

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Children
are
A
♥ gift
FROM THE
Lord.

In Our Prayers

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), 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.
- ♥ Betty Porter is home.
- ♥ Judy Hupp in the hospital for high blood sugar.
- ♥ Rachel Long, Mark Tonkery's cousin, home.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you church family the food, calls and beautiful cards and love shown to us in prayers. Love to all, Peg Phillips
- ♥ Thanks so much for the birthday cards and kind wishes. I so appreciated each and everyone. In Christian Love, Penny Eddy

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

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April
SHOWERS
BRING
May
FLOWERS

Announcements

VISITORS-Please 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.

GOSPEL MEETING- North End church of Christ, April 18-21 with Skip Andrews.

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

LADS TO LEADERS RECOGNITION- Today after evening worship in the auditorium.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Meeting May 2 after evening services in the auditorium by door 5.
- 4 outside canopies for July 10 are needed. If you could bring one to use please see Mark T.
- A helper is needed for 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.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Baptism Revisited

Some things are non-negotiable. Some things are negotiable. Baptism is non-negotiable.

By faith, Jesus went to a grave. No grave - no resurrection - no faith. Faith that does not “Pass through” is not faith. Just as the “Father of the Faithful,” Abraham trusted in the resurrecting power of the God of heaven by offering Isaac, so too, we trust the same resurrecting grace by offering our lives to God as we step into the template of Jesus’ own death, burial, and resurrection - baptism. The early church believed that faith without baptism was not faith and that baptism without faith wasn’t baptism. Let’s list some things that the Bible says about faith and baptism.

- ◆ Faith and baptism are linked to salvation (Mk. 16:15-16).
- ◆ Faith, repentance, and baptism are for remission of sins (Acts 2:38).
- ◆ All those who believed and were baptized were added to the number (Acts 2:41).
- ◆ Paul was baptized to wash away sins (by the blood of Christ) (Acts 22:16).
- ◆ In baptism, we are united with Jesus in the likeness of his death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).
- ◆ God clothes us with Christ’s righteousness at baptism (Gal. 3:27).
- ◆ We are raised up with Jesus in baptism (Col. 2:12).
- ◆ We are spiritually circumcised in baptism (removal of sins of the heart) (Col 2:12).
- ◆ In baptism, we are raised up with Jesus (Col.3:1).
- ◆ We are saved by baptism through the power of the resurrection (1 Pet. 3:21).

Some Jewish leaders believe in Jesus but did not confess him because they did not want to be put out of the synagogue. Scripture said they believed. Were they saved? Is the implication that mere confession would have saved them if we conclude they weren’t (John 12:42). Jesus conclusion was that they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God (John 12:43). Is it possible this same scenario holds true today for some religious leaders? (Read Luke 7:29-30) How do we acknowledge God’s way is right today?



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Asa, he did not finish well.

Text: 1 Kings 15:8-14

I. Retell the events of Asa's life:

- A. _____.
- B. _____.
- C. _____.

II. Lessons from Asa's life:

A. The value of _____.

- 1. 2 Chr. 15:4-6
- 2. Recurring lesson _____.

B. The _____ OF HELP FROM THE LORD...

- 1. 2 Chr. 14:11-13
- 2. _____.

C. The _____ to God's care in your life.

- 1. 2 Chr. 15:1-2 – _____.
- 2. _____.
- 3. _____.

D. Putting God before _____.

- 1. 2 Chr. 15:16 - _____.
- 2. _____.

E. Leaders can only _____.

- 1. 2 Chr. 14:2-4 – _____.
- 2. _____.

F. God looks to help those _____.

- 1. 2 Chr. 16:2-3,12

G. Then there is the _____.

- 1. 2 Chr. 15:8 _____.
- 2. _____.

