

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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## HONORING OUR GRADUATES

*Kiley Goldsmith*

*Avery Goldsmith*

*Alex Lawson*

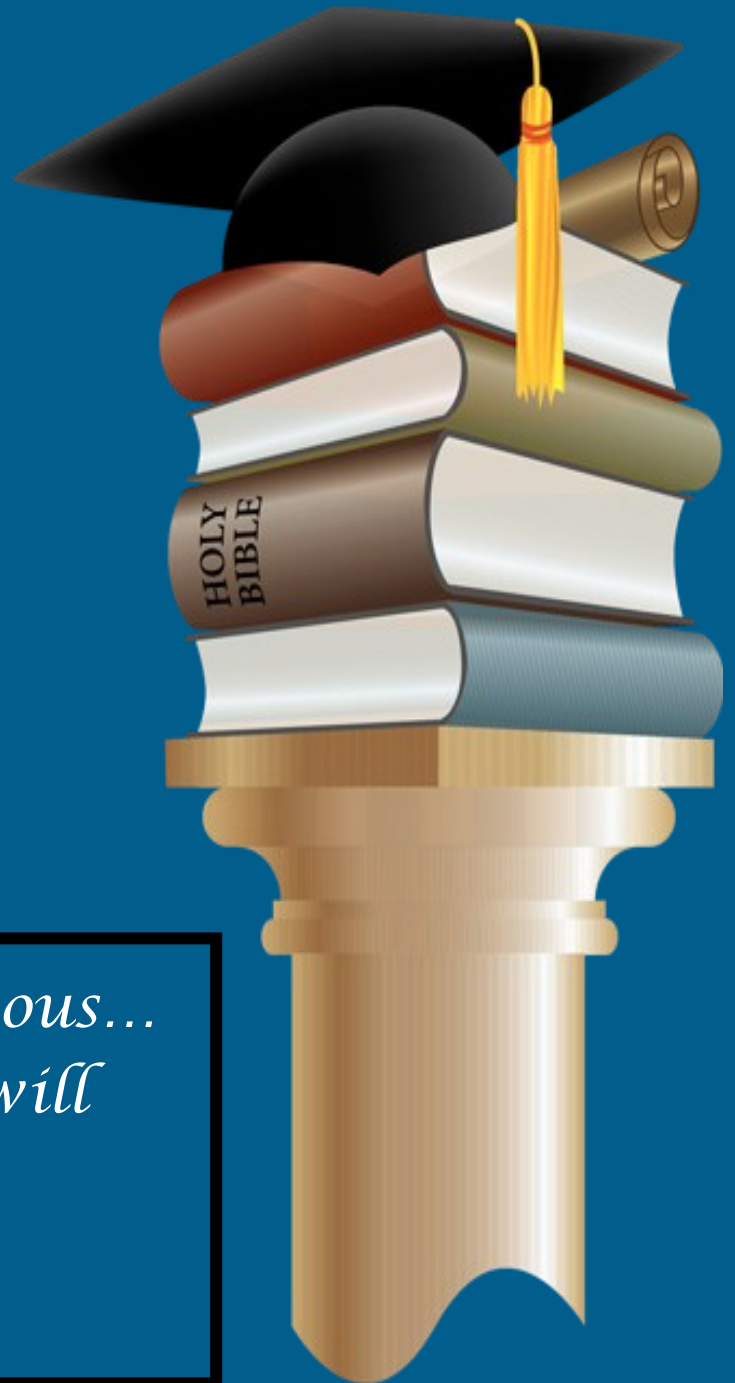
*Hannah Shears*

*Halle Hudson*

*Corey Fleak*

*Lizzy Hoover*

*Madison Taberner*



*Be strong and courageous...*

*The Lord your God will  
be with you*

*wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9

### **Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders

### **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Doug Hershman  
Jon Hescht  
Bill Hoover  
Rob Hoover  
Kevin Inman  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner

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*Class of 2021*



# *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 Ledsoe, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, 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), 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), Diana Huxley (Cindy Huxley's sister), 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)

### New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Jeff Fitcher, Ron Holleron's son-in-law- having health problems.
- ♥ Lenore Vaught- in the hospital after a fall.
- ♥ Becky Treadway, friend of many from OVCYC camp- in a rehab facility.
- ♥ Gary Farris- is having radiation treatments.
- ♥ Bill Camp- had surgery in Cleveland this past week.
- ♥ Jenny Reynolds- fell at home Thursday is in Marietta Memorial Hospital.

