

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.

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I Long to Meet My Father

As I gaze up to the skies
My mind begins to wander
To live with Him and dear ones
I long to meet My Father

Through blessings or trials
That shall come my way
I long to meet My Father
My love for Him will stay

When I see the woe of the world
And all the pain it does bring
I long to meet My Father
Then my heart and soul shall sing

Written by: Jo Langler

In Our Prayers

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, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsoe, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Neselroad, 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, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Teresa Flinn (Shirley Martin's daughter), Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), 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), 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, Chloe Weekly, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Caplinger family dealing with health problems.
- ♥ 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.
- ♥ Teresa Carvey- Bells Palsey
- ♥ Ron Weeter-Cody Hoover's uncle's neighbor requested prayer due to aneurism surgery.
- ♥ Keith & Judy Carr & Bill Carr- Family of Delmas Carr dealing with Covid.
- ♥ Ron & Linda Moncrief, and Teresa Steed- All dealing with Covid. Ron is in the hospital and also has pneumonia.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
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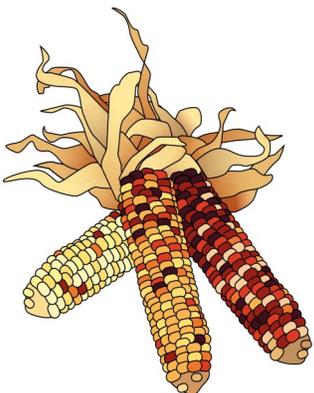
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Announcements

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.

BIBLE STUDIES- Thursdays at 7pm through Zoom, all are invited to participate. Tuesdays at 7pm through Zoom, for all ladies.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE- If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send our youth to the conference, see Jeff Taberner or Doug Wells.

EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR-Please note that Door 3 in the auditorium that leads to outside is only to be used for emergencies. Exit through the main entrance.

POTTERS GLEANER CANS- bring these to the office by 12/6 for pick up.

Thank You

♥ I just want to thank you for all the beautiful get well cards, anniversary cards, and Earls birthday cards. Also thank you for all the sweets from the Morgan's a big thank you again. Love, Donna Mcconnell

Thanks

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Terry Hofmann and family on the passing of her father Merl White. His funeral was last Friday.

We extend our sympathy to Susan Haid and all of the family and friends of Len Haid. His funeral was held on Saturday.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What Samuel can teach us?

As one reads about the life of Samuel in 1 Samuel, there are many life lessons one can apply to their own life. Here are four life lessons from Samuel that every Christian can use to help them to be a better Christian.

faith

First, we can learn the power of prayer. In 1 Samuel 1 we see Hannah could not have children, so she prayed fervently for a son. God answered that prayer, by providing Hannah with Samuel. Samuel continued the discipline of prayer. We read about Samuel praying for Israel in 1 Sam. 12:23, where Samuel states, “Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.”

May we have the confidence and faith as Hannah and Samuel did as they talked to God in prayer. James 1:6 reminds us, “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.” May we pray with confidence and faith.

Second, we can learn how to be faithful to the Lord. Samuel grew up knowing the Lord and the Lord used Samuel to do His will (1 Sam. 3:19). Samuel never fell away from the Lord. Samuel remained steadfast in his faith and devotion to the Lord. What an example for us, especially when we understand that people of faith in Samuel’s day were rare. Today it may seem that followers of God are in the minority and there are very few of us “keeping the faith.” Maybe this is how it always has been, but we must keep in mind that just like Samuel we can be faithful to the Lord despite the majority of people not following the Lord.

Third, we can learn obedience. As Samuel grew to know the Lord, he learned to be obedient. 1 Sam. 3:19 tells us, “And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.” Samuel never failed to do the will of the Lord.

In this world it is hard to sometimes do the right thing, to even obey God. But Samuel reminds us we can obey God, even when it seems difficult. In fact, we must keep in mind that it is always right to obey God (1 Sam. 15:22).

Fourth, we can learn how not to raise our children. If there is one flaw in the life of Samuel it is that he failed to guide his children in the ways of the Lord (1 Sam. 8:3). It seems he followed in the footsteps of Eli in the way he raised his sons, who were worthless and evil (1 Sam. 2:12). It is very easy, especially for spiritual leaders, who spend their time helping teach and lead others to the Lord, to neglect their own families.

Each parent has the responsibility to teach their children the ways of the Lord and set a godly example before them (Eph. 6:1-4; Deut. 6:7). If we do not teach our children, the ways of The Lord then who will? May we lead our families in all the ways of the Lord and not neglect their spiritual wellbeing.

Prayer, faithfulness to the Lord, obedience, and raising godly children are four lessons we can learn by studying the life of Samuel. In Heb. 11:32 Samuel is known as a person of faith, what will we be known for? God needs people like Samuel today, people who are willing to give their loyalty and devotion to the Lord all the days of their life, will you be one?

