

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Summer Sermon Series 2021

Camden Ave. Church of Christ

7:00 p.m. each Wednesday

THEME: RENEWING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Date	Speaker	Topic
June 2	Roger Rush 6 th and Washington Streets Marietta, Ohio	Renew your love
June 9	Paolo Di Luca Bridge St. New Martinsville, WV	Renew your trust
June 16	Clint Rowand Barrackville, WV	Renew your values
June 23	Mark T. Tonkery Camden Ave.	Renew your commitment
June 30	Steve Haguewood North End Parkersburg, WV	Renew your Family
July 7	Kyle Lancaster Sandyville, WV	Renew your bearings
July 14	Jeff Rich Medina, Ohio	Renew your gratitude
July 21	Nathan Greene Barlow-Vincent, Ohio	Renew your focus
July 28	J.D. Smith Rockport, WV	Renew your sincerity
August 4	Scott Smith Camden Ave.	Renew your happiness
August 11	Doug Wells Camden Ave.	Renew your marriage
August 18	David Epler Camden Ave.	Renew your faithfulness
August 25	Sam Bartrug Norval Park Zanesville, Ohio	Renew your peace

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Doug Hershman
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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, Sheila Deems, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, 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), 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. Missy Wilson & Norma Wilson (friends of Cindy Huxley)

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

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Lenore Vaught- in the hospital after a fall.
- ♥ Jenny Reynolds- In ICU room 4007 at Marietta Memorial.
- ♥ Ron Moncrief- had surgery in Clarksburg earlier this week.
- ♥ Frank Love, brother of John Love, has had a massive heart attack and a lung infection and is in ICU.
- ♥ Russ Alton- In Marietta Memorial Hospital.
- ♥ Sandy Keller's father is in the hospital.
- ♥ Lois Nulter

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Lois Nulter and family on the passing of Michele Eakin. Her funeral services were on Saturday

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.

MOWING CREW- Team 1 is signed up to mow this week. Team 1 is Ken Barnes, Doug Hershman, Ryan Highman, and Brian Knotts.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-

- Mark your calendar for VBS July 10, 2021.
- If you would like to donate to purchase t-shirts for all of the children attending please give your donation to the office.

MOV LECTURES- Rebuild, Renew, Revive. June 23-25 held at Ohio Valley University. Times and Speakers are listed on the bulletin board.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME- Shopping list is available on the table in the foyer. 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 Next Sunday, June 6, 2021.

COMBINED ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS, MENS MEETING- June 27 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

CHILDRENS BULLETIN BAGS- The Children's Bulletin Bags will be available again beginning June 6th. If you have any crayon holders to return, they may be left on the table in the foyer. See Verna if you have any questions.

Pantry Request

Due to the Postal Food Drive being cancelled, each Care Group is being asked to bring in the following items and place them on the table in the pantry.

Care Group 1- Boxed Cereal

Care Group 2- Campbells Soup

Care Group 3- Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta

Care Group 4- Baked Beans

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

May we never forget!



Why do we have a Memorial Day? Well, after the Civil War, people in the South created special memorials to remember the southern soldiers who died. These were referred to as “Confederate Memorial Days.” In the North it was called “Decoration Day” and most southerners did not recognize this day as it honored northern soldiers who died in the Civil War or as some called it “The War of Northern Aggression.” It was only after World War II that it became known as Memorial Day and was intended to honor all fallen soldiers who gave their life for their country.

The modern Memorial Day observance looks a lot different than in the early years of its founding. Today Memorial Day has expanded to a three-day weekend; known now as the start of the summer season. Often Memorial Day weekend is centered around family gatherings, cookouts, and picnics. Some people have even expanded the idea of Memorial Day to include visiting and placing flowers on their loved one’s graves.

Yet, the idea of honoring our fallen war heroes seems to be slowly fading away. Like the flowers that are placed at one’s tomb slowly rot, or the marble monuments that are effaced by time. Our nation seems to be forgetting the price for our freedom.

Inscribed on the Korean War Memorial are the words, “Freedom Is Not Free.” We must never forget that our freedom to gather as families, to have picnics, and even go to a cemetery to visit our loved one’s grave, came with a price. Someone’s son or daughter, someone’s father or mother, someone’s loved one died so we could enjoy the freedom we have today. “Freedom is Not Free.”

This Memorial Day is also a reminder of another memorial that takes place every first day of the week, and that is the memorial of our Lord’s death upon the cross. It too is a reminder that our spiritual freedom is not free; it comes with a price; the blood of our Lord (Rev. 1:5). As we gather around the Lord’s table and take the Lord’s Supper may we never forget the one who said, “This do in remembrance of me” (Lk. 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24,25).

The Lord’s Supper will always stand as a constant reminder of the memory of Christ’s death and return. The only way to bring it down is to forget and neglect to remember it. May we never forget those precious souls who died for our freedoms and may we always remember our Lord’s death until He returns, by partaking of the Lord’s Supper each first day of the week. Mark T. Tonkery

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Let the Children Come

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- 1: In what ways would you say Camden Avenue is a strong church?

- 2: Does being strong today mean that we will be strong tomorrow? Why or why not?

- 3: Look at Deuteronomy 6:6-7. What are some of the things we are supposed to do with the Word?

- 4: Look at the generational differences in Judges 2:7 and 2:10-11. How big of a change happened there in only a few years? Why do you think this change took place?

- 5: What was Hezekiah's attitude toward the future in 2 Kings 20:19? Is this how we view future generations as well?

- 6: Read Proverbs 22:6 and think of some practical ways we can follow this command.

- 7: You have to start somewhere. Are you willing to try to make ONE change toward spiritual growth in your home? Something is better than nothing. Which change will you make?