# *Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Miller. The funeral was held last Thursday.

# *Announcements*

**CONNECT CONFERENCE-** June 2-5 in Nashville, TN sign up on the counter in the foyer if you would like to attend. See Mark Tonkery for any questions.

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION-** The high school graduation recognition will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> after evening services in the auditorium.

**MOWING CREW-** Team 2 is signed up to mow this week. Team 2 is Mike Bayer, Dylan Muncy, Jim Galloway, and Allen Coe.

**ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS MEETING-** Today at 4pm in the MP Room.

**FUTURE PREACHING TRAINING CAMP-** For interested young men 13-18 years old. June 26 at the West Virginia School of Preaching. More Information is available on the bulletin board.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-** Mark your calendar for VBS July 10, 2021.

**MOV LECTURES-** Rebuild, Renew, Revive. June 23-25 held at Ohio Valley University.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE-** Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at Camden Avenue on today at 2pm for Denzil Drain, a former member at Camden Avenue.

**CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC-** June 5 at DuPont Park. More details to come.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASS-** Adult Bible Bowl class begins today in room 112.

**OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP-** Is requesting monetary donations for food for camp this year. Donations can be mailed to OVCYC c/o Melcie Wells 535 Lang Farm Road Marietta, Ohio 45750 and earmarked for food donations.

**GOSPEL MEETING-** West Union church of Christ, WV May 23-26. Information is available on the bulletin board.

**YOUTH RALLY-** Lubeck church of Christ, June 5th 9am-2pm. Information is available on the bulletin board.

**CHURCH CAMP-** WVCYC, OVCYC, and Surprise Valley registration information is available on the youth board.

# Doug's Discussion

## Commit to Your Commitment in 2021

Saying you're going to do something is one thing. Doing that thing is another. I'm sure this comes as a shock to you – but people don't always do what they say they're going to do. Reasons for this vary. Sometimes it's because honesty wasn't the best policy. Other times it's because the person making the commitment didn't understand what was involved in what they were pledging to do. Some things aren't as easy as we expect them to be. What then? Do we give up? Some do – even on their commitment to their faith. “But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution come because of the word, they quickly fall away” (Matthew 13:21). We can do better than that!

I want to thank all the people at Camden Avenue who have decided to commit to a spiritual goal this year. You heard the call to grow in your faith and you responded, even though many of you have been Christians for decades. Now comes the hard part. A commitment is made in a moment – usually in a strong spiritual moment, on a spiritual mountaintop. How will you live when you're down in the valleys? What you decided in a strong moment must be decided again in moments of weakness. Will you continue through trouble and persecution? For those who made a commitment for 2021, will you keep going until December ends? May God help your willing spirits even when the flesh is weak.

You took the first step. You made a decision to try. The goal you made can serve as a guiding star to show the direction you want to go. Keep making those steps. Keep trying – even if there are bad days and good days. If you're doing something good “do so more and more” (1 Thessalonians 4:10). I believe God blesses all the efforts that are made for Him.

- 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.
- Finding my purpose in my service to God.
- Being a better person with a better attitude.



# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## How to Rebuild the Local Congregation

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2:17-18



Then I said to them, "You see the \_\_\_\_\_ that we are in, how \_\_\_\_\_ lies waste, and its \_\_\_\_\_ are burned with fire. Come and let us \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a \_\_\_\_\_." And I told them of the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ which had been \_\_\_\_\_ upon me, and also of the king's \_\_\_\_\_ that he had spoken to \_\_\_\_\_.

