

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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**“Where you are always welcome”**

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## *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), 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...

- ♥ Linda Moncrief- has been in the hospital in Roanoke, VA.
- ♥ Jeff Fitcher, Ron Holleron's son-in-law- having health problems.
- ♥ Becky Ash, Tammy Kerns sister- will begin chemo again on May 26.
- ♥ Lenore Vaught- in the hospital after a fall.
- ♥ Becky Treadway, friend of many from OVCYC camp- in Wheeling ICU with Covid and Pneumonia.

## *Sympathy*

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Bill and Carolyn Davis and family on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Chris Davis. Her viewing is today from 2-4 and 6-8 with the funeral on Monday all at 11am at McClure-Schafer Lankford Funeral Home in Marietta, Ohio.

# 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.

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

**ADULT CLASS-** The new Sunday morning class book on James is available in the front foyer. Please pick one up.

**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-** May 16 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.
- 2 outside canopies for July 10 are needed. If you can bring one to use please see Mark T.

**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 May 16 at 2:30pm for Denzil Drain, a former member at Camden Avenue.



**“Thank you, Mothers. We hope your day ...  
is *Mom-entous!*”**

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## WHO IS MY MOTHER?

Mother's Day can be a challenge for many. After all, some mothers do not want to be mothers but are one anyway. Some mothers have aborted their babies and regret it and others have disowned their children and do not care. Some women want to be mothers but for one reason or another cannot be one. Sometimes a woman becomes a mother and loves being one very much, but sometimes children are taken away from them by circumstances beyond their control or a child is lost to an early death.

Then there is the difficulty of children who want to honor their mother on Mother's Day but because of abandonment, abuse, or even death this is not possible, because a mother is not there.

This reminds me of little Johnny who was only 4 years old when he brought a baby chicken to his father's study. The chick had strayed from a neighbor's farm. The father said, "John, take that chicken back to its mother. It has no mother, replied Johnny. Well, Johnny's dad said well then take it back to his father. It has no father either, it has nothing but an old lamp.

An electrical lamp will hatch the egg and preserve the chick until it is old enough to face life, but that is about all. A child can sleep in a warm bed, receive nutritious meals, and nice clothing but still, fail to have the companionship and nurturing that only a mother can provide.

Regardless of the situation, Mother's Day can be a challenging and difficult day for some. If Mother's Day is a difficult day for you, let me point you to two passages of scriptures for some encouragement.

Notice Luke 8:19-21, "Then his mother and his brothers came to him [Jesus], but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

And then, Luke 11:27-28, "As he [Jesus] said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Did you notice that Jesus points to those who hear the word of God and do it as a true family! Now Jesus is not belittling his mother, after all the scriptures tell us nothing but good about Jesus' mother, Mary. But Jesus understood that human mothers and families for that matter were limited, many of us know this often too well. But Jesus teaches us that those who hear the word of God and keep it, are truly family.

There are all kind of reasons why mothers, fathers, and children let us down and even disappoint us, but as Jesus teaches us those who hear the word of God and keep it will have a family better than any physical family can offer. In fact, we will even be blessed when we hear the word of God and do it.

Who is your mother? Be God's Mark T. Tonkery

***For all those wonderful mothers, Happy Mother's Day!***

# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

**Sermon Title: What does Mother Mean?**

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:28-31

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II. **O** - \_\_\_\_\_

III. **T** - \_\_\_\_\_

IV. **H** - \_\_\_\_\_

V. **E** - \_\_\_\_\_

VI. **R** - \_\_\_\_\_

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

**Sermon Title: The Downfall of Pride**

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 26:16-18

# Doug's Discussion

## Zeal is Not a Dirty Word

When you first became a Christian do you remember being excited about your new faith? And why not? I would say crossing from death to life is a cause for some celebration! I would completely understand the desire to tell friends about how Jesus saved you. We want them to have this kind of joy and peace too, right? And I would understand wanting to worship God with some passion while at church. If you loudly and enthusiastically sing "Jesus saves" I get it, even if the people sitting next to you in the pew are giving you funny looks. You remember any of that excitement? Or better yet, do you still have it? I fear with many it tends to fade over time – and maybe you become the person giving the funny looks.

I'm sorry to say that I have witnessed places where enthusiasm is met with suspicion. A little bit of excitement and people start to wonder if you're one of "those" people. Apparently the fear of being one of "those" people becomes contagious because during worship the songs are sung with as little emotion and volume as possible. Somehow I don't think that's what God had in mind when He said "everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way" (1 Corinthians 14:40). On the other hand, what do you think God was talking about when he told the Ephesians "You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen!" (Revelation 2:4-5)? Maybe a faith that began with excitement and joy fell into mumbled and half-hearted hymns.

Even as I write this I wonder if I just became one of "those" people in the minds of some. Well . . . it's worth it if one person decides to renew their zeal for the Lord. "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11). Don't be afraid to be like the guy building the wall of Jerusalem who "zealously repaired" (Nehemiah 3:20). If anyone got grouchy with him it was only because he was making them look bad. Don't be afraid to be heard from across the church building because you're so excited to be singing praise to God. Don't be afraid to smile as you remember that this is the day that the Lord has made. And when you meet someone who has a little of this kind of thing happening in their life "do not quench the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19). Zeal is not a dirty word. Spiritual fervor is not worth a dirty look. Those who know they are cleansed desire to, and should, celebrate.

Quench not  
the Spirit...

# 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



## Thank You

- ♥ We would like to thank our wonderful Christian family at Camden Avenue for all the prayers, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and food shown at the passing of Dorcas Jane Stanley. God's Blessings Always and Our Love, Jim & Sallie Hinzman

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

In Palestine there are two seas that are mentioned in the Bible—the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee is fed by the Jordan River and the Jordan River flows out of it. This water system supports many fish and supplies fresh water to thousands of people even today. The other sea is the Dead Sea, it receives its water from the Jordan River, and this is where the Jordan River ends. All the water that collects in the Dead Sea ends there and no water flows out, and no fish can live in its water.

These two seas remind me of two types of people: Some people are like the Sea of Galilee and receive many blessings and pass them on. In keeping with the Bible, they understand it is more of a blessing to give than receive. On the other hand, there are some people who are like the Dead Sea always taking but never giving. Ask yourself, which of these two seas am I most like?

Acts 20:35, "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



### **BIBLE CALL**

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**24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

**BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.**

**DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.**

## Serving In Worship May 16, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Jim Galloway

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle

Close - Rick Stanley

6:00 PM - John Life

Close - Josh Hall

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Paul Inman

PM - Jimmy Galloway

### COMMUNION

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Bill 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

May 2, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....203

Facebook AM Service Views.....158

Sunday Bible Class.....136

Sunday PM Service.....147

Facebook PM Service Views.....155

Wednesday PM Service.....154

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....139

Contribution.....\$10,520.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

## *In 2021 I commit to...*

- 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.

Turn in your commitments for this year. They can be placed in the collection basket or under the door to the office. They will be put in the bulletin anonymously.

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

May 16  
"A Good Conscience"

### Daily Bible Reading

**May 10:** 2 Chronicles 29-31

**May 11:** 2 Chronicles 32-34

**May 12:** 2 Chronicles 35-36

**May 13:** Ezra 1-4

**May 14:** Ezra 5-7

**May 15:** Ezra 8-10

**May 16:** Nehemiah 1-4

*"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."*