

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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In Christ We Have:

A love that can never be fathomed.

A life that can never die.

A peace that can never be understood.

A rest that can never be disturbed.

A joy that can never be diminished.

A hope that can never be disappointed.

A glory that can never be clouded.

A happiness that can never be interrupted.

A light that can never be extinguished.

A strength that can never be overcome.

A beauty that can never be marred.

A purity that can never be defiled.

Resources that can never be exhausted.



In Our Prayers

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*Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.*

Our church family in need of prayers

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Sheila Deems, Gary & Melva Farris, Paula Franklin, 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, 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, Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Joe & Pat Connell (Mike Wade's sister & brother-in-law), Bill Daniels (Mary Daniels son), Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Blaine Hescht, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Tom Little (Mark's uncle), Roger Oliver (friend of Clayton Huber), 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, Jay Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley family)

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Chris Davis, daughter-in-law of Bill & Carolyn Davis, in the hospital with pneumonia.
- ♥ Jim Galloway recovering from surgery last week.
- ♥ Betty Porter has been in the hospital this past week.

In Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Gene Phillips. The funeral was held on Friday.

Announcements

VISITORS-Fill out a card located in the seat in front of you and place on your seat or in the baskets on the communion table.

YOUTH EVENT- May 7 & 8 at the Wood county 4-H on Butcher Bend Rd. Hosted by the Sunrise church of Christ. Lonnie Jones will be speaking on Perseverance, Coming out of Trouble Times. Attendance is limited to 150 people. Registration online is required through <https://sunrisecocoyouth.wixsite.com/mysite>

CONNECT CONFERENCE- June 2-5 at the Crieve Hall church of Christ in Nashville TN. A conference on evangelism, "Disciples making Disciples". More information is available on the bulletin board or through [Facebook.com/connectcon](https://www.facebook.com/connectcon)

GOSPEL MEETING-Hillview Terrace church of Christ, April 18-23 with Emanuel Daugherty. More information is available on the bulletin board.

CALENDAR UPDATE- Zoe Hall's birthday was mistakenly put on the April calendar. Her birthday is September 10.

BIBLE BOWL -Mark your calendar for October 9, 2021. Camden Avenue's Bible Bowl will be over Joshua.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- 5 outside canopies for July 10 are needed. If you could bring one to use please see Mark T.
- Helpers are needed for the 3 year old class and the 3rd-5th grade class. If you are able to help see Mark or Doug.
- VBS Teachers please have your order forms for your VBS supplies turned in to Mark by May 2.



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.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Why did God make the Dandelions?

It is getting to be that time of year when many of us will start mowing our lawns. One of the challenges of keeping a lawn nice and trim is dealing with dandelions. No matter how many times one cuts their lawn they usually come back the next day. They are difficult to pull, you almost never get the whole thing, because their roots grow deep into the ground. Let us not also forget the seeds, which seem to be in the thousands, and spread as the slightest blow of the wind.

Yet despite the disdain by those who take care of lawns, children find them beautiful. Who has not received a bouquet of dandelions from the dirty little hands of a child? No one ever fuses at children for picking them, but you might get fused at by the child if you do not put them in a vase to be displayed on the kitchen table.

So Why did God make these annoying little flowers? Were they made by God just for the enjoyment of children? Or to teach patience to those who mow lawns? Well according to an article by and Erik Lutz, posted March 28, 2018, on <https://answersingenesis.org/biology/plants/why-did-god-make-weeds>).

Dandelions are designed by God to be eaten and they are good for you. The greens have high levels of vitamin A and vitamin C, loads of vitamin K, and a host of other important nutrients. Dandelion roots and leaves have a long history of medicinal use for treating digestive issues, reviving the liver and gallbladder, and more.

Many historians believe the dandelion first came to North America as an herb and vegetable, likely on the *Mayflower*. Even today, dandelions are cultivated in countries throughout the world. The whole plant is edible from the root to leaves, stem, and flower. ***Of course, always exercise caution when identifying wild plants, and consult a professional before using any herb medicinally.***

So, dandelions are not just useless weeds or pretty flowers for the children to pick. They actually have a God-given design and purpose. Thinking about the dandelion reminds me that if God has a design and purpose for an annoying little flower like the dandelion, how much greater value does God have for us who are made in His image (Gen. 1:26-27). Remember we are “fearfully and wonderfully made...” (Ps. 139:14).

Think about it!

Dandelion Facts:



Dandelions are NOT weeds, but are from the same family as sunflowers.

A dandelion seed can travel up to 5 miles before it lands.

1 cup of dandelion greens = 535% of your daily recommended vitamin K and 112% of vitamin A.

Every part of the dandelion is edible.

Up until the 1800's dandelions were seen as extremely beneficial. People would remove grass to plant dandelions.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Guest Speaker: Carlos Molina

To Whom Shall We Go?

Scripture Reading: John 6:60-69

P.M. Guest Speaker: Carlos Molina

Were Will You Be Eternally?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:46

Doug's Discussion

Plundered By Beauty

When the Israelites left their slavery in Egypt they asked their neighbors for articles of silver and gold. In this way they plundered the Egyptians. But this wasn't the first time Abraham and his descendants relieved Egypt of some of their possessions. The first time happened shortly after Abram left his home country and made a brief stop in Pharaoh's land. Apparently Abram's wife, now in her sixties, looked really good for her age. Rumors of her beauty swept throughout the land and Pharaoh decides that any sixty plus year old who can pull that off should be hanging out with him. So he takes her – but she wasn't his to take. Then “the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai” (Genesis 12:17). Abram and his wife get sent away – but not before they had already acquired enough of Egypt's livestock to be called “very wealthy” in the next chapter. They got plundered . . . by beauty.

