

# 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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The LORD your God in your  
midst, The Mighty One, will  
save; He will rejoice over  
you with gladness, He will  
quiet you with His love, He  
will rejoice over you with  
singing."  
Zephaniah 3:17

# *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  
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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 Ledsoe, 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, 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, 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 Request updates this week...**

♥ Sandy Keller's father is in Belpre Landing.

# *Thank You*

- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, & texts. We love you and appreciate your thoughtfulness! The Hoovers & The Taberners
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and visits. Also, thanks for the food that has been received. Betty Lamb
- ♥ We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food during my father's recent death. Thanks, Mary Lemley Family
- ♥ Thank you to everyone for their prayers, phone calls and cards during my recent hospital stay. Thanks, Bill Lemley
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and gifts that were received for my birthday. It made it very nice. Gilbert Hardman

# *Announcements*

**LAWN CREWS**- October 8-10 Team 3 is in charge of the lawn. Team 3 includes Kevin Inman, Kyle Inman, Kody Inman, Cody Hoover & Jon Hescht. Any problems call Jim Galloway.

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

**SCIENCE VS EVOLUTION SEMINAR**- October 23-25. Fliers are available on the table in the foyer.

**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.

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

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**- beginning this 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 this 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.

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

**ADDRESS UPDATE**- Lorna Marshall 1802 33rd St. Parkersburg, WV 26104.

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**-The clothing giveaway that had been scheduled for 11/7/20 has been cancelled due to COVID concerns. However, clothing donations are still being accepted.

# “Ready To Give a Defense to Everyone”

Jeff Miller, Ph. D.

God commands all Christians to be apologists: defenders of the faith (1 Peter 3:15). As our society becomes increasingly pluralistic and immoral, however, that charge is becoming more and more difficult, since there are so many views held by the world around us that are contrary to Scripture. According to the statistics, 85% of students in America are in the public school system, and the official doctrine that is being taught therein is naturalism. Should Christians not expect our conversations with non-Christians to increasingly be discussions about evolution? In addition to being prepared to discuss such matters as scriptural worship and water immersion for the remission of sins, Christians must be prepared to defend Christianity against attacks by naturalists and answer genuine questions from those who have been influenced by naturalists.

Am I ready to answer the questions that non-Christians are asking?

Is there anything wrong with believing in theistic evolution or an old Earth? Can the Bible be harmonized with those ideas?

Can the Universe pop into existence as leading atheists suggest?

What about the evidence for the Big Bang? Doesn't that disprove the Bible?

If everything has a cause, then shouldn't God have a cause, too?

As long as the probability of evolution happening is not zero, could it not have happened, as long as it had enough time?

Did the Miller-Urey experiment prove that life can arise from non-life?

Does antibiotic resistance by bacteria prove that mutations can cause creatures to evolve into new kinds of life?

What about all of the evidences for evolution that are given in textbooks: transitional fossils; vestigial organs and genes; homologous structures; horse and whale evolution; geographic distribution; etc.?

Everyone says that the fossil record proves that humans evolved from an ape-like creature. Is that true?

Don't radiometric dating techniques prove that the Earth is millions of years old?

If evolution and an old Earth truly are wrong, why do so many people believe them? They can't all be wrong, can they?

For answers to these questions and many more, be sure to attend the “Science vs. Evolution” seminar.

# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

**Who will follow Jesus?**

**Scripture Reading: Mark 1:16-20**

I. Some will follow Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:17)

II. Some will follow Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 2:14)

III. Some will \_\_\_\_\_ follow Jesus (Mark 10:21)



P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

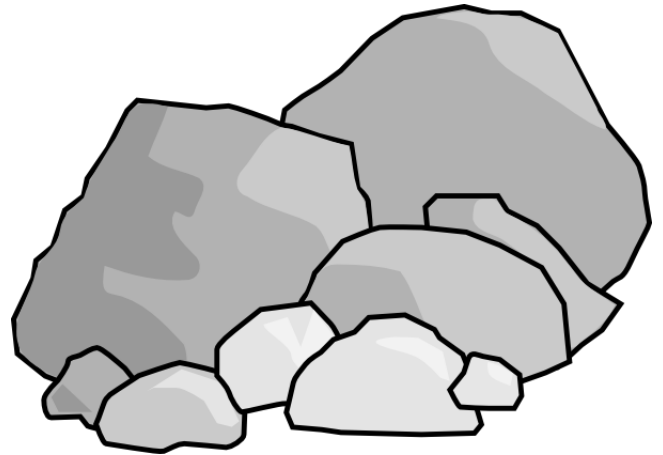
Adoption into the Fellowship Text: 1 John 1:3-4

# *Doug's Discussion*

## What You Do With the Rock

A rock is a rock, right? Sure, but that doesn't mean the same rock means the same thing to all. I have a puppy that loves rocks in our yard. She likes to climb on top of them to get a better view. To me those same rocks are just obstacles. Something to trip over when I forget to turn on the outside light. Some can look at a rock and see a weapon. Others can look at the same rock and see part of their next house. The same rock can build or destroy. The same rock can lift up or trip up. What matters is what you do when you come to the rock.

Listen to what Jesus says: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes . . . He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed" (Matthew 21:42,44). Jesus is speaking about Himself. He is the stone. But not everyone perceives him the same way. Some see Jesus and know that He is from God. They consider the Savior's work wonderful and they worship. Others see the same Jesus and to them He is an obstacle. To others the message is nonsense. "But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Corinthians 1:23). It's the same Jesus – whether He lifts up or trips up is up to us.



What will you do when you come to the Rock? This Stone isn't going away. Shall you put Jesus in His rightful place? Shall He be the Capstone that you build your entire life around? Or will He be the inconvenient Rock that trips you up as you go your own way? "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). This same Jesus, who will always be the same, can be the foundation of your life or the One on whom you dash yourself to pieces. Jesus can be the One who gives you joy and a higher perspective or you can stumble over Him in the darkness. Jesus won't be the same thing to all – but I hope He is salvation for you.

## BAPTISM

We rejoice with Alice Cochran on her decision to be baptized on Saturday evening!

We rejoice with Klay Cochran on his decision to be baptized on Sunday afternoon!

Be sure to welcome our new sister and brother to the family at Camden Avenue.

*“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38*

### 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. Items need to be in the boxes today.

**SENDING SOME SUNSHINE**

## Serving In Worship

October 11, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Rick Stanley

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dylan Muncy

Close - Rob Hoover

6:00 PM - John Life

Close - Scott Smith

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - John Hall

### COMMUNION

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Scott Johnson



## 27<sup>th</sup> Wood County Life Chain

Today

2pm-3pm

We will be meeting in front of Sams Club

The church van will be leaving Camden

Avenue at 1:30pm



*Camden Avenue Church of Christ*

## Service Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

## BIBLE CALL

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NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.**



## Facts and Figures

September 27, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....192

Facebook AM Service Views.....199

Sunday PM Service.....177

Facebook PM Service Views.....216

Wednesday Service.....132

Facebook Wednesday Views.....129

Contribution.....\$6623.00

### 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  
October 4  
"Jesus The Lord"



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## Daily Bible Reading

October 5: Eph. 1, Isa. 7-8

October 6: Eph. 2, Isa. 9-11

October 7: Eph. 3, Isa. 12-15

October 8: Eph. 4, Isa. 16-19

October 9: Eph. 5, Isa. 20-23

October 10: Eph. 6, Isa. 24-26

October 11: Philipp. 1, Isa. 27-29

