

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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*In
God's Grace
each dawn is a gift
and every day a miracle...*

*To every thing
there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

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, 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)

Please let the office know of any changes or updates to the prayers list.

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Chris Davis, daughter-in-law of Bill & Carolyn Davis, in the hospital with pneumonia.
- ♥ Becky Ash, Tammy Kerns sister is home after surgery.
- ♥ Diana Huxley, Cindy Huxley's sister has been diagnosed with Leukemia.
- ♥ Joe Wilson- in the hospital.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Patty Alton and family on the passing of her niece, Sherry Smith.

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Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

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Doug Hershman
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Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
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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

- If you want to lead the trip to the conference see the Elders.
- June 2-5 at the Crieve Hall church of Christ in Nashville TN. A conference on evangelism, “Disciples making Disciples”.

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

UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETINGS

- Lubeck church of Christ, May 2-5 with Jeffrey Archey.
- Pennsboro church of Christ, May 2-7 with Wade Webster.

BULLETINS- When you attend another congregation on vacation remember to bring back a bulletin and place it on the board in the foyer.

GRADUATING SENIORS- Turn in Pictures, school graduating from, and after graduation plans to the office for an upcoming bulletin.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Mark your calendar for VBS July 10, 2021.
- Meeting May 2 after evening services in the auditorium by door 5.
- 3 outside canopies for July 10 are needed. If you can bring one to use please see Mark T.
- VBS teachers please have your order forms for your VBS supplies turned in to Mark by May 2.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

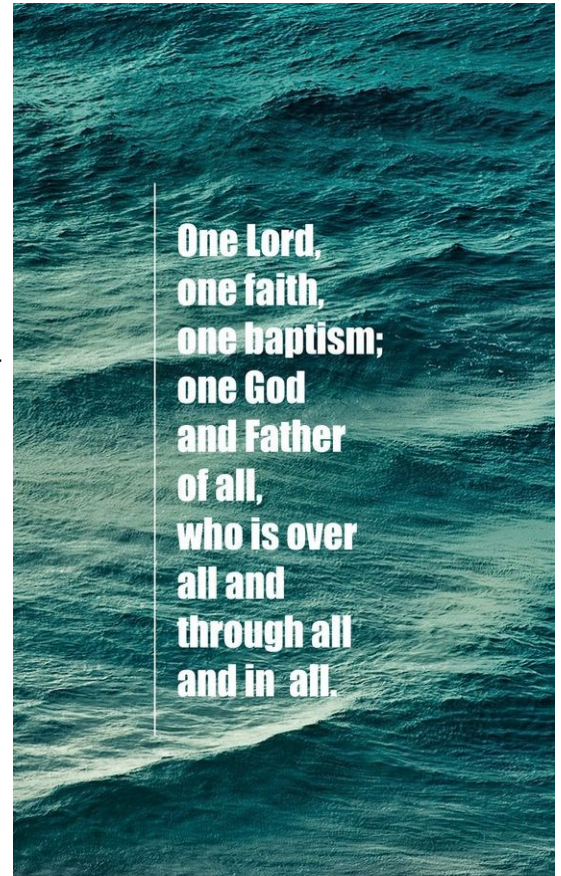
BAPTISM

The word “Baptize” (verb) or “baptism” (noun) is used in the New Testament over one hundred times. Thousands of people were baptized in the first century. This subject, therefore, is very important in reference to our covenant relationship with God.

The Greek word *baptize* that is used in the New Testament is transliterated with the English word “baptize.” In a transliteration, the equivalent sounds of the Greek letters are brought over into the English language. *Baptize* was thus transliterated, “baptize.” The original definition for the word *baptize*, however, is “to dip, plunge, immerse, or overwhelm.” The most common definition is “immerse.” Therefore, when the words “baptize” or “baptism” are read in the English Bible, immersion is the primary meaning that must be understood. When people were immersed in the first century, they were immersed in “much water” (John 3:23).

Because the Greek word *baptize* was not translated in early editions of the New Testament, many religious groups today have the practice of sprinkling or pouring and calling it baptism. They are sprinkled, either infants or adults, and then taken the words “baptize” or “Baptism” from the New Testament and applied them to what they presume to be an action that is sanctioned by God. In doing this, they have affirmed that individuals have been properly baptized, though they have not. This is an unfortunate practice by many religious groups today.

Throughout the New Testament, six baptisms are mentioned. (1) John’s immersion (baptism) unto repentance (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:4). (2) Immersion into the responsibility of leadership (Matthew 20:22,23). (3) Immersion with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:5). (4) Immersion with fire (Matthew 3:11). (5) Israel’s immersion in the cloud (1 Corinthians 10:1,2). (6) Immersion in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). When Paul wrote the Ephesians letter in A.D. 62, he proclaimed that there was only one immersion at that time (Ephesians 4:5). This is the immersion in water for forgiveness of sins which we are to obey today.



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

How do I become a Christian?

