

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

**“Where you are always welcome”**

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GOD  
IS  
LOVE

1 John 4:16

# *In Our Prayers*

## Our church family in need of prayers

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Jim Dailey, Gary & Melva Farris, Paula Franklin, 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, Joe & Pat Connell (Mike Wade's sister & brother-in-law), Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Tom Little (Mark's uncle) Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Chris Scott (Ron Riddle's nephew), Michele Scherer, Gina Seller's (Co-worker of Susan Anderson), Candice Shaffer (Sandy Keller's niece), 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)

## New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Blaine Hescht- Jon Hescht's father, in Marietta Memorial
- ♥ Jim Dailey in Hartland.
- ♥ Rachel Long, Mark's 25 year old cousin- In hospital with Covid.
- ♥ Lenore Vaught- fell and cracked her hip. She is in Selby Hospital.
- ♥ Roger Oliver- friend of Clayton Huber- recovering from surgery.

# *Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to Judy Hupp on the passing of her sister Betty Newman. She passed away last week.

## **Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders

## **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Doug Hershman  
Jon Hescht  
Bill Hoover  
Rob Hoover  
Kevin Inman  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Keith Smith  
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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.

**SAVE THE DATE**- One day VBS, July 10. Theme: Flood. More information to be announced. See Mark T. if you have any questions.



# Youth News

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE**- "Called to be Different" 7:00pm Nightly

Feb. 15- North End church of Christ

Feb. 22- Barlow Vincent church of Christ

March 8- Rockport church of Christ

March 15- Ohio Valley University

**NORTH END YOUTH RALLY**- March 20th at 9:30am. Keynote speaker Reed Swindle. Due to Covid North End will be limiting the number of people coming from the surrounding area to 125. If you plan on attending you are required to RSVP before the rally. More information is available on the Mid Ohio Valley Traveling Youth Group Facebook page.

*"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."*

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

*Read it today!*

At the beginning of every year, many people like to set goals and make New Year's resolutions. This year I have challenged the congregation to read "Through the Bible in 2021." So how are you doing in reading your Bible daily?

You may have done well in the beginning, but now it's February. Have you allowed the Bible to collect dust again?

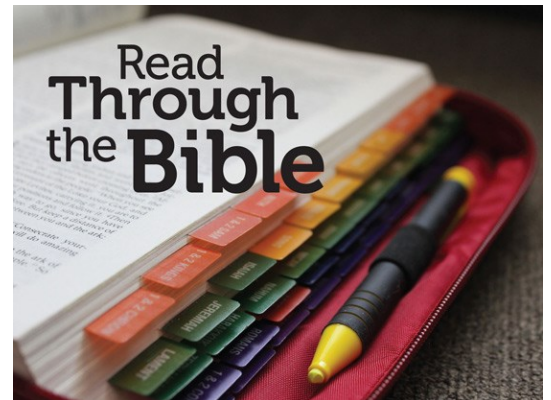
Let me encourage you not to give up now or if you have not started reading your Bible can I encourage you to start today?

It is said that it takes 21 days to form a new habit, so if you began reading your Bible today and read it for the next 21 days you will be on your way to a new good habit.

With that said, I hope we can understand that Bible reading and study is more than just a good habit. Romans 10:17, tells us, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Bible study is what helps us to have faith and that which gives us faith can also help us grow in faith.

Notice this recent study on the value of daily Bible study by Lifeway (<https://lifewayresearch.com/2021/01/20/9-tangible-benefits-of-bible-reading-for-your-church/>). This research found that when a person reads the Bible for at least four days a week people:

1. Feeling lonely drops 30%
2. Anger issues drop 32%
3. Bitterness in relationships drops 40%
4. Alcoholism drops 57%
5. Sex outside of marriage drops 68%
6. Feeling spiritually stagnant drops 60%
7. Viewing pornography drops 61%
8. Sharing your faith jumps 200%
9. Discipling others jumps 230%



The Bible will help us to be a better Christian, Paul instructed Timothy in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." This begins with you and me reading God's Word, will you read it today?

God Bless you! Mark T. Tonkery

P.S. Maybe reading the whole Bible is a larger goal than what you are ready for; try reading the New Testament. Reading only thirty minutes a day will allow you to read the New Testament in forty days!

# Today's Sermon Notes

A. M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery  
Working Against God's Leader  
Scripture Reading: Numbers 16:3-5

Five lessons from Korah's rebellion

I. First invalid \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ (Num. 16:1-3).

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

II. Second, be \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ you perform (Num. 16:8-10).

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

III. Third, \_\_\_\_\_ complaints are often \_\_\_\_\_ (Num. 16:12-14).

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Fourth, God \_\_\_\_\_ those who oppose his appointed \_\_\_\_\_ (Num. 16:32-33).