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

We are marching to Zion

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-42

Doug's Discussion

Strange Things Are Happening Here

I noticed a hole in one of my t-shirts the other day. I suppose I shouldn't be surprised – most of those things are from college and that was almost two decades ago. The surprising thing is that so many of them have lasted as long as they have. I wish my shoes would make it that long. I must be harder on those . . . if I get three years with the shoe still intact I feel fortunate indeed. Imagine how impressed I would be if the next pair I bought for everyday use made it until I was eighty! At that point I think I would have to wonder if something abnormal was going on. Maybe my wife is replacing them with the exact same shoe every year just to mess with my head. Normal shoes simply don't last forty years.

This is the conclusion the Israelites were meant to discover for themselves. Not that their wives were being tricky, but that something more than natural causes were at work. “During the forty years that I led you through the desert, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet . . . I did this so that you might know that I am the Lord your God” (Deuteronomy 29:5-6). Forty years of invincible clothing is supposed to lead you to the conclusion that God is and that He is taking care of you. Any time they doubted these things all they had to do is look down at their shoes. “Oh yeah, I've been walking twenty years on these things and not one broken strap. That's definitely not normal. Thanks God.”

Perhaps we don't have quite such an obvious sign, but haven't you noticed some strange things going on? Take a minute to think about it. Ever had a Bible verse come to mind right when you needed it even though you haven't read that verse or thought about it for months? Ever “randomly” run into a friend on the day when they most needed encouragement? Ever get a call from your mom right in the moment when your willpower to resist some temptation had run out? I'm telling you – these things may not rise to the level of forty years on one pair of sneakers but I still think there's some unusual things going on. There comes a point where these providential events are too hard to explain away as coincidence. There is a point when we know that Someone above us is the Lord our God.

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU



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.

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP

Would you like to begin to change the world right where you are, in your little corner of the world? Would you like to make this earth a better place to live? The way we can do all this is by love. The Bible tells in Matthew 22:37-39, that the two greatest commands are to "Love God and love our neighbor."

How much better our world would be if everyone would love God and love our neighbor? A few years ago, a police officer came and spoke to our congregation where I was preaching. His lesson was on this passage and pointed out that much of the stress of the job was due to people not loving God and not loving their neighbor.

What if today we would love God and our neighbor a little more than we did yesterday? How much would our world change? Our neighborhoods? And our families? It all begins with you and I loving God and our neighbor.



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Serving In Worship

April 18, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley
 PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran
 Close - Dave Nulter
 6:00 PM - Bill Hoover
 Close - Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE

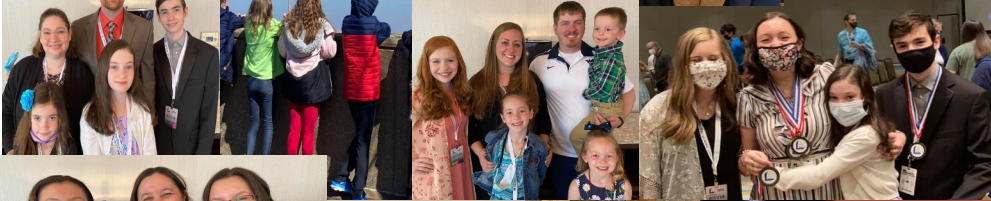
AM- Cody Hoover
 PM -Bill Merrill

COMMUNION

AM - Kyle Inman
 PM - Keith Smith



Lads to Leaders Trip in Louisville, Kentucky.
 Thank you Camden Avenue for your support!



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

April 4, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	162
Facebook AM Service Views.....	244
Sunday Bible Class.....	86
Sunday PM Service.....	133
Facebook PM Service Views.....	145
Wednesday PM Service.....	127
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	179
Contribution.....	\$14065.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

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

April 18
 "The Best Explanation"

Daily Bible Reading

- April 12: 1 Kings 17-19
- April 13: 1 Kings 20-22
- April 14: 2 Kings 1-3
- April 15: 2 Kings 4-6
- April 16: 2 Kings 7-9
- April 17: 2 Kings 10-12
- April 18: 2 Kings 13-15

"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."