So they said, "Let us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." Then they set their \_\_\_\_\_ to this good work. Nehemiah 2:17-18

I. We need a \_\_\_\_\_ people.

II. We need a \_\_\_\_\_ people.

III. We need a \_\_\_\_\_ people.

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

**Commit ALL in 2021**

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:11

# *Congratulations*

Dan Vaught was baptized on Wednesday evening. We are blessed to have Dan as a member of our Camden Avenue family.

# *Thank You*

♥ Thank you for prayers, kind words, and visits during this difficult time of Chris' passing it was greatly appreciated. The family of Chris Davis

# *Birth Announcement*

We are happy to announce that Gwen Lucas' granddaughter was born Tuesday. 5lbs 10oz, Autumn Moody.



# *College Graduates*



## **Hannah Shears**

Daughter of:  
Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

College:  
Washington State

Future Plans:  
Continuing education at  
Ohio University  
Accepted position at Cam-  
den Clark as a new grad RN



## **Madison Taberner**

Daughter of:  
Jeff & Julie Taberner

College:  
Freed-Hardeman  
University

Future Plans:  
Interviewing for teaching  
positions in Elementary  
Education

*Commit to the Lord*  
whatever you do  
and your plans will succeed.  
Proverbs 10:3

# Highschool Graduates



**Corey Fleak**  
Grandson of:  
Larry Fleak

High School:  
Good Pasture Christian  
School Nashville, TN

Future Plans:  
Freed-Hardeman  
University



**Lizzy Hoover**  
Daughter of:  
Rob & Kathy Hoover

High School:  
Parkersburg South

Future Plans:  
WVU-P  
Majoring in Elementary  
Education



**Halle Hudson**  
Daughter of:  
Scott & Mandy Camp

High School:  
Parkersburg South

Future Plans:  
Rio Grande University  
Majoring in Cardiac  
Sonography



**Alex Lawson**  
Son of:  
Kristy Thomas

High School:  
Parkersburg South

Future Plans:  
Furthering his Culinary  
Education/Career



**Kiley Goldsmith**  
Granddaughter of:  
Marion & Jo Goldsmith

High School:  
Parkersburg South

Future Plans:  
Washington State  
Majoring in Physical Therapy

**Avery Goldsmith**  
Granddaughter of:  
Marion & Jo Goldsmith

High School:  
Parkersburg South

Future Plans:  
WVU-P  
Majoring in Nursing

## Serving In Worship May 23, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Clayton Huber

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Highman

Close - Rob Hoover

6:00 PM - Ken Barnes

Close - Paul Saunders

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Josh Hall

PM - Kyle Inman

### COMMUNION

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Kody Inman

## Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP

Proverbs 12:25 reads, "A person's anxiety will weigh him down, but an encouraging word makes him joyful." This verse tells us a sorrowful heart, hopelessness, fear, uncertainty, and all kinds of anxieties can weigh a person down but this Bible verse does not end there. It goes on to say, a word of encouragement can bring joy, meaning it can cheer someone up, and help remove despair.

Now think about this; It is a good possibility that you might be feeling weighed down with all kinds of anxieties, and if you are feeling that way then there is a good possibility someone else is too. If an encouraging word can bring joy to your day, then it can bring joy to someone else's day too. Will you give an encouraging word to someone today, will you send a card, write a letter, send a text, or give someone a call? It will do you and those we love a lot of good.



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### 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

May 9, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....190

Facebook AM Service Views.....170

Sunday Bible Class.....122

Sunday PM Service.....145

Facebook PM Service Views.....146

Wednesday PM Service.....149

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....120

Contribution.....\$10502.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

## Potter Children's Home

### SHOPPING LIST

Rotel

Honey Mustard Dressing

Pork & Beans

Water

XL Night Time Pull Ups

Items can be left in the container in the front foyer.

Cash donations can be given to Scott Johnson.

Items are due to the building by June 6, 2021



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

May 23  
"Worship with the  
Church"

### Daily Bible Reading

May 17: Nehemiah 5-7

May 18: Nehemiah 8-11

May 19: Nehemiah 12- Esther 2

May 20: Esther 3-6

May 21: Esther 7-10

May 22: Job 1-4

May 23: Job 5-8

*"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."*