

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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God IS OUR *Refuge*
AND *Strength*



In Our Prayers

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Our church family in need of prayers

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, 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 Guerro (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...

- ♥ Jenny Reynolds in The Willows for therapy.
- ♥ Lois Nulter

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Russ Alton. His funeral was last week.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Lenore Vaught. Her funeral was last week.

We extend our sympathy to David Epler and family on the passing of his sister Rosalie Eli.

Announcements

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

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 today.

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

COME AND GO RETIRMENT CELEBRATION- In honor of Tom Butterfield on Sunday, June 27 at the Barlow Vincent church of Christ fellowship hall from 2-4pm. Due to the nature of Tom's unexpected retirement, a money tree and card basket will be available for anyone wishing to donate.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Wednesday, Paolo Di Luca from the Bridge St. church of Christ in New Martinsville, WV will be speaking on Renew your Trust. Mark Tonkery will be speaking in Beallsville, Ohio on their sermon series this Wednesday.

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

Don't Miss the Point

On December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright had successfully kept their homemade airplane in the air for fifty-nine seconds. Immediately they rushed a telegram to their sister in Dayton, Ohio, telling of this great accomplishment.

The telegram read, "First sustained flight today fifty-nine seconds. Hope to be home by Christmas." Upon receiving the news, the sister was excited about the success that she rushed to the newspaper office and gave the telegram to the editor. The next morning the newspaper headline read, "Popular Local Bicycle Merchants to Be Home For Holidays." One of the greatest stories of the 20th century was missed because an editor missed the point.



Have you ever told someone something and they missed the point? Years ago, I preached a sermon on Christian unity. One gentleman came up to me after the sermon and complimented me on my sermon and proceeded to thank me for promoting his favorite translation of the Bible. I was speechless and did not know how to respond. This gentleman really missed the point, my sermon was not about translations of the Bible.

As I think about these two illustrations, it is a reminder of how easy it is for people to miss the point, especially when it comes to our faith and relationship with the Lord. Ecclesiastes 12:13, instructs us that the main point of life is this: "...Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

How many of us know that this is the main point of our lives, to fear God and keep his commandments? It is so easy to get sidetracked thinking our main point of living is to make money, to have a family, to help our children succeed in sports, academics, or popularity, or to live for pleasure and the enjoyments found in this life. So, many times we miss the point of life and forget that fearing the Lord and keeping His commands is the whole point of living.

We are here on this earth, to serve the Lord. Paul put it this way in Galatians 1:10, "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Despite all the distractions of the world, may we always remember to fear God and keep His commandments. Don't miss the point! In Christ's love, Mark T. Tonkery

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Equipped for Service

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:27

1: What are some ways you can think of to reach the next generation?

2: How much work for the Lord is there to do? And where do you think we can find workers to do this work?

3: If you CAN work, should you?

4: How much responsibilities did you have when you were a baby? When you grew up how did this change? (1 Peter 2:2-3, Mark 10:45)

5: If you're not currently involved in service, what do you think you could begin doing? (Ephesians 4:11-12).

6: How does being a part of the church (1 Corinthians 12:27) mean that your work is important?

7: What are two really good things that will happen if you take part in the Lord's work?

8: How do you think your example of service affects the service of those who will come later?

PM Sermon: Doug Wells

The Young Under Attack

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:11

Doug's Discussion

Show Children They're Important

Let me tell you a little bit about a man named Chuck Middleton. He's one of the kindest and most generous men I've ever met. I'm sure there's some heavenly warehouse somewhere stocked with all the rewards for the good deeds he has done. One of those good deeds was the friendship that he maintained with my kids. Maybe it was because he remembered what it was like to be a preacher's kid . . . but Chuck always had time to talk to them. He may have also snuck them some of his famous chocolate chip cookies from time to time. My kids loved Chuck, and it was very hard when we moved from where he worshiped to be closer to family. We all miss him and his ridiculously good cookies.

