



Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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 **MAY** 

THE WORDS OF

MY MOUTH &

THE MEDITATION OF

MY HEART BE

ACCEPTABLE TO

YOU, LORD,

MY ROCK & MY

REDEEMER.

PSALM 19:14



In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
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Paul Saunders

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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...

- ♥ Rachel Long, Mark's 25 year old cousin- In hospital with Covid.
- ♥ Kay Mills recovering from surgery last week.
- ♥ Blaine Hescht, Jon Hescht's father
- ♥ Chennie Jonas, cousin of Sandy Hughes- has completed chemo radiation treatments. Will be having cancer surgery at Cleveland Clinic on March 11.
- ♥ Shirley Martin- Having health problems.
- ♥ Sharon Armstrong- In Camden Clark
- ♥ June Schultz- is in Camden Clark
- ♥ Joe Wilson- recovering from cancer surgery last 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.

SPRING FORWARD- Daylight savings time begins Sunday March 14th.

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.

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

HELPER NEEDED- Wednesday nights for the 3rd-5th grades beginning in March.

LADS TO LEADERS MEETING- Today after morning Bible class by door 6.

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.

WIDOWHOOD GRIEF WORKSHOP-At the Pine Grove church of Christ, Scott Depot WV and online. March 13-14. More information is available on the bulletin board.

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER CHANGES- Let the office know of any updates or changes to your address or phone number.

WEDNESDAY CLASS- This Wednesday is the last 11am class.

Norma Vaught was baptized last Sunday evening after services. We Rejoice in her decision.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

A Light In the Dark


The Bible furnishes us with all we need to be saved, to live as we ought, and to die prepared for eternity. It is, has, and always will be the inspired word of God, man's only source of divine wisdom (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It offers the solution to every problem: it provides the way to overcome every obstacle, and it shines in a world of darkness leading man to God (Psalm 199:105).

Lives are ruined and souls are lost when it is not followed. He who dies in disobedience to the word of God will be judged by that same word, and will be lost eternally (John 12:48).

It is no wonder Paul wrote: "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). We cannot go wrong when the word of God is the source for all that we say, do, and think. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). It is the only standard of truth. What we teach, how we worship, and how we live are all determined by the word. It is a light in the darkness pointing man to Jesus Christ.

Though it is the only absolute standard of truth, it is often discarded for other things. Traditions, feelings, prejudice, and indifference often blind man to the true light of God's word. We must make certain that our faith is based upon the Bible. Nothing else will do. Church creeds and papal edicts do not lead to Heaven. What are you following?

-Author Unknown



WHAT ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Do Not Be Afraid

Scripture Reading: Joshua 10:8; 25

- I. First, the _____ of fear.
- A. Excessive _____ is _____.
- B. People who had real _____ in the Bible.
- C. _____
- II. Second, why the Christian does not have to be _____. (Rev. 1:17-18)
- A. Because of what God _____.
- B. Because of what God _____.
- C. Because of what God _____.
- III. Third, five things to do to get _____ from _____.
1. First, we can overcome our fears with _____.
- a. Mt. 21:21-22 _____.
- b. Stronger _____ weakens our _____.
2. Second, _____.
- a. Philippians 4:6 _____.
3. Third, _____ more about what causes you _____.
- a. _____.
- b. _____.
4. Fourth, learn to _____.
- a. 1 John 4:18 _____.
- b. _____.
5. Fifth, _____.
- a. _____.

Finally,

- A. We do not have to let our life be _____ by fear.
- B. The phrase "fear not" is found at least _____ times in the Bible.
1. One _____ verse a day for a whole _____ to remind us "not to fear."
- C. The Hebrews 13:6 reminds, "So we may _____ say, "The Lord *is* my _____; I will not _____. What can _____ do to me?"

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Commit to Guarding your Heart

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 4:23

Doug's Discussion

Seeing Isn't Believing

People say seeing is believing but I'm not so sure. Even signs and wonders leave some unconvinced. Take the Egyptian plagues, for example. The prophet Moses proclaims God's judgment on Egypt and proves it by turning the Nile to blood before their very eyes. Do you know what Pharaoh did? "He turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart" (Exodus 7:23). Pharaoh saw a RIVER turned into BLOOD. Did he believe, after seeing this miraculous sight, that he should honor the living God? No, he did not. Seeing was not believing.

