

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

**“Where you are always welcome”**

**Bible Call 304.420.2416** - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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**My help comes from  
the *LORD*,  
Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 121:2

# In Our Prayers

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## 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 Belpre Landing.
- ♥ Jim Dailey in Marietta Memorial.
- ♥ Rachel Long, Mark's 25 year old cousin- In hospital with Covid.
- ♥ Lenore Vaught- at the Willows recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Roger Oliver- friend of Clayton Huber- home recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Delores Boyce- friend of Jo Langler, having heart problems. Cards of encouragement are appreciated. Her address is on the bulletin board.
- ♥ Sharon Armstrong- in hospital with pneumonia.
- ♥ Kay Mills will be having surgery Thursday, Feb, 25.
- ♥ Sheila Deems- on oxygen & having health issues.
- ♥ Betty Porter

*"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."*

# *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**- An anonymous donor has purchased the remainder of the Apologetics Press materials which had been in the foyer. Those materials are now available to anyone who can use them at no cost.

**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.

**LOVE AND CARE**- Is looking for a new administrator. Resumes are due by March 15, 2021. There is more information on the bulletin board.

**MOV LADIES DAY**- April 17, 2021 at Barlow-Vincent church of Christ. Sign up on the bulletin board by March 31st if you plan on attending due to preregistration.

# *Youth News*

**CYC MEETING**- Today after AM Bible Class by door 4 in the auditorium.

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

Feb. 22- Barlow Vincent church of Christ

March 8- Rockport church of Christ

March 15- Ohio Valley University

March 22- North End church of Christ

**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 contact Jeff Taberner.

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## *I Miss Church*

One of the things I have missed most over the past year due to the pandemic is our coming together as a church family regularly. I miss seeing the smiling faces and hearing the joyful voices of other members. I miss being encouraged to “love one another” and being encouraged to do good deeds together. I miss being together, in person with the family of God.

I miss singing praises to God and His Son in unison and in one accord, with others. I miss singing and praying together with my church family. I miss Bible study, teaching, and being taught. I miss the conversation with other members as they come in the door, and as they leave.

I miss hearing those who have prepared diligently their words as they help focus the congregation’s minds as we partake of the Lord’s supper. I miss partaking of the Lord’s supper in memory of Christ who died for me. I miss being together as we partake of the bread and the cup and declare to others that Jesus is coming back again.

I miss the joy of the children as they gather in the pews with their parents, as they go to their classes, and even play after services. I even miss their cries and noises during worship. I miss the dinners we had together and the wonderful fellowship that went along with it. I miss sharing, caring, and the conversation as we traveled together to another congregation’s activity.

I miss church. I really do. Church is so much more than going to a building or sitting on a pew, or even watching on a screen. Church is worshiping in spirit and truth, and seeking the Lord with like-minded people, who encourage us, teach us, remind us of The Lord and Heaven. It is hearing sermons and seeing people who are putting God’s word into practice and being encouraged to do the same. It is members helping, serving and being examples of what it is to be living for the Lord. Church is preparing, coming, gathering, and leaving to go into all the world and serve and teach once again. The assembly is where we get “renewed” and our spiritual “batteries” recharged to live our faith anew. Church is being together as the family of God, weeping with those who weep, and rejoicing with those who rejoice. Church is loving God and loving our neighbor, together and as a body of believers. Church is such a vital part of what it is to be a Christian, in fact, we are the church.

Heb. 10:25 reminds us one reason we assemble is to build up one another. After all, where else is the Christian going to be built up in faith but in the assembly of the saints, it’s not likely going to happen at our jobs, or at school. We can be built up in the home but then again maybe not.

There are just some things that cannot be done at home or online, although I am thankful we are able to connect with people using technology may we not forget we need people, we need Christian people! We need the encouragement, the interaction, the social connection, and we need to be with others of like faith, worshiping our God together.

Church is what I am missing, what about you?

In Christ’s Love Mark T.



# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## Assurances of Victory

### Scripture Reading : Deuteronomy 2:25

Deut. 2:25, "This \_\_\_\_\_ I will begin to put the dread and \_\_\_\_\_ of you upon the \_\_\_\_\_ under the whole \_\_\_\_\_, who shall hear the report of \_\_\_\_\_, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ and be in \_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_."

I. God's victories are \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

II. God's victories demand \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

III. God's victories are within our ability to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Commit to Serving God in 2021

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:45

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Get Through Those Gates

My family recently had the privilege of heading to vacation at Disney World. But what if we never entered the gates? Picture it – we tell our kids about Disney, tell them we're going to Disney, and then we all get into the car. We drive to the airport, get on the plane and head to Orlando. The whole time we are talking about how excited we are to see what "the most magical place on Earth" is all about. And then, finally, we get there. We walk up to the gate and the first thing we see is a medical tent. They are checking everyone's temperature. They check one of our kids and she is running 104. It turns out we have all been exposed to the coronavirus and are beginning to show symptoms. We never make it in.

