

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED
in the name of JESUS CHRIST for
the remission of sins and you will
receive the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT
-Acts 2:38-



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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Don Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Peg Phillips, 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, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), 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), Glen & Karen Morrell, 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.

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

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Lois Nulter
- Don Nesselroad
- Elena Gray is home but will be undergoing more testing and procedures.
- Dennis Keller- recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Harvey & Mary Caplinger
- Sharon Fluharty, sister of Joyce Wright has been in Cleveland Clinic for over 20 days.

Sympathy

♥ We extend our sympathy to Patty Alton on the passing of her sister-in-law, Katherine Workman. She passed away last week.

Announcements

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

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Wednesday, Jay D. Smith from Rockport, WV will be speaking on Renew your Sincerity.

KINGS ISLAND TRIP- Money is due to Doug Wells today.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Today, 6:00pm at Ullman Street church of Christ in Beverly, Ohio. If you plan on riding the church van let Jeff Taberner know.

LOCAL VBS- Hopewell church of Christ July 25 6pm-7:30pm through July 28 7pm- 8:30pm, Bridgeport church of Christ August 21 9:30am- noon.

IN SEARCH PROGRAM- The program for August 1 will be moved to CBS from 7:30am-8am due to the Olympics.

LADS TO LEADERS- Kick off lunch, August 15 after A.M. services. Bring drinks and desserts. Pizza will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Celebration of Life for Dr. Charles Aebi at Barlow Vincent - September 4

Traveling Youth Group at Camden Avenue - September 26

Fall Gospel Meeting - October 3-6

Bible Bowl - October 9

West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship - October 24-28



Care Group 4 invites everyone to the first fellowship dinner of 2021.
August 8 after morning worship and Bible class.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Christian Youth Camp



This week I will be at West Virginia Christian Youth Camp (WVCYC) helping direct All Age Week. For me, camp is always a special time but maybe camp isn't for everyone. Here are some letters that moms and dads received while their children were at camp:

- "Dear mom and dad, they're making us write home. Love, Thomas."
- "Dear mommy, the doctor said the rash should go away by the time camp is over."
- "Dear daddy and mommy, having a fun time. We swim, hike, and play games. After lights out we cry ourselves to sleep. Love, Julie."
- Dear mom, this place is so neat. I've seen some of the biggest snakes ever! How many can I bring home?"
- "Dear mother, I'm hungry all the time! Please send me more food. All they serve here is meals." (*Taken from the Bulletin Digest*).

If you have ever been to church camp, what kind of letter would you have written home? I confess I cannot remember ever writing a letter home from camp, one it was only a week, and I would have more than likely beat the letter home. Second, I was having too much fun, I loved camp and didn't have time to write letters.

For over 30 years I have been going to church camp. Church Camp offers an escape from the ordinary. It gives a person a chance to look and listen to the sights and sounds of God's creation. One can see the stars, clouds, blue skies, and trees. Sometimes we feel the rain and cool nights too. We can listen to the wind blow, frogs chirp, water flow through the stream, and birds sing.

Camp gives us a break from all the man-made devices, the going here and there, the busyness, and running from day to day. Here we can stop and do something different for a moment, it is an escape from the ordinary. At this moment we have an opportunity to wonder, meditate, think about God, grow in faith, and build relationships with other Christians, as well as teach non-Christians the gospel.

Jesus would often get away from the crowds and go into the mountains or desolate places to pray as we see in Matthew 14:23, which reads, "And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone."

When was the last time you took a day off from the ordinary and spent time with God in the great outdoors? We take time off from school and work to go on vacations, but when was the last time you spent the day in God's creation praying, reading the Bible, singing, and thinking about God?

God Bless you and have a great week! Mark T. Tonkery

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Renew and Refresh

Text: Acts 3:19-20

1: What have you done that seemed like a good idea at the time . . . but later you understood it wasn't a good idea at all?

2: Do you think crucifying Jesus seemed like a good idea to those who did it? How do you think they felt after Jesus was revealed to be the Son of God?

3: How well do you handle making a mistake? How about a mistake that was, directly or indirectly, persecuting Jesus? (Acts 9:4)

4: Ignorance is one thing. But what should you do when the ignorance is cured? What do some do instead?

5: How might the history of the Jewish people been different if they had accepted Jesus? (Luke 19:42-44)

6: Are better times promised to everybody? (2 Timothy 3:13)

7: What did God promise through Peter to those who repent? (Acts 3:19-20)

8: What is something you need to repent of? Might you need to repent of something that you're not aware of right now? What will you do if God makes a need for repentance clear to you?

