

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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WALK WITH GOD DAILY

*“And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your
mind, that you may prove what is that good
and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

Romans 12:2

In Our Prayers

Elders:

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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, 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, 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, Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), 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 Guerrero (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, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley family)

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Kay Mills recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Scott Gordon, neighbor of the Phillips- had cancer surgery
- ♥ Mary Daniels son Bill had back surgery last week.
- ♥ Steve Higginbotham- had a good report from the doctor last week.



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.

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.

VBS MEETING- March 21 after P.M. Service.

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.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE- If you are interested in receiving a years subscription to the Christian Woman Magazine delivered to your house. The cost is \$21.50. Checks should be made out to Robin Anthony by March 17.

LADS TO LEADERS PICNIC DONATIONS- Due to Covid, cash donations are being accepted for the upcoming picnic. Donations can be given to Todd or Annette Kirk.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM-The MPR is now open. The maximum capacity is 24, masks and social distancing are required. Jim Galloway continues to be the contact for scheduling the MPR.

Youth News

MONDAY NIGHT MERGE AT OVU- Tomorrow at 7pm.

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

March 15- Ohio Valley University

March 29- North End church of Christ

Thank You

♥ Thank you, Jeff & Julie Taberner for leading the CYC trip again this year.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

When do we call for help?

We are often warned that the "911" emergency call number is only to be used for genuine emergencies. Unfortunately, not everyone has gotten the message. For example, a call came into 911 because two couples were going to share a hotel room and there weren't enough towels.

A man called 911 and said: "Please connect me to Switzerland."

A lady called 911 because of a fight going on in a parking lot. When asked to describe the combatants, she said: "I'll try. There's one man, and he's dressed like Elvis. He's kicking another man who's laying on the ground and screaming 'You ain't nothing but a hound dog.'"

Another person called to report he had the hiccups.

A thirteen-year-old boy called to report he had "stuff" coming from his navel. Paramedics examined the boy and all they found was belly-button lint.

A male called and requested police call gas stations on all exits of I-95 to find out which ones were open.

A woman called 911 to report she had seen a wild mouse in her house.

Someone else called 911 to report the parrot got out of his cage and is in a tree outside.

A man broke up with his girlfriend and wanted police to go by her house and report to him the owners of any cars, other than hers, in her driveway.

A man called to report he had a roach stuck in his ear. (That could be a real emergency).

When do you call God for help? Many times we don't call God for help we think we can make things get better, we can solve the problem ourselves. Or we wait until we have exhausted all the possibilities and then go to God.

Yet over and over in the Bible we see that God wants us to come to Him first.

Seek first the kingdom of God... (Mt. 6:33).

Come all you who are weary... (Mt. 11:28)

Now if you hear his voice... (Heb. 4:7)

And many other verses in the Bible remind us of this valuable truth; don't wait to make things right with God before things get out of hand do it now, do it today. Now is the time to obey the Gospel, now is the time to be restored, now is the time to ask for prayers, now is the time that is promised. Will you respond today to the message of Christ? Think about it.



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Gideon, A Hero of Faith

Scripture Reading: Judges 6:15,16

"So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save _____? Indeed my clan is the _____ in _____, and I am the _____ in my father's house." And the _____ said to him, "Surely I will be with _____, and you shall _____ the Midianites as _____ man." Judges 6:15-16

Remember Gideon:

Lessons we can learn from Gideon:

1. Lesson 1 Gideon teaches us _____.
2. Lesson 2 Gideon teaches us _____.
3. Lesson 3 Gideon teaches us _____.
4. Lesson 4 Gideon teaches us _____.

Gideon is a reminder that God gives _____ to those who _____ in Him.

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

More about Judges

Scripture Reading: Judges 10:6,7

**Remember to continue reading through your Bible in 2021!
There are still bookmarks available on the table in the foyer.**

Doug's Discussion

Guard Your Heart

Some things are devastating to pure water. Oil is one example. Did you know that one gallon of oil can contaminate a million gallons of water? I guess that's why oil spills are so devastating. Just a little bit of it can kill wildlife for miles. Just a little bit of oil in your well and the water is no longer useful to drink. I would prefer this process work the other direction. If only a little bit of purity cleansed a million gallons of impurity! Then we wouldn't have to be quite so careful.

