

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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Season's Greetings from the Elders, Preachers, and Staff



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Our church family in need of prayers

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, 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 Led-some, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Betty Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, 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), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Chris Truman (friend of Allen Coe), Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Joe & Celia Johnson, Scott Johnson's parents dealing with Covid. Celia is in Reynolds Memorial hospital.
- ♥ Charles Lang, Lucille Hardman's brother- in Mt. Carmel hospital dealing with Pneumonia and Covid.
- ♥ Becky Ash, Tammy Kerns Sister, has been diagnosed with colorectal cancer.
- ♥ Dan Wilson, family of Cindy Huxley- has cancer.
- ♥ Jim Dailey- Had a stroke and is Camden Clark.
- ♥ Our Families and Friends dealing with the Covid pandemic.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Merrill.



Announcements

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.

ITEMS AVAILABLE- There is a table in the front foyer with books, cd's, posters, audio books, and DVD's left from the seminar. Many of these items are now 50% off. Each are marked with their price. There is a cash box on the table for payment.

CARD BOXES- Due to Covid the card boxes will not be put out this year. There is a list prepared on the table in the foyer for anyone that would like to mail their cards. If you find your address is incorrect on the card list let the office know so it can be updated in the church records.

WVCYC CD's- are still available in the office. There is a \$20 requested donation for each CD.

SACK THE PULPIT- continues for December. There is a shopping list on the table in the foyer.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- 1st & 2nd Thessalonians. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

Thank You

- ♥ I really appreciated and enjoyed those that came to sing to me and the basket of food. Thank you, Richard Cozad
- ♥ Thank you for the food basket. Madeline Gregg
- ♥ I want to send a huge thank you to each one of you who sang Christmas songs to me in front of my home (especially the children). I love you all and I really do miss everyone! It meant so much to me, more than you know! I am staying at home and doing okay. Happy Holidays. Love, Jo Langler
- ♥ Thank you Bill & Kay Mills for the treats for the office staff. They were wonderful and so very appreciated! ♥
- ♥ Thank you to all of those that worked to help clear the parking lot Wednesday night.
- ♥ Thank you so much for the Christmas basket. Best Wishes, Sue Vancamp

“giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ .”

Ephesians 5:20

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

“Christmas Star”

According to various news reports, “On December 21, 2020, Jupiter and Saturn will appear closer in Earth’s night sky than they have since 1226 A.D.”^[1] Some are calling this a “Christmas Star” referring to the star mentioned in Matthew 2:2 which the wise men followed to find the baby Jesus.



We really have no idea what this star was in Matthew 2:2 whether it was two planets, like Jupiter and Saturn moving close to each other, or a comet, or if it was a star that the wise men saw.

But we do know that God created it. According to Gen. 1:16, “And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.” Then in Ps. 8:3,4, we see David marveled at the thousands and thousands of stars that covered the night sky, which was ordained by God.

Today we know that there are hundreds of thousands of stars and all types of them. There are blue-white stars that are 12,000 to 50,000 degrees centigrade in temperature. Then there are cooler stars that are white, yellow, and red, and stars of all sizes. Scientists measure the distance of these stars in terms of light-years because this is how far light travels in one year. It is remarkable how many stars are in our solar system and how big it is.

Not only are stars wonderful to observe at night but Gen. 1:14 teaches us that the moon, stars, planets, and sun all help us keep track of seasons, time, days, weeks, months, and years.

But there is another major benefit of stars, in fact, the closest star we live near is our sun. God also made the sun to help sustain life here on earth. The sun has a surface temperature of 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit and our earth is just the right distance from it that life can live on earth. If the sun gave off only one half of its present radiation, we would freeze, and if it gave as much more, we would be too hot, and nothing could live on earth.

As I think about how wonderful and vast our universe is with all the stars, planets, and comets in it I could not help but think of how great our God is and what He has done. God has placed everything in the universe in order and made it very good.

If our universe is so amazing just think about how magnificent heaven will be? He is preparing a place for those of us who love and obey Him (John 14:1-3). Will you be there?

“O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained...” (Ps. 8:1-3).

Merry Christmas and I hope you have a blessed holiday!

Mark T. Tonkery

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Christ is for the masses

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-32

A. What does it mean that Christ is for the masses?

I. Christ is for the masses – _____.

A. Salvation is for _____ (the masses).

1. Save His people from their _____.

a. “And she will _____ forth a _____, and you shall _____ his name _____ for He will save His _____ from their _____.” Matthew 1:21

b. Lk. 2:11

c. Lk. 2:30-32

B. He is the _____.

1. Lk. 1:32-33

C. He the _____ for the masses (all people)

2. “Then the _____ said to them, “Do not be _____, for behold, I bring you _____ tidings of _____ which will be to _____ people.” Luke 2:10

II. Christ is the _____ for the masses.

A. The shepherds _____ others about Jesus (Lk. 2:17-20).

B. Anna _____ to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem (Lk. 2:38).

C. Paul _____ (1 Cor. 2:2; 1 Cor. 15:1-4)

III. Christ's message is _____ for the masses

A. Matthew 28:19-20

B. Mark 16:15-16

Challenge:

Will we focus on one person that we can share the good news about Jesus?

