

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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NEED A LIFT?

Attend our Midweek Bible Classes

Wednesdays at 11:00am and 7:00pm

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

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Kevin Cochran
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Our church family in need of prayers

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, 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)

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

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Chris Scott, Ron Riddle's nephew- Having issues with kidney transplant.
- ♥ Blaine Hescht- Jon Hescht's father, in Marietta Memorial
- ♥ Jim Dailey in Marietta Memorial.
- ♥ Shirley Martin
- ♥ Rachel Long, Mark's 25 year old cousin- In hospital with Covid.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the Walter and Merilee Morgan on the passing of their son-in-law Gary Hargett. There will be no service at this time.

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.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS MEETING- Today, February 7 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

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

“HAS ANYBODY BEEN SAVED HERE LATELY?”

The late Clayton Pepper told the following story in the Gospel Advocate. There was a tour group visiting some of the old church buildings in Europe and England. The tour guide described one of the buildings with its stained-glass windows and the rare carving in the pulpit and talked about the great speakers and dignitaries who had once attended the church. During the description, an elderly lady kept trying to get the guide's attention. Finally, the guide recognized her, and she asked, “Sir, has anybody been saved here lately?”

This lady asked a great question, a question we as a congregation should be asking about ourselves, “Has anybody been saved here lately?” Think about it: When was the last time we studied the Bible with a non-Christian? When was the last time we saw or heard of someone being baptized? When was the last time a Christian came forward repenting of their sins or placing membership with the congregation? Has anybody been saved here lately? If not, then what are we waiting for? If we are not saving people, then what is the church here for?

In the book of Acts, we see the church grew and was added to day by day.

- Acts 2:47, “... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”
- Acts 11:21, “And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.”
- Acts 16:5, “So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.”

The church grew in the first century because the gospel was being preached daily, those who were being saved were being strengthened in the faith and the Lord was with them.

Conversions and spiritual restorations can still take place today if we as God's people will only teach and preach the gospel daily. Now is the time to invite someone to study the Bible. Now is the time to hand someone a Bible tract or send a House to House Heart to Heart paper. Now is the time to be teaching our friends and loved ones the gospel of Jesus Christ.

But what if we do not take the time to teach the gospel? We will see fewer and fewer people in our pews and our church building will be just like those in Europe and England; empty.

When the gospel is not preached, and people are not converted we are left with not only empty church buildings but with empty and lost spiritual lives.

So, has anyone been saved here lately?



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Our Holy God

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 22:31-32

"Therefore you shall _____ My _____, and perform them:

I am the _____. You shall _____ profane My _____
_____, but I will be _____ among the children of
_____. I am the _____ who sanctifies _____"

Leviticus 22:31-32

I. H - _____

II. O - _____

III. L - _____

IV. Y - _____

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery **Things that nobody can find in their Bible**
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 30:5-6

Doug's Discussion

Love is a Choice

I believe that God gives us no command that is impossible to do . . . at least not with His help. If God says “Be joyful always” then that’s something that can be achieved. (And He does – see 1 Thessalonians 5:16). I feel the same way about “Husbands, love your wives” (Ephesians 5:25). Just as there is no exception on when we are permitted to ignore the command to be joyful there is also no exception here. Proverbs says that the earth trembles under an unloved woman who is married. And yet, there’s no doubt some husbands would object. “Listen, you don’t know how difficult she is. You don’t know what I have to put up with. I lost all feelings for her long ago.” But do your feelings on the matter nullify God’s command? Love is a choice – and it’s a choice we are commanded to make.

Love is a choice that can be made even if you don’t feel like it. Even if you don’t feel like the other person is deserving of that love. Even if the love is never returned. When you choose to act in a way that would be a blessing to the other person you are choosing love. When you choose to think positive things about the other person instead of negative ones you are choosing love. When you choose to be patient and kind around the other person, rejecting rudeness, boasting, and pride then you are choosing love. It’s never impossible to make that choice. Hard? Maybe. Impossible? No.

This understanding of love can help us know how we can love God more. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all you soul and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5). I hope no one thinks that pursuing this command is out of reach. Once again, God gives us no command that is impossible with His help. Love is a choice. Love trumps all of our objections. “But you don’t understand – God didn’t give me what I wanted.” “How can I love God when He let me (or my wife or my child) be sick?” I’m not saying love will always be the easy choice. But even Job, having lost nearly everything, “fell to the ground in worship” (Job 1:20). When you choose to praise God even when circumstances make it hard to do so you are choosing love. When you make time to spend with God, or give to God out of what He has given you, or when you choose to obey God’s Word and love your wife or be joyful you are choosing love for God. Love is a choice you can (and should) make.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5



One Smile

Someone gave me a smile today,
I tried my best to give it away
To everyone I chanced to meet
As I was going along the street,
But everyone that I could see
Would give my smile right back to me.
When I got home, besides one smile,
I had enough to reach a mile.

In 2021 I commit to...

- Read through the Bible.
- Loving God and recognizing more of His blessings, the blessing He sends my way and tanking Him for them.
- More Bible study.
- Read the Bible more, serve more, increase my prayer life. To reach out to show & share God's Love!
- Read the Bible through.
- Spending more time showing my kids, by example, how a Christian should live and act on a daily basis.
- Making sure my kids are prepared to make it to Heaven



Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

I can hardly believe this but I am almost 40 years old. 1 Peter 4:7 is starting to take on a new meaning for me: "The end of all things is near..." Okay, I'm mostly kidding - but it is amazing how fast the time flies by. I doubt it will feel like very long until the end of my life is near. And then perhaps I will reflect on how I spent my time. Was it wasted, or was it spent wisely? And what's the difference?

I can tell you this - I already regret every moment in my life that I spent apart from the Lord. Every minute in which I failed to live for Him was wasted. Wasted, because I used that precious time pursuing lesser things. Things that sometimes didn't even matter the day after I got them. Let me encourage all listening to use your time on Earth well. Use that time for God and not for the things of the world. You only have so much of it.

Serving In Worship February 14, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - David Epler

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Doug Wells

Close - Scott Johnson

6:00 PM - Keith Smith

Close - Kyle Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM- John Hall

PM -Ira Kimes

COMMUNION

AM - Dennis Keller

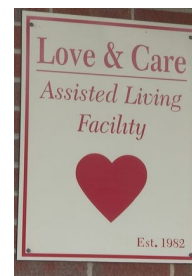
PM - Mike Wade

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
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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.



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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

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AND CO-WORKERS.



Facts and Figures

January 31, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	130
Facebook AM Service Views.....	466
Sunday Bible Class.....	103
Sunday PM Service.....	261
Facebook PM Service Views.....	103
Wednesday AM Service.....	16
Wednesday PM Service.....	94
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	313
Contribution.....	\$7078.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

Daily Bible Reading

February 8: Leviticus 25-27

February 9: Numbers 1-3

February 10: Numbers 4-7

February 11: Number 8-10

February 12: Numbers 11-13

February 13: Numbers 14-16

February 14: Numbers 17-19

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

February 14
"What Will Love Do?"