

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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Sack the Pulpit - Shopping List

Items can be left on either side of the auditorium

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Peanut Butter | Green Beans |
| Jelly | Pasta Noodles |
| Individual Applesauce | Canned Potatoes |
| Pancake Mix | Boxed potatoes |
| Pancake Syrup | Chef Boyardee |
| Individual Peaches | Cereal |
| Individual Mixed Fruit | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Spam | Saltine Crackers |
| Canned Chicken/Tuna | Canned Carrots |
| Spaghetti Noodles | Peas |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Mixed Veggies |
| Corn | Baked Beans |

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
John Life
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
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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, 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), Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Bill Carr, Keith & Judy Carr, 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, Seth Waggoner, 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.
- ♥ Jim Merrill- In Camden Clark.
- ♥ Gilbert Hardman is moving for rehab, The address for the facility is, Carehaven Stonerise 506 Riverview Dr. Belmont, WV 26134
- ♥ Belinda Buckley- dealing with health issues.
- ♥ Chris Truman- a friend of Allen Coe, has Covid and has blood clots in both legs. In the hospital in Morgantown.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Bill Pralley and family on the passing of Jane. Her funeral was last week.

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.

DECEMBER CALENDAR UPDATE- Barbara Saunders birthday is December 12.

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.

Those that signed that they read 1 Samuel in November-

Eloise Smith	David Epler	Christine Epler	Larry Plant	Debbie Amos
Mark Tonkery	Paul Saunders	Rick Stanley	John Rockhold	Bill Hoover
Sherry Hoover	Charlotte Deem	Jo Langler	Delmas Carr	Naomi Carr
Bill Mills	Kay Mills	Shirley Martin	Jim Hughes	Charlotte Galloway
Sandy Hughes	Addie Miller	Dorothy Stevens	Sonya Hescht	Barbara Cramlet
Larry Fleak	Teresa Wade	Mary Daniel	Susan Anderson	Robin Anthony
Leon Hupp	Judy Hupp	Addie Miller		

The books of the month for December are 1st & 2nd Thessalonians. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

BIBLE CLASS REMINDER-

Classrooms are being rearranged to separate chairs so that students can remain "Socially Distanced" during classes. Students will be required to remain in their chairs throughout the class sessions. This may be difficult for some of the smaller children.

Face coverings are to be worn the entire time students are in class. Smaller sized face coverings have been purchased and are being made available in the foyer. Please make use of these child sized masks if you do not already have face coverings for your children.

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building. There are wall mounted dispensers in the foyers. Other dispensers are located throughout the building. Please make use of the hand sanitizer whenever entering or leaving classrooms.

BIBLE CLASS RESUMPTION TODAY- There are two Sunday morning adult classes.

Auditorium- studying 1 Thessalonians (Handouts are available in the front foyer)

Room 109 - Ladies Bible class studying Ruth

All children's classes will also begin.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Gossip

In Jeremiah 18:18 we read that after Jeremiah finished his preaching on repentance that the people he was preaching too did not like what they heard so they decided to carry a malicious report of what he had said to king Jehoiakim, and so it would make the king angry against Jeremiah. They used their words to attack Jeremiah's character and his message from the Lord. These people knew that the tongue is a weapon that is more powerful than any other weapon known to humans.

One of the evils of the tongue is gossip. Gossip is defined as "a person who chatters or repeats idle talk and rumors, about the private affairs of others."

Rick Warren gave a great definition of gossip and how we know when we are gossiping. He said, "When we are talking about a situation with somebody who is neither part of the problem or part of the solution, then we are probably gossiping."

Notice what the Bible teaches about gossip:

- **Leviticus 19:16**, "You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD."
- **Proverbs 11:13**, "Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered."
- **Proverbs 16:28**, "A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends."
- **Proverbs 17:9**, "Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends."
- **Proverbs 20:19**, "Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babbling."
- **Proverbs 26:20**, "For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases."

The Bible continues to teach that gossip comes from an evil heart (Luke 6:45); Often arises from hatred (Psalms 109:3); Happens when people are idle (1Timothy 5:13); It is a characteristic of the Devil (Revelation 12:10) and the Bible reminds us, to keep private matters private (Proverbs 11:13; 25:9-10).

Knowing this to be true why would anyone, especially a Christian want to gossip? Yet many still do like Harriet.

Harriet, the church gossip, and self-appointed supervisor of the church's morals kept sticking her nose into other people's business.

Several church members were unappreciative of her activities but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup truck parked all afternoon in front of the town's only bar. She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know that he was an alcoholic. George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and then just walked away. He said nothing. Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Harriet's house and left it there all night.



Today's Sermon Notes

A. M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

THE MODEL CHURCH Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

The Thessalonians' congregation was a model church. They were a model church because:

I. They modeled _____ 1 Thess 1:6.

A. "And you became _____ of us and of the Lord, having _____ the _____ in much _____, with _____ of the Holy Spirit," (1 Thess. 1:6)

B. _____

C. _____

II. They modeled _____ 1 Thess. 1:6b.

A. "...having _____ the word in much _____, with _____ of the Holy Spirit," (1 Thess. 1:6b).

B. _____

C. _____

III. They modeled _____ 1 Thess. 1:7-9.

A. "so that you became _____ to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the _____ of the Lord has _____ forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in _____ place. Your _____ toward God has gone _____, so that we do not need to say anything. For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you _____ to God from idols to serve the _____ and true God," (1 Thess. 1:8-9), NKJV).

B. _____

C. _____

IV. They modeled _____ 1 Thess. 1:9.

A. "For they _____ declare concerning us what manner of _____ we had to you, and how you turned to _____ from _____ to _____ the _____ and _____ God," (1 Thess. 1:9).