Not every threat to your livelihood carries a weapon. A handsome man or a pretty face can do just as much damage as an armed intruder – and in many cases more. Here's a good question to ask in order to avoid the pain: “Is this person mine to have and to hold?” Proverbs contains an interesting warning when it comes to trying to take someone who is already married. He or she is not yours! Don't make Pharaoh's mistake. Keep far from their door, “lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity to one who is cruel, lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of another” (Proverbs 5:9-10). Instead of your efforts building up your own home taking someone who doesn't belong to you leads to your efforts being used to build the house of another. Child support and alimony payments alone can help us imagine how this can be true.

Think hard and long about your relationships. Encourage others to do the same. Take the time to find out how available someone really is. I don't think it would have taken too much of an investigation for Pharaoh to figure out Sarai's real relationship status. But no, instead he just took what he wanted without concern for the consequences. But, just as Pharaoh soon found out, the price for a relationship God will not bless is simply too high. You may not pay in livestock but I suspect you'll miss the stolen wealth and years of your life. Is this someone you should be dating? Are they Biblically free to marry? Do they share your beliefs or will they hinder your walk with God? Find out my friends. Find out lest you join the many unfortunate souls who have been plundered by beauty.

Church Camp News

OVCYC- (OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP)- will be having a one day camp for junior week and intermediate camp. There will also be a shortened senior week for 13-19 year old's held at OVU.

June 12th- Intermediate day at Camp Hervida

June 16th-19th- Senior camp at OVU (campers will stay in the dorms)

June 19th- Junior day at Camp Hervida

Continue to watch for more information.

WVCYC (WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP)- The Board of Directors has met and is working with officials to plan for the upcoming camp season. The current plan is to proceed with opening camp this summer, but full details are not currently available. More information will be given as it becomes available.

Thank You

♥ Thank you for our anniversary cards. We really appreciated them all so much! Stan & Debi Inman

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

I love Jesus. I think He's the best - I'm amazed at what He did for me and I sure hope you love Him too. I'm sorry if those words made you uncomfortable or angry. I'm aware they have the power to do that, and that many would prefer I keep my mouth shut when it comes to my faith. And...I can't do that. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, "It is written: I believed, therefore I have spoken." One follows the other. If you believe then you speak. And the more you believe something the harder it is to keep the words in - no matter what the people around you think.

If you're a WVU fan are you going to tell me you never talk about your team when a Marshall fan is around? If you are a dedicated Republican do you shut your mouth about your beliefs any-time a Democrat walks into the room? I mean - be kind and respectful but if you strongly believe in something you're going to have a hard time saying nothing...no matter what. You believe, and so you speak.

Serving In Worship

April 11, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - David Epler

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ken Barnes

Close - Dylan Muncy

6:00 PM - Delmas Carr

Close - Brian Haught

SCRIPTURE

AM- Scott Johnson

PM -Jeff Taberner

COMMUNION

AM - John Life

PM - Donovan Walton



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.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

March 28, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....184

Facebook AM Service Views.....287

Sunday Bible Class.....127

Sunday PM Service.....126

Facebook PM Service Views.....219

Wednesday PM Service.....107

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....

Contribution.....\$5358.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested Prayers....

Placed Membership.....

The Only One Pulling

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated areas. Fortunately, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nelly, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered. "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing.

Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

We're a lot like Buddy. We don't like to do something if we think we're the only one pulling. Need an example?

Ever said, "Why should I put my time and effort into the work of the church? No one else seems to care!"

Or, "Why should I put forth the extra effort to do a good job at work? No one else does, and it wouldn't be appreciated anyway!"

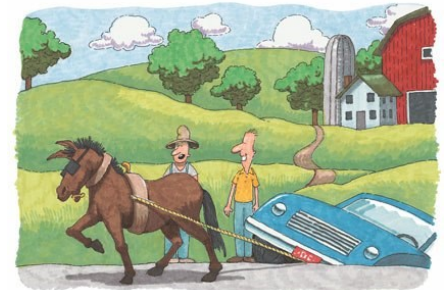
Or, "Why should I be nice to him? He's certainly not going to make any effort to be nice to me!"

See what I mean? Like Elijah in the cave, we say to God, "I alone am left" (1 Kings 19:10). Nobody else is faithful. Nobody else is trying.

But God told Elijah he had 7,000 on His side. Like Buddy and Elijah, we may be blind. Blind to what others are doing around us. But, even if we are the only one doing what is right, we need to continue.

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).

Bulletin Digest



In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP

April 11
"He Appeared"

Daily Bible Reading

April 5: 2 Samuel 20-22

April 6: 2 Samuel 23 & 1 Kings 1

April 7: 1 Kings 2-4

April 8: 1 Kings 5-7

April 9: 1 Kings 8-10

April 10: 1 Kings 11-13

April 11: 1 Kings 14-16

"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."