I tell you all that because it is my opinion that relationships like the one I described are extremely helpful in keeping children in the church. In their minds church equals people like Chuck, people who love sacrificially and are there for you when you're in need. Research suggests the people who stay in church tend to have at least seven positive connections with the people who are there. What I'm encouraging is that you be like Chuck. Be one of those connections if you have the opportunity to do so. Help direct little minds and hearts toward the One who says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

The change that takes place in the heart and mind of a child when someone tells them with their time and their words that they are important is remarkable. The smile on my daughter's face whenever Chuck waved hello isn't something I'll soon forget. And shouldn't we give children this message: that they matter? They do! How will God's work in this world continue without them? Even if our churches are packed and full of ministry now that can all change quickly. When we are gathered to our fathers a new generation will rise up. If they don't know God or what He has done because as a child they were ignored then shame on us. So don't ignore them. Make them cookies (with parental permission of course). Treat them like a human being. Then maybe they love coming to church, and maybe it's at least partly because of you.



Thank You

- ♥ A special thank you for the cards received for my birthday and for the well wishes on Facebook. All were greatly appreciated. Herb Wright
- ♥ Thank you everyone for the anniversary cards and notes for our anniversary. Mark and Laura Tonkery

Youth News

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.

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

I've noticed that the value of something is often attached to the one who made it. For example, if I went and painted some weird, abstract picture, framed it, and put it in a yard sale I MIGHT be able to sell it for a dollar. Then whoever bought it would take out the picture and reuse the frame. But, if PICASSO did the same thing HIS painting could be worth millions of dollars! His might not even look that different from mine, but there's still a huge difference in value because he is a famous artist and I am not. The maker matters.

That's why I'm convinced you all have great value. Don't believe the nonsense some proclaim about your creation being some kind of accident. No, you were made by God. As the Word says, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Picasso drew a picture in his image once and it was worth 70 million dollars. And he's just a man. What do you think you're worth since you're made by God in the image of God? I think you're worth quite a lot.

Serving In Worship

June 13, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson

Close - Jeff Taberner

6:00 PM - Kevin Cochran

Close - Ryan Highman

SCRIPTURE

AM- Dennis Keller

PM - Don Dougherty

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Stan Inman



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 30, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....200

Facebook AM Service Views.....205

Sunday Bible Class.....135

Sunday PM Service.....154

Facebook PM Service Views.....138

Wednesday PM Service.....161

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....127

Contribution.....\$6637.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

An Invitation Makes a Difference

On Monday a friend met me on the street. "I noticed you were absent from our last civic club meeting," he said. "Will you be there next Wednesday?"

"No," I replied. "I can't make it. Don't look for me."

Two men asked me on Tuesday if I could come. I said to the first, "I wish I could, but I can't this week." The next one I told, "My schedule looks impossible, but I'll try to find the time to come."

Wednesday morning in the post office a fourth man asked if I would be at the meeting that day. "I'll try to come," I replied, "but I may not make it." Before I got to my car, a fifth man stopped me, and I promised I would be there for sure.

I don't know whose official duty it was to contact me, but I couldn't resist the invitation from five different men. We all like to go where we are wanted. If you want the unsaved, the indifferent, and absentees to attend church, you must let them know. If you really want them to come, you will find the opportunity to invite them. This is a task for every member of our church.

The Lost Boy

Once a little boy was lost in the woods. The alarm was sounded; a church meeting broke up; the whole congregation and neighborhood responded. Fishermen abandoned their nets and merchants closed shops. Plows were left in the field and washing in the tub. Everyone turned out to hunt the little fellow. There was feverish haste. The night was dark and harm might befall the little fellow. After hours of search, he was found, and oh, the joy that was felt because of the rescue.

Today that boy is grown. He is lost again! But none seems to care. Mom and Dad are busy with other things. The church doesn't seem to care. No alarm is sent out. Yet, a far worse fate awaits him now. You see, he is now lost in sin! Do we really care? ...Enough to do something?

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

June 13
"You Can Have Eternal
Life"

Daily Bible Reading

June 7: Psalms 16-19

June 8: Psalms 20-24

June 9: Psalms 25-28

June 10: Psalms 29-31

June 11: Psalms 32-34

June 12: Psalms 35-37

June 13: Psalms 38-41

"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."