In the story of Lazarus and the rich man, the rich man dies and is sent to the terrible punishment of Hades. He is quite miserable but I have to give him some credit – his every thought is not for himself. The man has five brothers, and requests that Lazarus be risen from the dead and sent to the brothers to warn them about what awaits them. I find the reason this request is denied very interesting. Abraham basically says: "they have the Bible, they should read it." The rich man, believing the odds of his brothers picking up a Bible and obeying it to be slim, asks for a greater sign. And this is what Abraham says in reply: "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead" (Luke 16:31). Jesus proclaims that seeing would not be believing.

Here's the thing: people generally believe whatever they want to believe, regardless of the evidence. You don't want to let your free slave labor go? Well, then rivers turning into blood isn't a big deal. News flash – that's a HUGE deal! But I can believe otherwise if I want. You don't want to follow the Word of God? Then a previously dead person visiting you to warn you of your impending doom is unconvincing. How is that unconvincing? It's not like Lazarus doesn't know what the afterlife is like! He just came from there! Eh, it must be some trick. Pass my steak and tell those beggars outside to be quiet.

We did not see the empty tomb. We did not see the scars on Jesus' hands and feet. But, if we want, we have everything we need to believe. The multiple credible eyewitness accounts contained in Scripture are convincing by themselves. Some will shrug and not take these to heart – but not because of the evidence. They have seen so much they are without excuse. It's only because they don't WANT to believe. And so they don't. For now . . . Someday believing will be the only option. I suggest believing on your own before then.

Believe

*Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells
Heard on 910am WLTP*

We only live a few years on earth, and after that our presence here is limited to what people remember of us. Will people remember you fondly or...less fondly? I suggest that depends on what kind of life you lived. Proverbs 10:7 says "the memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot"

I can't help but notice that there aren't a lot of little girls named Jezebel. Plenty of little boys named Jeremiah but not a lot of Jezebels. Why? Because Jeremiah was righteous and Jezebel was wicked. We don't want our little princess attached to her memory. Lots of Noah's, not so many Nabal's. There's like a zillion John's and hardly any Judas's. Why? Because the memory of the righteous is a blessing, and we like to be reminded of them. The names of the wicked rot.

If you want your name to be brought up in happy memories then I suggest you do what is right. Live a good life. Then when people later think of you they will continue to be blessed.



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Thank You

- ♥ Church Family, we want to thank everyone for the visits, comments, prayers, and sympathy in the death of Don Gaston. The food brought, the help given, everything was helpful and appreciated. Thank you Christian Friends, The Gaston Family.
- ♥ Thank you for all the many beautiful cards. I love you all. Mildred Gault
- ♥ Thank you to everyone that sent cards for my surgery. Carl Curtiss
- ♥ We want to thank you for the many birthday and 'Thinking of You' cards. We enjoyed each one. Jim & Sandy Hughes

"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."

Serving In Worship March 14, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - David Epler

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - Bill Mills

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Dennis Keller

SCRIPTURE

AM- Bill Merrill

PM -Ken Barnes

COMMUNION

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Bill Hoover

Challenge Youth Conference 2021



Youth News

MONDAY NIGHT MERGE AT ROCKPORT-Tomorrow, if you plan on attending and need a ride see Jeff Taberner by tonight. The bus will be leaving at 6:25pm.

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

March 8- Rockport church of Christ

March 15- Ohio Valley University

March 29- 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, fill out a registration form that is on the youth bulletin board and send it to North End.



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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

March 14
"Eternity"

Facts and Figures

February 28, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	151
Facebook AM Service Views.....	310
Sunday Bible Class.....	108
Sunday PM Service.....	116
Facebook PM Service Views.....	254
Wednesday AM Service.....	13
Wednesday PM Service.....	114
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	155
Contribution.....	\$9241.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....	1
Restored or Requested Prayers....	
Placed Membership.....	

Daily Bible Reading

March 8: Joshua 14-16

March 9: Joshua 17-19

March 10: Joshua 20-22

March 11: Joshua 23 & Judges 1

March 12: Judges 2-4

March 13: Judges 5-7

March 14: Judges 8-10