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

V. Fifth, effects of rebellion can live on after a person's death (Num. 16:41-50)

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery  
What God gives?  
Scripture Reading: Numbers 18:5-9

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Change Can Be Good

I think that change is a funny word. You can get all kinds of interesting reactions from people by saying the word “change.” I think it’s better than “boo!” Try it some-time . . .walk up behind someone and say “I’d like to change . . .” and see what happens. As a general rule people hate change! We don’t think we need it. And that’s going to cause us problems with a God who wants to change a lot. Listen: “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Bible says we are being transformed into the likeness of God. God is, little-by-little, changing us so that we look like His Son. Is something in your life not Christ-like? Then God wants you to change.

God wants to change the way we speak, our attitude toward sin, the way we dress, the things we do, the way we treat our spouse and our kids and our friends, our church attendance, and everything else. In fact, being a genuine Christian involves so much change that people might not recognize us anymore. There should be an obvious contrast between before Jesus and after Jesus. The Bible calls it an old life and a new life. “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:4). A whole new life. The old life is dead and gone. THAT is what God is accomplishing in you through Christ.

So if your new life looks like your old life then maybe your new life isn’t what God has in mind. Are you willing to change? I think that if we give our life up to God then God will do something wonderful. “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it” (John 5:21). You can have your life. OR you can give up your life and have the life God gives. Which do you think is better? I suggest letting God change whatever He wants.

**LET GOD CHANGE YOU**

# Thank You

- ♥ Thank you everyone for my birthday cards. Addie Miller
- ♥ I would like to thank all who remembered me with calls and cards for my brother who died from Covid. May God bless each and everyone for their kindness. Lucille Hardman
- ♥ Thank you for the flowers on the passing of my Eric's mother. Eric & Amy Young



## *In 2021 I commit to...*

- Pray for Camden Avenue church family every day.
- Read through the Bible with the reading plan.

## *Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells*

You can read on every pack of cigarettes that they are bad for your health. So bad, in fact, that sometimes a doctor will give the patient a clear choice. Something like, if you don't stop smoking you'll be dead in a couple of years. Now let me tell you what I find shocking - statistically, in that scenario, the smoker would rather die. It's true - most won't quit, even when a deadly consequence is at the door.

Let's face it. We don't like to change. Choosing to live life differently takes a lot of work - so we would rather tell ourselves that everything is fine. We think: I can live the way I want and it will be all right. People have been doing that for a long time. Long ago God told the prophet Jeremiah: "They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace." (Jeremiah 6:14)

If you're a Christian doing the will of God then it makes sense to say there's peace. But if you aren't you can say whatever you want - but it won't change that there's no peace apart from God.

# Serving In Worship February 21, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

## SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht  
PM - Kyle Inman

## PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kody Inman  
Close - Bill Merrill  
6:00 PM - Paul Inman  
Close - Ken Barnes

## SCRIPTURE

AM- Chris Tallman  
PM -Kevin Inman

## COMMUNION

AM - Stan Inman  
PM - Bill Mills



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## 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

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

**February 21**  
*"Let us Pray"*

## LOVE & CARE NEWS

We would like to inform you of a recent development with the administrator's position at the Love & Care Assisted Living facility. DeDe Cook our administrator since 2015, has decided to retire in 2021. We thank her for the good work that she has done at Love & Care.

Currently, we are starting the search to find a new administrator. Please pray for us in this effort. If you are interested, please send your resume to:

Clayton Huber, Board Secretary  
c/o Camden Avenue Church of Christ  
2900 Camden Avenue  
Parkersburg, WV 26101



The deadline for submitting a resume is March 15, 2021. Applicants must have an AA degree or higher in a related field or its equivalent. Also, the individual needs to be a baptized member of the Church of Christ. Other qualifications and information are posted on the bulletin board.



## BIBLE CALL

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AND CO-WORKERS.

## Facts and Figures

February 7, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	131
Facebook AM Service Views.....	431
Sunday Bible Class.....	95
Sunday PM Service.....	116
Facebook PM Service Views.....	288
Wednesday AM Service.....	6
Wednesday PM Service.....	63
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	303
Contribution.....	\$7544.50

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....  
Restored or Requested Prayers....  
Placed Membership.....

## Daily Bible Reading

February 15: Numbers 20-22

February 16: Numbers 23-25

February 17: Numbers 26-28

February 18: Numbers 29-31

February 19: Numbers 32-34

February 20: Num. 35- Deut. 1

February 21: Deuteronomy 2-4