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Samuel learns to listen

Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-3

I. Samuel learned to _____ (1 Sam. 3:1)

II. Samuel learned to be _____ (1 Sam. 3:3)

III. Samuel learned to _____ (1 Sam. 3:3)

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

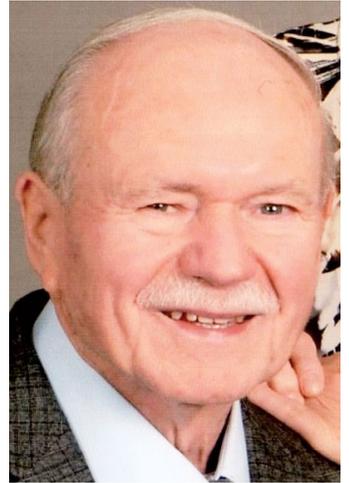
Lessons from King Saul

Text: 1 Samuel 8:1-3

Doug's Discussion

Read a Verse for Len

This week Camden Avenue lost a dearly loved brother in Len Haid. Our prayers are with his family and with all the other families who have lost a loved one recently (unfortunately we have had a few). I am certainly going to miss Len. I didn't know him long but there is something that became obvious almost immediately. Len liked to talk about the Bible. He was one of only a handful of people I have ever met who you could almost guarantee if you walked up to him you would end up speaking about Scripture. I can't think of a single time speaking with Len when he didn't have a Bible question or a Bible verse to share or a Bible trivia question for me. I knew the answer . . . sometimes. That kind of wholehearted commitment to Scripture is rare today, but it is an embodiment of Deuteronomy 6:6-7. "These commands that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."



Of course, the conversations about scripture and the depth of wisdom and knowledge displayed in Bible classes is what we all saw. I am certain these things were only the tip of the iceberg. It is impossible to always have Scripture on your lips unless you have spent massive amounts of time digging deep for the treasures of the Word. I can only imagine the number of hours brother Haid spent on a couch or his favorite chair turning through the pages of a well-used Bible. I imagine Len to be one of the few who could join with the psalmist in saying "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long" (Psalm 119:97).

Who will take up this cause now that our brother has gone on to his reward? Who will make it a point to speak about scripture at the dinner table? Who will share their new biblical insight with a brother or sister in Christ? Who will pester unsuspecting preachers with the most challenging Bible trivia they can dig up? You I hope! How can we be known as people of the Word if we never speak of it outside of officially designated times like the sermon and Bible class? Scripture is useful and profitable in all times and places and I give Len full credit for knowing that. Do you want to honor his memory? Then follow his example. Go read your Bible and share what you found there with someone else.

Youth News

RAKE AND RUN- for all ages, Today.

RICHMOND CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUTH RALLY- November 13-14. Due to Covid-19 there is an online option. Registration ends today. See the Camden Avenue Facebook page for more information and the link to register.

LADS TO LEADERS MEETING- There will be a short LLL meeting this morning after worship by door 5 in front of the auditorium.

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Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Can be heard on AM 910

In one of the most powerful anti-smoking ads I've ever seen the promises of the cigarette ads are examined. You'll look cool. Smoking makes you independent and mysterious. But then the curtain is pulled away and a man in a wheelchair who can barely breathe says: the reality is you could end up looking like this.

I think the promises of atheism are much like this ad. Think how much fun you'll have when you don't have to worry about God's rules! Look at this rich guy, look at this movie star who is an atheist! Looks great, right? The reality is much less glamorous.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair, founder of the American Atheist organization, may have looked like she was on top of the world. But when her life was over the curtain was pulled away. Her possessions were auctioned and people noticed a common phrase in her personal writings. She privately pleaded "Somebody, somewhere, love me!" Is atheism really "cool," or is it a heartbreaking loss of the One who loves us best?

Serving In Worship November 15, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught
PM - John Life

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover
Close - Ken Barnes
6:00 PM - David Epler
Close - Ron Holleron

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ira Kimes
PM - Levi Wells

COMMUNION

AM - Jim Galloway
PM - Cody Hoover



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Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00am
Bible Study.....7:00pm

Those that signed that they read the book of the month in October

Susan Anderson	Charlotte Deem	Larry Plant
Rick Stanley	Verna Huber	Addie Miller
Mark Tonkery	Barbara Cramlet	Clyde Yoho
Larry Fleak	Eloise Smith	Dave Nulter
Rosemary Merrill	Shirley Martin	Lois Nulter
David Epler	Joyce Wright	Jim Hughes
Sandy Hughes	Debbie Amos	Jo Langler
Mary Daniel	Charlotte Galloway	Bill Mills
Sandy Keller	Brenda Daughtery	Teresa Wade
Belinda Buckley	Christine Epler	Judy Hupp
Sonya Hescht	Kay Mills	Leon Hupp
Delmas Carr	John Rockhold III	Naomi Carr
Glenn Snider	Amanda Cochran	Anonymous
Alice Cochran		

The book of the month for November is **1 Samuel** read and then sign up on the bulletin board.



“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

2 Timothy 3:16

Facts and Figures

November 1, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....184
Facebook AM Service Views.....255
Sunday PM Service.....140
Facebook PM Service Views.....158
Wednesday AM Service.....24
Wednesday PM Service.....Not Counted
Facebook Wednesday Views.....182
Contribution.....\$10994.00

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 22
“Give Thanks”



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Daily Bible Reading

November 9: Philemon, Jer. 42-45
November 10: Hebrews 1, Jer. 46-48
November 11: Hebrews 2, Jer. 49
November 12: Hebrews 3, Jer. 50
November 13: Hebrews 4, Jer. 51
November 14: Hebrews 5, Jer. 52
November 15: Hebrews 6, Lam 1-2