How washing your hands is a proof that the Bible is from God!**

How many times have you been reminded to wash your hands? Only about 100 to 200 times a day. (O.k. maybe that is a little exaggerated). But with the Covid pandemic, one of the ways to help us to avoid getting this virus, as well as other viruses is to wash our hands. It is interesting to note that washing of the hands for hygiene purposes has only been popular since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century.

It was Ignaz Semmelweis, a Hungarian physician who observed and did research and concluded that hand washing was not only good hygiene, but it could save lives by preventing the spread of germs from one patient to another. At first, he was laughed out of his profession but in time, only after his death, others began to see the benefits and even realized that lives were saved by good hand hygiene.

What is even more amazing is that the Bible had been telling people since the time of Moses that washing after one was exposed to blood and other bodily fluids were beneficial. In fact, during the Black Death of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century, many of the Jews survived because of their hygiene, as taught in the Old Testament.

So, good hygiene saves lives and slows the spread of disease, so how does this prove that the Bible is from God. Well, many of the laws about hygiene are mentioned in the books of the Law of Moses. For example, Leviticus chapters 13-15 teaches the importance of washing after an issue of blood, quarantine a person with various diseases (quarantine also is not a new idea), cleaning houses, and other personal items. In Deuteronomy 23:12-14 we see the instructions to bury human waste, and in Numbers 19:5-22 even one's clothes were to be burned along with washing one's self after coming in contact with a deceased person or animal.

Here is the Bible proof, this knowledge of cleanliness did not come from human innovation; the common knowledge of the day of the other nations that were the neighbors of the Israelites were that disease came from spirits that lived in the blood, there were no hygiene requirements nor did anyone ever recognize there was a problem with germs. This was the popular view until the 1840s when Ignaz Semmelweis realized that disease was spread from one person to another because one did not wash their hands.

So, where did the Israelites get this information, to wash, and to have good hygiene? From knowledge above human knowledge, Almighty God. Remember the laws that God gave Israel in the Old Testament were not just about how to worship, but how to live civil and healthy lives as well, including good hygiene. This would have been one-way Israel would have been set apart from the other nations and it would have pointed to the Lord God sharing His knowledge with humans on how to live best in this world.

This whole hand washing thing originated with God, so wash your hands, it might save a life, even yours. Even more important it is a reminder that God truly cares for us and His wisdom is so much greater than ours. Think about it!



# *Today's Sermon Notes*

9:30AM Evolution's "Evidence" (Part 3)

11:00AM Why Be an Atheist?

Dr. Jeff Miller

PM Sermon: Mark Tonkery

Famous Last Words

Text: Mark 16:14-20

# *Doug's Discussion*

## God Has Made It Plain

Isn't it interesting how easily children believe in God? I have three kids myself and I didn't have to make any special effort to show them there was a Lord of heaven and earth. They bought in instantly. It was as natural as breathing. Perhaps this is one of the reasons Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We see in these little ones a sense of the divine. They seem to instinctually know of God. It is good when we choose not to hinder them as they come to the God they naturally know.

Yet . . . hindering them is exactly what many choose to do. Many in our world today strive to teach our children out of faith. Secular colleges are notorious for harboring professors who have a personal mission to destroy their student's belief. Many of the world's elite mock faith. But isn't it interesting that no matter how hard wicked people fight against God faith just keeps bubbling up? Even in the harsh religious environment of places like China, Christianity just keeps on reemerging and growing. The wickedness of men cannot suppress the sense of the divine God's creations naturally have. "What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them" (Romans 1:19).

Perhaps it has been a long time since you were a little child. Maybe since then you have been influenced by people who tried to talk you out of your faith. But you know the truth. I know you do. Knowing of the One who gave us breath is as natural as breathing. "There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord" (Proverbs 21:30). My friends, the wisdom of this world is foolishness. It cannot overcome the Lord. And you know it! You've known it since you were a child. God has made the truth plain to you. If you do not allow forces of evil to discourage you then the kingdom of heaven will belong to such as you.



# Youth News

⇒ **Challenge Youth Conference**- There is a meeting today in the rear of the auditorium in the right wing by door 4 at 5:30pm for 6th grade and up and parents interested in CYC this year.



⇒ **Rake and Run**- for all ages, Sunday November 22nd. If you plan on raking leaves or if you need your leaves raked sign up on the counter in the front foyer.

⇒ **5th Grade & Under Trunk or Treat**- November 1 after PM services. Bring finger foods and drinks that can be easily handed out under the carport. There will be a costume contest for Best portrayal of an Apostle, Best Portrayal of Esther, or other Female Bible character, and Best costume overall. See Kyle Inman with questions.



⇒ **Love & Care Trick or Treat costume parade**- has been scheduled for Saturday, October 31st at 2:00pm. We are asking if any young, or young at heart, folks would like to dress up in costume and parade around the sides of our building for our ladies, to please contact me and let me know. We will gladly provide treat bags for all. Questions call Shannan 304-863-8950

# Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for the prayers for Elijah during his surgery and recovery. Bret & Sarah Wilcoxon
- ♥ Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and helping hands after my surgery. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. As announced, Clifton will be having surgery November 13th. He has narrowing of his pulmonary artery from his initial open heart surgery when he was born. They are going to try to stretch it by doing a catheterization. This will hopefully push off having open heart again for several years. Thank you for the continued prayers and support. Sarah Inman and family

## Serving In Worship November 1, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht  
PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Clayton Huber  
Close - Josh Hall  
6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway  
Close - Keith Smith

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Logston  
PM - Paul Inman

### COMMUNION

AM - Todd Kirk  
PM - Stan Inman

## Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Can be heard on AM 910

Can you come up with a statement of fact that if it were written in marble would be true from now until the sun stops shining? An eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent such a statement. They put their heads together and finally they came up with one. This is what they came up with, "And this too shall pass away". It will.

The Bible shows several times that whatever it was; it came to pass. Whether it was the flood, famine, plagues, persecution or sickness; they all passed. The current situations that you and I are facing will not last, it will pass. It did not come to stay.

There is one person who never changes, Jesus Christ. He is the same today, yesterday, and forever. The Bible says His is coming again and He is going to take home those who belong to him. Are you ready?

**"AND THIS TOO SHALL  
PASS AWAY"**



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## Service Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30  
PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

## Facts and Figures

October 18, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....168  
Facebook AM Service Views.....233/182  
Sunday PM Service.....132  
Facebook PM Service Views.....231  
Wednesday Service.....104  
Facebook Wednesday Views.....139  
Contribution.....\$6919.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....6  
Restored or Requested Prayers....2  
Placed Membership.....3

In Search of the  
Lord's Way  
each Sunday morning  
at 7:30 on WTAP  
November 4  
"Membership in the  
Church"



IN  
**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

## Daily Bible Reading

October 26: 2 Thess. 3, Jer. 7-8  
October 27: 1 Timothy 1, Jer. 9-10  
October 28: 1 Timothy 2, Jer. 11-13  
October 29: 1 Timothy 3, Jer. 14-16  
October 30: 1 Timothy 4, Jer. 17-19  
October 31: 1 Timothy 5, Jer. 20-22  
November 1: 1 Timothy 6, Jer. 23-24