However, since a little bit of bad can contaminate a whole lot of good, we must be extremely diligent to guard what should be pure. And "above all else, guard your heart" (Proverbs 4:23). Just as a little bit of oil poisons the water a little bit of spiritual impurity can poison the heart. Why do you think David once said "I will set before my eyes no vile thing"? (Psalm 101:3) He didn't say "I'll avoid most vile things." No, his commitment was to turn away from EVERYTHING that is vile. I think he knew that just a little bit of evil would compromise his pursuit of holiness.

Let me share one reason from scripture for why God is so good. "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). God is pure good. Within His character there is no hint of anything evil. This is the God who says: "Be holy, because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). God would never even consider anything that is impure. Neither should we. We should join David's commitment to resist every kind of soul-damaging poison that exists. We should be careful who we allow to influence our hearts and minds. Why? Because it doesn't take much. Letting in any amount of evil can corrupt the heart and "one sinner destroys much good" (Ecclesiastes 9:18). The poison can spread farther than we can imagine. I implore you Christian people: above all else guard your heart.



Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

One of the best pieces of advice you can give to a child before going into the woods is: if you get lost, stop and wait. Quit moving. The best chance you have for a rescue is to stay still and wait for it. But what if the kid tries to solve the problem himself? Then he's much more likely than not to go from being lost to being more lost.

I think we all face problems like this sometimes. Problems we cannot solve by our own wisdom or power. If we try we just make more of a mess than we started with. If we can't fix it, what can we do? I suggest being still and waiting for a rescue. As Psalm 37:7 says "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

Listen - God can fix what you cannot. Stop trying. Moving in a panic is just getting you more lost. Trade your anxiety for prayer. Then be still and wait patiently for your rescue. God can do more with His hands than you can do with yours.

In 2021 I commit to...

The following are the commitments that have been made public since the beginning of February.

- Read through the Bible.
- Loving God and recognizing more of His blessings, the blessings He sends my way and thanking 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.
- Pray for Camden Avenue church family every day.
- Read through the Bible with the reading plan.
- 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.
- Continue reading the Bible through each year.
- Being a better Christian example.
- Studying the Bible more.
- Showing my love of God to Him better.

Serving In Worship

March 21, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Stan Inman

Close - Chris Tallman

6:00 PM - Kody Inman

Close - Paul Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Steve Gray

PM - Rob Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Jimmy Galloway



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 7, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....155

Facebook AM Service Views.....281

Sunday Bible Class.....103

Sunday PM Service.....136

Facebook PM Service Views.....177

Wednesday AM Service.....16

Wednesday PM Service.....103

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....155

Contribution.....\$8064.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested Prayers....

Placed Membership.....

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

A MESSAGE FROM PHIL SANDERS

Please save the date, June 2-5, 2021! Something big is coming that will make a profound difference in your spiritual lives! The Connect Conference, hosted by Crieve Hall church of Christ in Nashville, Concord Rd. church of Christ in Brentwood, and Mt. Juliet church of Christ in Mt. Juliet, will meet at the Crieve Hall building June 2-5 with numerous speakers who will motivate us to grow spiritually in Christ and win the lost.

There is a great need for churches to revive their spirits and restore their passion for evangelism. The Connect Conference seeks to equip men, women, and youth with multiple and usable tools to reach their families, friends, and neighbors with the gospel of Jesus.

Though our congregations have been reduced in our ability to meet and to serve for many months due to the pandemic, the time will come when churches can once again reach out face to face! We need to be prepared in mind and heart to fulfill the great commission in our own communities. We invite you to come and learn what you can do to revive your passion for the Lord Jesus Christ!

For the cause of Christ.

CRIEVE HALL
CHURCH OF CHRIST

CONCORD RD
CHURCH OF CHRIST

MT. JULIET
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

March 21
"What Dead Men Know"

Daily Bible Reading

March 15: Judges 11-13

March 16: Judges 14-16

March 17: Judges 17-20

March 18: Judges 21 - Ruth 2

March 19: Ruth 3 - 1 Samuel 1

March 20: 1 Samuel 2-4

March 21: 1 Samuel 5-7

"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."