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:37-39

I. P _____ Acts 2:2; 11

II. P _____ Acts 2:5-11

III. P _____ Acts 2:16-21

IV. P _____ Acts 2:22-36

V. P _____ Acts 2:36-37

VI. P _____ Acts 2:38; 41

VII.P _____ Acts 2:39-40

VIII.P _____ Acts 2:42-47

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

The Body of Christ

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:4-8

Doug's Discussion

They're Out There – Find Them

Part of looking for something is the expectation that you're going to find what you're looking for. Without this expectation it doesn't make much sense to be looking in the first place. Think about it: let's say I loose my keys. I know they have to be in the house somewhere because I just had them yesterday. If I look in enough places I know I'll find them . . . eventually. That fact gives me all the encouragement I need to keep looking. But what if I'm looking for something that may or may not exist? Like . . . looking for precious metals in my yard with a metal detector. Admittedly, I highly doubt there is any so I'm not going to look very hard.



I think this effect makes a difference in how hard we look for lost people. How deeply we believe they are findable changes the intensity of our search. Comments like “people just aren't interested in the gospel anymore” surely come from people who aren't looking very hard. Why would they? In their minds finding someone to bring to Jesus is a lost cause. But what if you believed that, even in this crazy world, there was someone out there who would respond to the gospel? What if you believed that if you just keep on looking you would eventually find someone ready to hear the saving message of Jesus Christ? Yes, it might take a lot of looking. Yes, the search might not be easy. But what if you think that if you just keep at it one more person would eventually go from being lost to being found? I suggest that believing these things would lead you to look a lot harder than the “oh, no one cares for Jesus anymore” guy.

I personally don't think the world would still be here if there was no one left willing to accept the gospel. Jesus taught “this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). We're still here, so I'd say there must be some person in this world still waiting to hear. Someone who would believe and obey if only someone would tell them the truth. My guess is there's actually MANY people of whom this is true. So enough with our half-hearted searching! Seek and ye shall find! That person is out there and you just might be the best person there is to reach them. But only if you keep looking.



Congratulations Gilbert & Lucille Hardman on 75 years of marriage on Tuesday!

Thank You

- ♥ Thanks to all who sent me get well cards after my recent surgery. I appreciated receiving them all. Jim Galloway
- ♥ Thank you for the get well wishes, cards and prayers during my recent heart surgery. I am slowly recovering as this was a real surprise to me. Also thank you for the birthday cards. They helped to brighten my day. Bob Miller
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers and cards while I was sick. Judy Hupp

In 2021 I commit to...

- Reading the Bible through in a year.

What do you commit to doing this year? Leave a note in the collection plate or under the office door, these will be listed in the bulletin anonymously.

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP

In the Bible there was a group of people called the Bereans, found in Acts 17:11. The Bible tells us these people “received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” In a recent survey about Bible reading during the pandemic it is reported that Bible reading was down, TV watching was up. Maybe that is why we are so afraid, confused, and have so many questions about life. We are not reading the Bible and searching the scriptures.

In the midst of the confusion of our day, the sincere and honest person can go to the Bible and find the answers they seek, about life, peace, fear, and the truth! I like what Ronald Reagan once said, “Within the covers of one single book, the Bible, are all the answers to all the problems that face us today - if only we would read and believe.” Will you read and believe the Bible today?



Serving In Worship

May 2, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover

Close - Klay Cochran

6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Ron Riddle

SCRIPTURE

AM- Stan Inman

PM -Brian Haught

COMMUNION

AM - Dylan Muncy

PM - Cody Hoover



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 18, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....202

Facebook AM Service Views.....259

Sunday Bible Class.....128

Sunday PM Service.....140

Facebook PM Service Views.....138

Wednesday PM Service.....129

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....167

Contribution.....\$5641.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested Prayers....

Placed Membership.....

LOVE AND CARE NEWS

Love and Care Assisted Living is looking for an Activities Director/Administrative Assistant. If you have a genuine love for working with the elderly, are energetic, creative, and fun, this is perfect for you! The hours are Monday through Friday, 10am-3pm, with occasional other shifts/days depending on activities/needs. If you are interested, please send a resume to Shannan Hinzman at Love and Care, PO Box 1512 Parkersburg, WV 26102 or via email loveandcare.activities@gmail.com by May 5th, 2021. No phone calls please. The job description is posted on the bulletin board.

The Lesson of The Ants

Several missionaries were having tea one afternoon, when an ant appeared on the white tablecloth, made its way to a tea cake, walked around it, and finding nothing to eat, made straight for the sugar bowl. After eating several bites, it walked off with a small piece. They watched it disappear underneath the door. It soon returned with several of its relations. They climbed the table leg, entered the sugar bowl, and ate their fill. They then departed, each with a piece of sugar in its mouth. But it did not end there, presently a swarm of ants arrived to partake of the same sweet food.

These ants teach us a lesson. The first went and told others the "good news," who in turn, went and told the glad story to many more. Like Isaiah, the demoniac, the woman of Samaria, and others, we must "go and tell" the glad story of God's redeeming love!



Taken from Bulletin Digest
Arthur Peterson, Trenton TN

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

May 2
"Authentic Christianity"

Daily Bible Reading

April 26: 1 Chronicles 13-15

April 27: 1 Chronicles 16-18

April 28: 1 Chronicles 19-21

April 29: 1 Chronicles 22-25

April 30: 1 Chronicles 26-29

May 1: 2 Chronicles 1-3

May 2: 2 Chronicles 4-6

"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."