B. _____

C. _____

V. They modeled how _____ 1 Thess. 1:10.

A. "and to _____ for His _____ from _____, whom He _____ from the _____, *even* Jesus who _____ us from the _____ to _____." (1 Thess. 1:10, NKJV).

B. _____

C. _____

Paul could write such complimentary words to the Thessalonians because they were a congregation who modeled what was like to be a follower of Jesus.

1. Will the words spoken about the church in Thessalonica be true of us here at the church at Camden Ave?
2. Will we be a model church for those who are in and outside our brotherhood?
3. Will we do what the scriptures tell us and live like Christian should?

The answer depends up on _____!

Doug's Discussion

Proved Right

One of Satan's goals is to make God's people look wrong. The more wrong we look the less people want to join us. We are not unaware of the devil's schemes! He encourages celebrities to mock our commitments to purity. He lines up researchers to falsely proclaim the Genesis account of creation doesn't fit the "facts." He sends mockers, agitators, and trouble-makers to try and get Christians to stumble in something they say. I will concede that those who join in this work may APPEAR victorious . . . for a time. But know this: in the end God's people will be proved right.

When Judah fell the surrounding nations celebrated. Many of them chipped in to make the fall greater – harassing the few people who were left. Finances were plundered and children were stolen. I can just imagine the mockery: "where is your God now? I guess you were all wrong." But this celebration would only continue for a time. Isaiah proclaims: "The sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you; all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 60:14). I can think of few things more humiliating than having to admit to someone that you have tormented, "You were right and I was wrong." That is exactly what happened! The sons of their captors later gave expensive gifts to the Israelites and asked them for their prayers.

In Revelation one of the churches is being persecuted. No doubt the Christians were being told how wrong they are and that they should give up on Jesus. The Lord tells them to hang on, and that one day they would be proven right. Jesus says about these enemies: "I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you" (Revelation 3:9). May these examples help God's people to stay strong! It doesn't matter how wrong other people think you are. One day they will know better. One day they will be unable to stand before you because of how ashamed they are, having ridiculed someone who was actually right. One day people will be willing to give anything they have to be you instead of them. I take no joy in these truths. I would rather, in regards to Christ, for all people to be as I am. But I do want all Christians to know that those who stand against you now won't stand against you for long. God will prove you right.

**"...indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet,
and to know that I have loved you "**

Revelation 3:9

Effective December 1, 2020

To the Camden Avenue Church of Christ
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In December of 1990 it was my privilege to be appointed as one of the elders of the Camden Avenue congregation. I have counted it both an honor and an awesome responsibility to help to oversee and shepherd the church here throughout the years with other faithful brethren. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Lord and you, the church, in this capacity.

As with every congregation, we have had our shares of ups and downs, with additions as well as subtractions from the church. We have had members who have had to move away, many who have passed away, and, sad to say, to fall away. Along with my fellow elders, we have done our best to help the Camden Avenue congregation to follow the teachings of Christ revealed in His Word that we might stay on the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life.

Unfortunately, I suffered a major stroke on March 31, 2019. Since that time, I have made some progress with my health, however, there is much more work to be done for improvement. After much prayer and consideration, because of my current health situation, I have decided to tenure my resignation as one of the elders of the Camden Avenue Church of Christ.

I truly love the Lord Jesus Christ, His church, and especially the Camden Avenue congregation. It is my prayer that the faithful work of the eldership will continue and that the church will grow numerically. But more importantly, I pray the church will continue to grow and mature in the faith to be what God wants us to be. Please pray for me and for my loving wife, Carol, who helps to provide my continual care and that God will give us the strength we need.

May God richly bless each of you.

In Christian Love, your brother in Christ,

Dearll E. Vincent

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*Thank
You!*

Thank you Dearll for your 30 years of service as an Elder at the Camden Avenue church of Christ.

Serving In Worship December 13, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - David Epler

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dennis Keller

Close - Keith Smith

6:00 PM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Ira Kimes

SCRIPTURE

AM- Doug Hershman

PM - Patrick Rine

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Chris Tallman

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Can be heard on AM 910

It is tragic, but there are some people who do not want Jesus Christ in their life. The Bible tells us that one day Jesus went to the country of the Gerasenes in Luke 8:37. The people asked Jesus to leave. Jesus left.

In a similar way there are still people today who don't want Jesus in their life. They do this by:

1. Throwing Him out. They make a conscious decision to exclude Jesus from their lives. They ignore Him and choose not to believe Him. They want nothing to do with Jesus.
2. Then some force Him out. They force Jesus from their hearts and lives by their bad attitude, unkindness, and by living wicked lives.
3. Also, some crowd Him out. There are those who are so preoccupied with other things that they just don't make time for Jesus. They are busy and don't find time to worship, pray, or spend time with Jesus.

What about you? Have you excluded Jesus from your life?



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Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00am

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for all the nice cards for the death of my brother. Addie Miller
- ♥ Thank you Mark for the work the last few weeks on the Wednesday night children's 2-7 year old and 2nd-5th grade worksheets and Doug for the teens worksheets.

Facts and Figures

November 29, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....	68
Facebook AM Service Views.....	475
Sunday PM Service.....	54
Facebook PM Service Views.....	338
Wednesday AM Service.....	12
Wednesday PM Service.....	Not counted
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	164
Contribution.....	\$5909.00

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

December 13
"Where Could I Go"

Daily Bible Reading

December 7: 1 John 2, Dan. 1-2

December 8: 1 John 3, Dan. 3-4

December 9: 1 John 4, Dan. 5-6

December 10: 1 John 5, Dan. 7-9

December 11: 2 & 3 John, Dan. 10-12

December 12: Jude, Hos. 1-3

December 13: Rev. 1, Hos. 4-7