

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 JOY of the
LORD is your
strength.”*

Nehemiah 8:10



In Our Prayers

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 Ledsome, 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), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Bob Bell, 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, Charles Lang (Lucille Hardman's brother), 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, Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley family), Joe Wilson

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



New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Clifton Inman
- ♥ Joe & Celia Johnson, Scott Johnson's parents dealing with Covid.
- ♥ Jim Dailey- Had a stroke and is Camden Clark.
- ♥ Our Families and Friends dealing with the Covid pandemic.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
John Life
Paul Saunders

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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.

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.

DEACONS & CARE GROUP LEADERS- be sure to check your mailboxes in the office. Get ready for the new year by cleaning them out.

ELDERS, DEACONS, & PREACHERS MEETING- January 17th at 4pm.

Thank You

- ♥ Words cannot express my gratitude for the Christmas basket of food stuff! Your kindness is very much appreciated! Thank you, Ray Peters
- ♥ Thank you Keith & Eloise Smith for the cookies for the office staff. They were wonderful and enjoyed by all!
- ♥ Thanks to everyone for my birthday and Christmas cards and also for the goodie basket. I appreciated them all very much. Mary Daniel
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and the gift basket. They were greatly appreciated. Shirley Martin
- ♥ Thank you to all the men that take care of our P.A. and sound system each Sunday and Wednesday. You are greatly appreciated!
- ♥ Thank you to our Elders, Deacons, Ministers, and Teachers for all of the work you do throughout the year to keep things running smoothly. We appreciate you all!

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Through the Bible in 2021



While I was a minister intern at the Tenth and Clairmont Church of Christ in Cambridge, Ohio in 1996, I learned of a program called the Bible Book of the Month. This was a program that encouraged the congregation to read through the Bible by reading a different book of the Bible each month. As members of the congregation completed the reading, they would sign their name on a sheet of paper on the bulletin board. This program had such a tremendous result on encouraging the congregation to read their Bibles, that at every congregation I have worked with I have tried to implement some form of this program.

Then when I came to Camden Ave. I was happy to see that periodically the congregation did a very similar thing. So, at the beginning of 2020 I planned my sermons around a different Bible book(s) of the month each month. Little did I or anyone else know that we would be hit with a pandemic and the Bible book(s) would be an extra encouragement to help keep our minds off the problems associated with the pandemic and to challenge us to stay focused on God.

I am amazed at the tremendous response that has come from this program over the past year. The congregation is reading the Bible. Each month we have had the young and senior saints alike all reading the Bible. (Keep up the great studying of God's word).

As we begin 2021, I have a new challenge for the congregation. This year my goal is to preach through the whole Bible from Genesis through Revelation, with the idea to encourage the congregation to read the word of God through in a year. Some of our members at Camden Ave. already do this, but I hope to encourage everyone to read their Bibles from Genesis through Revelation.

Tonight, at our evening service I will present to the congregation a Bible Reading Chart to help keep track of our reading and explain in more detail our new Bible reading challenge. (The weekly Bible readings will also be in the church bulletin).

I have two main goals with this challenge, one to encourages everyone to read and study the Bible; even if you do not read the whole Bible in 2021, I hope you will decide to read God's word daily. Second, I want us to see the "big picture" of scripture; sometimes we miss or forget the overall theme of the Bible so I hope that we can do this, this year with our study.

Paul reminds us of the importance of knowing the scriptures, so we can be, "...adequately, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:17). I hope you will want to read the whole Bible with us as a congregation this year and *if you were wondering; yes, there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer if you would like to sign your name for when you have completed the reading of the whole Bible this year.* Happy reading!

Hope everyone has a blessed and safe New Year!

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Jesus' Second Coming

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:4-10

2 Thes. 1:4-10 Paul is trying to encourage and warn of Christ's second coming. He tells Christians they must:

"knowing, beloved brethren, your election by _____. For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in _____, and in the _____ and in much assurance, as you know what kind of _____ we were among you for your sake. And you became _____ of us and of the _____, having received the word in much affliction, with _____ of the Holy Spirit, so that you became _____ to all in Macedonia and Achaia who _____. For from you the word of the Lord has _____, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in _____. Your _____ toward God has gone out, so that we do _____ need to say anything. For they themselves _____ concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from _____ to serve the _____ and _____ God, and to wait for His _____ from heaven, whom He _____ from the dead, even _____ who delivers us from the wrath to _____. 2 Thess. 1:4-10