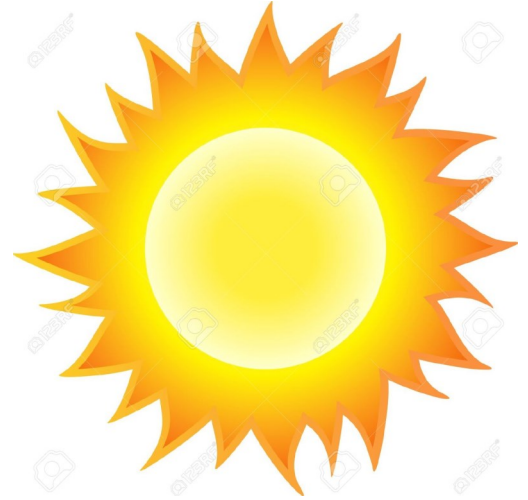
P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Wise things from the book of Job Scripture reading: Job 42:11-13

Doug's Discussion

Illuminating Light

The summer sun shines bright. The beauty of the world is illuminated in brilliant rays of light. Hues of blue and green are dazzling and testify to the might of the Creator. Imperfections are also highlighted. The ruts in my yard that occurred in a U-Haul mishap some two years ago are clearly seen. The places where I got a little too close to something with the weed-eater are more visible than ever.



But that's the way the light works – it shines and reveals whatever is there, good or bad.

The stadium lights shine bright. Below the participants are locked in a contest of wills. The brighter lights provide opportunities for greatness. The deeds done on the field may be remembered for a generation. Parents may tell their kids about the day they saw a championship won by a mighty athletic effort. They might also tell their kids about a tragic blunder that cost a championship, about some missed assignment that turned the tide of the game. These kinds of things happen all the time, of course. In practice people may hardly notice. But when the lights shine bright everything is highlighted, whether good or bad.

The brightest light of all is coming. The radiant glory of Jesus Christ will shine bright. What will this light show? “For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: ‘Wake up O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you’” (Ephesians 5:12-14). This light of the world is coming! All will be illuminated, all will be revealed. And what will we see? Whatever is already there. Good things will be more beautiful than ever. Evil deeds are done in secret, in dark corners, but when the light shines it will be obvious to all how ugly they are (and always have been).

What will be seen when the light shines on you?

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls during our treatments and recovery. In Christian love, Melva & Gary Farris
- ♥ All of your prayer, and the card's meant so much to the both of us. God, has truly blessed us with better health and a wonderful church family. In Christian Love, Harvey & Mary Caplinger

Youth News

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

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

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR GET-TOGETHER- Sunday, June 13th after evening services end of school year hot dog roast outside on the church lawn. All are invited to come. Hot dogs, buns, hot dog sauce, onions and condiments will be provided. Bring food items to go with hot dogs, hot dog roasting forks, and drinks. Also bring your bag chairs. Questions see Jeff Taberner.

DEVOTIONAL- June 26th at 5pm outside on the church lawn. All ages are welcome. Boys bring chips or sides, girls bring drinks. Also bring your bag chairs. Questions see Kyle Inman.

Bible Call Report - April 2021

We had OVER 18 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in APRIL with 165 calls.

Some of the most called topics this month were:

(8) 420 The Home: Responsibilities of Children (5) 101 What is Bible Call?, 653 The End of the World, 408 God's Unchanging Law on Marriage and Divorce , 407 Divorce & Remarriage (4) 115 Overcoming Depression , 311 What If I Have Been Baptized Unscripturally? , 312 How Do You Know You Have Been Saved?, 321 The Holy Spirit, 401 Key Words in Producing a Happy Home.,409 Help For a Troubled Marriage, 909 What is Wrong with Gambling?

Many times people listened to the same lesson again. We have members giving out the leaflet everywhere they go. You can also mail your neighborhood or a mission area every couple of months. Let the Elders know your commitment to this work. What are you doing to enlarge the borders of the Kingdom?

Any questions or aware of needs call David Epler 616 554 0990

Serving In Worship June 6, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk
DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dylan Muncy
Close - Ron Riddle
6:00 PM - David Epler
Close - Delmas Carr

SCRIPTURE

AM- Kyle Inman
PM - Klay Cochran

COMMUNION

AM - Jim Galloway
PM - Paul Saunders



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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 23, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	209
Facebook AM Service Views.....	185
Sunday Bible Class.....	145
Sunday PM Service.....	158
Facebook PM Service Views.....	120
Wednesday PM Service.....	143
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	129
Contribution.....	\$8468.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....	3
Restored or Requested Prayers....	1
Placed Membership.....	

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

Let me share an interesting way to get out of conflict. You could look the other person in the eye and ask, "What works best for you?" Okay, I get this isn't the most popular option - and that you might rather walk on hot coals than concede anything to someone who is irritating you. But, it worked for Abraham.

Abraham once looked at his nephew Lot and said - let's not fight over who gets the best land. You pick. I'll take what's left. Lot picks what looks like the best spot and leaves - conflict avoided.

But maybe you object. Why does the other person get the best spot? I should get it! But, here's the point - God can give you more. You choose love over ambition and that's the road to being blessed. Listen to what God tells Abraham after this happened: "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever." Do you see? It doesn't matter what we give away! God is a much better giver than we are.

Congregational Picnic

Saturday, June 5 at DuPont Park. Begin gathering at noon and eat at 1pm. Bring a covered dish to share.



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

June 6
"Peace with God"

Daily Bible Reading

May 31: Job 32-34

June 1: Job 35-37

June 2: Job 38-40

June 3: Job 41-42

June 4: Psalms 1-6

June 5: Psalms 7-11

June 6: Psalms 12-15

"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."