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Make Room for Family

Text: Galatians 6:10

Doug's Discussion

The Church is Beautiful

Weddings can be incredibly beautiful. Sure, you have the amazing aesthetics with the white dress and the flower petals. But even above that you see the beauty of two people pledging their love and fellowship for the rest of their lives. As I look around the church auditorium I see so many couples who lived out that beauty. Thirty, forty, even fifty years of marriage commitment. Praise God for these examples! So beautiful.

The church has this kind of beauty. “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word” (Ephesians 5:25). What comes to mind when you think of the church? I’m sorry to say that for many people today “beautiful” isn’t the first word that comes to mind. Uglier words are quicker to rise to the top. Words like “self-righteous,” “obsolete,” or maybe for you it’s just the place you “have to go” to keep your spouse or your parents off your back. I’m sorry if you’re missing the beauty. It’s there.

The church is the place where people get ready to spend their lives with Jesus. Are we perfect people? No. We’re working on our relationship with God and with each other all the time. But we are preparing. We are putting on the wedding garments. We are vowing our commitment to the Lord. And we are always hoping, always praying for the day when the earthly separation between us and Jesus is no more. And on that day we will say “Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready” (Revelation 19:7).

A wedding on earth hopefully leads to being together for several decades. The wedding of the lamb leads to being together with Jesus forever. This is a beauty that cannot be marred by pain or death. The next time you think of the church think of that. Beautiful.



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

If you have every received a Bible as a gift, you might want to pay attention to this story. A few years ago, a rancher and his bride received a nice Bible as a wedding gift from his grandfather. They wrote a thank you note and stowed the Bible in a closet where it stayed for several years. Over those years the grandfather would ask every so often how they liked their Bible. Finally, they became curious, dug it out, and leafed through it. In the Bible the couple found 66 twenty-dollar bills - one for each book of the Bible.

The grandfather gave them a monetary treasure to be discovered, but God has left immeasurable spiritual riches in the pages of the Bible (story adapted from Kathleen Norris. *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*).



Understanding the Bible takes effort (2 Timothy 2:15), but its treasures are worth the investment. Will you open your Bible up today and find the treasure that is within it?

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Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for the food, phone calls, texts and Facebook posts on the passing of Kay's Aunt. Rick and Kay Stanley
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, prayers, texts and phone calls during my recovery from my accident. I am slowly getting better with 7 broken ribs. Bob Miller

Serving In Worship

August 1, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley
 PM - Ryan Highman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Life
 Close - Brandon Sheppard
 6:00 PM - Mike Wade
 Close - Kevin Cochran

SCRIPTURE

AM- Kody Inman
 PM - Chris Tallman

COMMUNION

AM - Dennis Keller
 PM - Don Dougherty



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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

July 18, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....213
 Facebook AM Service Views.....160
 Sunday Bible Class.....134
 Sunday PM Service.....150
 Facebook PM Service Views.....126
 Wednesday PM Service.....No count
 Facebook Wed. PM Views.....119
 Contribution.....\$7904.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

"Call David"

My son, David, is a constant source of surprise to me. It seems that he can do anything he sets his mind to - building a house (including the concrete work, plumbing, electrical, and everything else), rebuilding engines on vehicles, repairs on home appliances, data services and solutions for large companies in the U.S. and abroad - you name it.

Perhaps I should have seen it coming. As a youngster he tore everything apart to see how it worked (it wasn't long until he could put everything back together in its proper place or even improvise where parts were broken). He reminds me much more of his two grandfathers than he does me. Whenever anyone in our family runs into a problem the immediate response is, "Call David."

Recently, while working on a project together (he furnished the brains and skills while I handed him things), I remarked, "David, I will never understand how you have learned to do so many different things." His reply was, "I've just been willing to try. Most aren't." Is that the secret? Willingness?

For those who have intellectual difficulty with the Bible and the teachings of Jesus, our Lord provides the answer. "If any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority" (John 7:17). The answer lies in the "will." Unwillingness to do God's will leaves us in a state of doubt. As my esteemed teacher, Frank Pack, wrote: "The real proof that Jesus' teaching is not of human origin but from God finally comes to any man whose will is to carry out consistently the will of God. In this he learns through his faithful obedience the divine nature of the Lord's teaching."

I read somewhere that there are three kinds of people in the world, the wills, the won'ts, and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything. Taken from Bulletin Digest

I WILL!

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
 at 7:30

Next week will be
 available for view on
 WIYE-CBS

Daily Bible Reading

July 26: Proverbs 28 -31

July 27: Ecclesiastes 1 - 3

July 28: Ecclesiastes 4 - 6

July 29: Ecclesiastes 7 - 9

July 30: Ecclesiastes 10 - 12

July 31: Song of Solomon 1 - 3

August 1: Song of Solomon 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."