Now, that's not what happened, but it's not too hard to picture – right? I'm sure it happened to someone there. And how brutal would that be? You see the castle, you hear all the joy that is going on in the park . . . but you yourselves are turned away. There would be some really grumpy kids on the way back – I can tell you that! Our consolation would only be that we can return when we are well. That is more consolation than we will have if we are ever turned away from Heaven's gates.

Heaven is a better place than Disney World, right? Maybe that's hard for the average ten-year-old to imagine but it's absolutely true. I can tell you from walking twenty plus miles a day that there is pain in Disney. Not so in heaven. "Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it" (Hebrews 4:1). I think a lot of people would be willing to self-quarantine to make sure they aren't turned away at Disney. What should we be willing to do to enter heaven? Obey the gospel? Change our lives? Follow Jesus? Any amount of effort we would make to enter a place on this Earth should be multiplied a hundredfold when it comes to Heaven! Our fear of missing such a wonderful place should spur on our efforts. There is a place without tears and without death. Make sure you get there. You'll be kicking yourself forever if you don't.



# *March Birthday's & Anniversaries*

5- Jordan Alton  
5- Haylee Smith  
5- Cody Young  
6- Kayla Inman  
6- Oliver Hoover  
7- Harvey Caplinger Sr.  
7- Marshall Rich  
9- Elic Galloway  
9- Cody & Tori Young\*  
10- Sharon Wilson  
11- Malorie Fleak  
11- Lincoln Highman  
12- Penny Eddy  
13- Patty Dawson  
13- Doug & Raeanne Wells\*  
14- Jim Galloway  
15- Mark Dean



15- Paul Saunders  
16- Dennis Keller  
16- Bill & Kay Mills\*  
18- Billie Coe  
21- Sheila Deems  
22- Barbara Cramlet  
23- Madison Highman  
23- Mike Lucas  
26- Sherry Hoover  
26- Ted Miller  
27- Stan & Debi Inman\*  
28- Donovan Walton  
29- Rob Hoover  
30- Scott & Gwen Johnson\*  
31- Scott Smith  
31- Norma Vaught

## *Thank You*

- ♥ I love and miss you all so much and being in church. I pray things will be better soon. In Christian Love, Charlene Donahue
- ♥ Dear church family, I would like to thank everyone for the Facebook messages, text messages, and cards for my birthday, it was very appreciated. Thank you, Mark T. Tonkery

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

- Becoming a better listener: to God, to God's Word, to my spouse, to people who may need an ear. I will also pray to become a better listener.
- Read the Bible through.
- Pray more often.

# Serving In Worship February 28, 2021

## BIBLE CALL REPORT January 2021



Let us keep up the good work of calling and telling others about the Bible Call program. We had 308 calls in January. This is 50% more than December. This represents more than 36 + hours of teaching the Bible via this means.

The high days were the 14<sup>th</sup> with 35 calls and the 19<sup>th</sup> with 19 calls. The most requested calls again were for 306 Repentance (10), 321 The Holy Spirit (12), Overcoming Worry 110 (14), What To Do About it. (10) 122 How To Help Yourself Become Better (8) also The End of the World(653), six times the topics of 301 :What Must I Do To Be Saved, 221 When is Silence a Sin, 220 How Does A Christian Handle A Cancer Operation, 650 Life After Death, 652 The Rapture, 651 When Jesus Comes Again. 20 times people listened to the lesson again.

The congregation in McConnelsville did a mailing as well as the congregation at Steelton. We have had calls from other congregations about getting leaflets to hand out and how they can use Bible Call in their community. Pray for this work and every effort to take the gospel to every creature. Let us work to fulfill the Lord's final exhortation Matt 28:19-20 "Go Ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen "

In these times that are so challenging we have an opportunity to reach into homes with the word. Let us call daily and get the word out to others personally and to sister congregations.

Pray God continues to bless this good work.

### WILL YOU NOT TELL IT TODAY?

Any questions call David Epler 616 554 0990.

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Ryan Highman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Mike Wade  
Close - John Life  
6:00 PM - Todd Kirk  
Close - Stan Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Jeff Taberner  
PM -David Epler

### COMMUNION

AM - Brian Haught  
PM - Scott Johnson



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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 28**  
*"The Narrow Way"*

### Facts and Figures

February 14, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	146
Facebook AM Service Views.....	259
Sunday Bible Class.....	110
Sunday PM Service.....	121
Facebook PM Service Views.....	278
Wednesday AM Service.....	7
Wednesday PM Service.....	97
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	246
Contribution.....	\$11744.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

### Daily Bible Reading

February 22: Deuteronomy 5-7  
February 23: Deuteronomy 8-10  
February 24: Deuteronomy 11-13  
February 25: Deuteronomy 14-16  
February 26: Deuteronomy 17-19  
February 27: Deuteronomy 20-22  
February 28: Deuteronomy 23-25