

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob 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, Shirley Martin, 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, Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Ila Clark (Scott Johnson's Aunt), Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), 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), Linda Jones (Tammy Kern's Mother), Serenity Jones (relative of Cindy Huxley), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Glen & Karen Morrell, John Rockhold III, Michele Scherer, 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.

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Lois Nulter
- Don Nesselroad
- Elena Gray
- Bill Deem is home.
- Peggy Cowdery- recovering from hip surgery
- Ruth & Everett Sams
- Linda Jones- Tammy Kerns mom in ICU in Columbus.
- Debbie Plum, wife of Dan Plum minister at Veto church of Christ- in the hospital with covid and pneumonia.

Thank You

- ♥ Ruth Wells would like to thank God and everyone who sent cards, called, prayed and/or participated in the drive by parade. Her spirit was lifted mightily.
- ♥ Wanted to thank everyone for my get well cards and calls. They really made my day. Lucille Hardman
- ♥ Church Family, You brightened my day by the cards and good wishes for my birthday. Thank you for not forgetting me. We both miss the fellowship. Dearll Vincent

Announcements

VISITORS- We are happy you could join us today! Please complete a visitor card and place it in the basket on the communion table.

MOWING CREW- Team 4 is signed up to mow this week. Team 4 is Kevin Cochran, Brian Haught, Bill Merrill, Dennis Keller and Glen Snider.

FALL GOSPEL MEETING- October 3-6 with David Price from Morehead City, NC. Flyers and postcards are available on the table in the foyer.

BIBLE BOWL- October 9 over Joshua.

WEST VIRGINIA POWER GAME- Friday, September 17. The cost for game tickets is \$6.00 and cost for gas will be about \$8.00. Sign up on the counter in the foyer. See Kyle Inman with any questions.

CLOTHING ROOM NEWS- The Clothing Giveaway is on the schedule for November. We are only requesting adult and kids coats, winter hats, gloves and blankets at this time. We especially need kids coats; sizes 4 to 14. (Please no clothes at this time). You can leave them in the red box in the corner of the front foyer. Any questions contact Chris or Terry Hofmann.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH- Care Group 1 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch **Today** after Bible class.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING- September 19 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESS- Please turn in the addresses of our Camden Avenue college students to the office.

PROJECT HELP NEEDED- I am working on my Red Coat project for Lads to Leaders. For this project I will be working with Love and Care doing a variety of activities. One of these will be a bag that will be put together for each lady. In order to create these bags I am in need of donations. The donations that are needed are: Bible bookmarks, Small trinkets, Handwritten cards, Individual Tissues, Fluffy Socks and Large Print Activity Books. There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer. Items can be left in the marked box in the front foyer, if you have any questions please ask. Samantha Tonkery

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What was I supposed to be?

The topic of abortion has once again come to the forefront of our attention with the state of Texas passing the “heartbeat law” which bans abortions once a baby’s heartbeat is detectable, which typically occurs in the sixth week of pregnancy; sadly, abortions are still permitted in Texas and in the rest of the United States.

With all the emotions that are attached to abortion, my heart aches for the children who are murdered every time an abortion is performed.

Years ago, the quartet singing group “Acappella” sang a song entitled, “What was I supposed to be?” The song imagines an aborted baby asking Jesus the question of what they were supposed to be? Some of the answers to the question were things such as a doctor, or a minister. The song is a very powerful reminder that abortion not only kills a child but also destroys the opportunity for our world to benefit from the blessing of a child and the advancements that a child could have provided for our society. As can be illustrated from the following four separate scenarios where a person might think abortion was justified but notice the results:

- First, consider the case of the preacher and his wife who already have fourteen children. As you might expect, they are living in abject poverty. Now she’s pregnant again. Considering the flourishing world population, and knowing that these parents can hardly feed the family they already have, would you recommend an abortion?
- In the second case, the father fights perpetual allergies. The mother has TB. One of their children is blind, another has died. One is deaf and the fourth shares his mother’s TB. Should they abort child number five?
- Third, a white man raped a teenage black girl. Now she’s pregnant. If you were her parents, would you agree with friends and social workers, who recommend an abortion?
- And last. A teenage girl is pregnant but unmarried. Her fiancée is not the father of the baby. Should they insist on an abortion?