I. P _____

II. P _____

III. P _____

IV. P _____

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

2021 Bible Reading Challenge

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:16

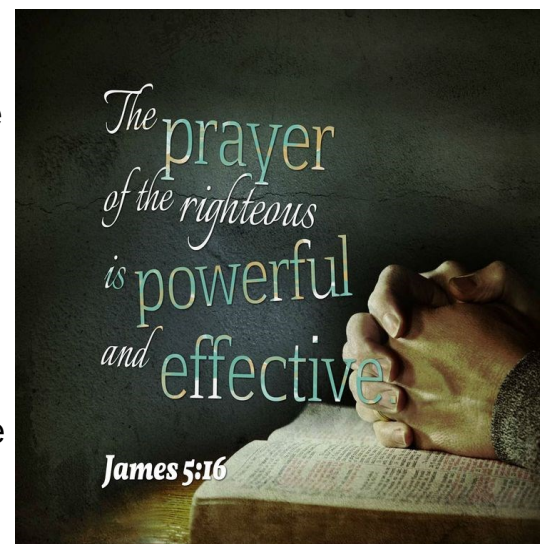
Doug's Discussion

Humility Needs Confession

The sins of many are not well known. Think about it. As you go to church and look around you, do you believe you have a pretty good idea about the temptations your fellow worshipers fall to the most? Maybe . . . if you have been able to resist the individualistic nature that characterizes churches in the Western world. (Or maybe if you are in a place filled with elite gossipers). We tend to consider our sins private. I would say that, apart from immediate family, most do not know much about the sins of the people around them in the pews. In this there is danger.

Not everyone is successful in hiding their sins. “The sins of some are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them . . .” (1 Timothy 5:24). And now we have a divide. You failed to hide your sin but I have successfully hidden mine. This gives me the appearance of righteousness. In my pride I may now consider you with contempt. It’s been done before: “You would not even mention your sister Sodom in the day of your pride” (Ezekiel 16:56). Because your sin is obvious you’re not even worthy of being in my conversation! But let’s go on . . . “You would not even mention your sister . . . before your wickedness was uncovered” (16:56-57). Friends, there is no one who does not sin. If you treat fellow sinners poorly it is inevitable that the day will come when YOUR sin gets revealed. And then: “you will remember and be ashamed and never again open your mouth because of your humiliation, declares the Sovereign Lord” (16:63).

I would like to make a suggestion. Let’s skip this step! Let’s skip the stage where we consider ourselves better than others instead of others better than ourselves. And here’s how to do that: “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed” (James 5:16). If we skip the stage when no one knows our sin then we have one less opportunity for sinful pride. Instead, openly confess your struggles and ask for prayers. Use your failings in ministry – when you see someone struggling with the same thing tell them you know what they are going through and offer to be an accountability partner. The sins of many are not well known – but these are often not the people who are healed.



After much prayer, I have decided to resign my position as an elder for the Camden Avenue church of Christ effective the first of January. Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the past twelve years. I love you all and will continue to support the work here at Camden Avenue.

John Life



John- Thank you for your work and love for the congregation here at Camden Avenue. We appreciate you and the work you have done and continue to do for Camden Avenue.



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.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Can be heard on AM 910

What are you thinking about these days? I am guessing if you are like a lot of people and have a steady diet of listening to the media, then you might not be thinking on the best of things. In fact, listening to the media can be depressing. One counselor made the comment that the four leading causes of depression in America was CNN, ABC, NBC, and Fox, because of all the bad news that is shared. Well maybe he has a point!

No wonder the Bible tells us in Php. 4:8, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." So, maybe watch a little less of the news media today and read your Bible a little more and focus on what is good. You will be glad you did.

Serving In Worship January 3, 2021

A.M. ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Ryan Highman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman

Close - Ron Holleron

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Chris Hofmann

SCRIPTURE

AM- Ken Barnes

PM - Doug Hershman

COMMUNION

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Todd Kirk



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 20, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....	134
Facebook AM Service Views.....	361
Sunday Bible Class.....	103
Sunday PM Service.....	317
Facebook PM Service Views.....	107
Wednesday AM Service.....	19
Wednesday PM Service.....	85
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	197
Contribution.....	\$6655.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

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

She Knew Too Much Bible!

A little girl, being asked by a priest to attend religious instruction, refused, saying it was against her father's wishes. The priest said she should obey him, not her father.

"Oh, sir. We are taught in the Bible to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,'" she replied.

"But you are to call me Father," was his answer. To which she replied, "No, for the Scriptures say, 'Call no man your father upon the earth for one is your father, which is in heaven.'"

The priest was not anxious to lose a religious discussion to one so young, and he said, "You have no business reading the Bible."

"Then why did Jesus tell me to 'Search the Scriptures'" she asked?

He replied by saying, "But that is only to the clergy. You understand that a little child cannot know the Scriptures?"

"Then why," she asked, "Did Paul write to Timothy: 'From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures'?"

Surely there was some way to get the best of this young upstart. Said the priest, "Timothy was being trained to be a Bishop and he was taught by the church authorities."

"No, sir," said the girl, "he was taught by his mother and his grandmother. At least, that's what Paul wrote."

The priest turned away and someone said they heard him mumble something about "she knew enough Bible to poison a whole parish."

--Selected

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

January 3
"What will you do with
Jesus?"

Daily Bible Reading

December 28: Rev. 19, Zec. 6-8

December 29: Rev. 20, Zec. 9-11

December 30: Rev. 21, Zec. 12-14

December 31: Rev. 22, Mal. 1-4

January 1: Genesis 1-3

January 2: Genesis 4-6

January 3: Genesis 7-9