Sunday PM Sermon: Doug Wells You Can Know God's Will

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:8-10

Doug's Discussion

One Righteous Person Avaieth Much

Never doubt that you can, as a Christian person, make a difference. Do not doubt that you are a great blessing to the world around you whether you know it or not. I know it doesn't feel like it sometimes. There's a temptation, while considering all of the world's problems, just to throw up our hands and give up. There's another temptation to give in and conform to the pattern of this world, in an "if you can't beat them join them" kind of way. But don't do that! Stay different. Stay holy. I think you are helping more than you know.

Abraham once negotiated with God for the people of Sodom (Genesis 18:16-33). At the beginning of the conversation Abraham started asking God to spare the city if fifty righteous people could be found there, but by the end he had got down to ten. And God tells him about Sodom, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it" (18:32). Do you see what a difference ten righteous people could have made? If only ten people in that wicked city would have chosen to do what is right the entire city . . . the ENTIRE CITY would have been given more time to repent. The number once given for Jerusalem was even lower. God told Jeremiah: "Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem . . . If you can find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will forgive this city" (Jeremiah 5:1). ONE person is all Jeremiah had to find and Jerusalem would have been spared the Babylonian invaders. One righteous person would have made all the difference.

The next time you are tempted to conform to the world consider this: as a righteous person you are radiating a shield of protection and blessing to those around you. Your family benefits greatly from your righteousness. Why remain in a marriage even if your spouse is an unbeliever? The Bible's answer to that is that your holiness makes a big difference to your family (check 1 Corinthians 7:14). Your presence is said to extend holiness to your children. Still think you can't make a difference? The righteous make a difference in their communities as well. God apparently just doesn't look at a place in the same way when the righteous (even in small quantities) are present. Who knows what kind of judgments are deferred just because you're there?

Trust the Word righteous person. You make a difference.



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Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Can be heard on AM 910

One of my favorite people in the Old Testament is Job. He was a godly man but he had everything against him, he dealt with storms, lost possessions, lost his children, lost his health, did not have the best of friends, and even had a wife who told him to, "Curse God and die." Yet Job did not quit on God, he continued to trust in him.

Job was rewarded for his faithfulness to God. Job 42:12, tells us, "So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning."

Job reminds us that there can be a blessing on the other side of suffering, trials, and pain. The Bible tells us that God will bless all who faithfully follow Him by allowing us to spend eternity in Heaven with Him. There is a blessing on the other side of patience.

Serving In Worship December 27, 2020

A.M. ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

P. M. ELDER IN CHARGE- Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Life

Close - Bill Hoover

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Bill Merrill

SCRIPTURE

AM- Dave Nulter

PM - Mike Wade

COMMUNION

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Ryan Gaston



Camden Avenue Church of Christ

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Class.....15 minutes after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00am

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

December 13, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....158

Facebook AM Service Views.....404

Sunday Bible Class.....101

Sunday PM Service.....101

Facebook PM Service Views.....303

Wednesday AM Service.....10

Wednesday PM Service.....53

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....207

Contribution.....\$9523.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....6

Restored or Requested Prayers...2

Placed Membership.....3

January Birthday's and Anniversaries

3- Ryan Gaston

9- Patty Alton

9- Gary Farris

10- Cody Hoover

10- Lorna Marshall

10- Doug Wells

12- Lucille Hardman

14- Bill Hoover

14- Ron Moncrief

15- Sam Merrill

17- Gala Miller

17- Bill & De Fleak*

17- Dearll & Carol Vincent*

18- Merilee Morgan

19- Keith Smith

22- Elizabeth Rich

24- Ben Haught

24- Sarah Inman

24- Joyce Wright

26- Brittany Gray

26- Becky Inman

27- Betty Lamb

28- Donna McConnell

29- Ayla Wells

30- Cotton Sayre

30-Brandi Hescht

Let the office know of any of changes or updates for the
January calendar.

**In Search of the
Lord's Way**
each Sunday morning
at 7:30 on WTAP

December 27
"Jesus is Coming Again"

Daily Bible Reading

December 21: Rev. 10-11, Micah 1-4

December 22: Rev. 12, Micah 5-7

December 23: Rev. 13, Nah. 1-3

December 24: Rev. 14, Hab. 1-3

December 25: Rev. 15-16, Zeph. 1-3

December 26: Rev. 17, Hagg. 1-2

December 27: Rev. 18, Zec. 1-5