So, what are you thinking? Is an abortion justified in any or all these cases?

- In the first case, we would have killed John Wesley, a famous denominational preacher of the 19th century.
- In the second case, we would have killed Beethoven and silenced the symphonies he lived to write.
- In the third case, the child produced by a mixed-race rape grew up to Ethel Waters, a famous singer.
- And finally, if we aborted the fourth baby, we would have ended the life of Jesus Christ.

In retrospect, no abortion would seem reasonable to the person it was supposed to exterminate, would it? Even those who are not famous or talented like the examples above are people made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27) and as the Psalmist states, in Ps. 139:14, are “...fearfully and wonderfully made.” Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

A Glimpse of Heaven

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 1:1

"Now it came to _____ in the thirtieth _____, in the fourth _____, on the fifth _____ of the _____, as I was among the _____ by the _____, that the _____ were opened and I saw _____ of God." Ezekiel 1:1

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Have you meet my Jesus?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Doug's Discussion

Repenting Before the Review

When I was a preaching intern in Pittsburgh there was something that I had to do every Monday morning. I would preach a sermon on Sunday, and then every Monday I would sit in a room with a preacher and an elder telling me how I did. One critique I heard often was that I preach too fast. (And I did, as a young preacher I was nervous). I was motivated to go slower though because I knew that if I was hasty the next day I would hear about it. I'm glad though – knowing that someone would be reviewing my work made me try harder. It gave me motivation to improve from week to week. Having someone keeping me accountable helped me in living out the Bible's standard for working hard: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23).

But what if someone ignores the fact that their work is going to be reviewed? What if someone spends most of their time on the job playing solitaire? What if they ignore directions given to them by their employer? What if someone puts in the minimum amount of work just to get by? Someday the boss is going to call that person into the office for a review, and I doubt it will go well. If I was talking to that worker I might say "look man, you need to try harder. The quality of your work is going to be judged by your boss and if you don't do better that won't be a good thing for you. Wouldn't you rather be rewarded than punished?"

Well, maybe you've never had a work review, but there will come a day when we will all be "called in". The Bible speaks of a day of judgement where we will all stand before God. "And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books" (Revelation 20:12). Our LIVES are going to be reviewed. And if our lives are filled with things we were unwilling to repent of, if they are full of a rejection of God then I imagine that is going to come up. Know that review is coming – and decide now to try harder. God says "repent and live!" If we live for God than instead of a punishment that day will bring a reward.

"AND WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT HEARTILY, AS TO THE LORD AND NOT TO MEN." COLOSSIANS 3:23

Youth News

CYC MEETING-There will be a meeting for any 6th grade and up youth interested in going to CYC. Sunday, September 19th after AM Bible class in the front of the auditorium in the wing by door 6.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Will be holding the evening services at Camden Avenue on September 26.

AREA WIDE YOUTH GAME NIGHT- September 25 from 4-7pm at the Wood County 4H Campground. Sponsored by the Sunrise church of Christ. There is a flyer on the Youth board.

Pantry Request

Each Care Group is being asked to bring in the following items to help keep our pantry stocked. Place them on the table in the pantry.

Care Group 1- Saltine Crackers

Care Group 2- Instant Potatoes (Box and Single Serve)

Care Group 3- Peanut Butter & Jelly

Care Group 4- Hamburger Helper

Placing Membership

We are pleased to announce that Virginia Stahlman has decided to place membership at Camden Avenue. Her address is 2618 - 27th Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26101 . Virginia will be in Care Group 4.

Local Meetings

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY & LADIES DAY **CANCELLED** at Sixth and Washington Streets church of Christ

DAY OF EDIFICATION- Chapel Hill church of Christ in Gallipolis Ohio, September 25

MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT- Sponsored by Richland Road church of Christ at Round Lake Lakeville, Ohio, September 24-25. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

FALL GOSPEL MEETING- Spencer church of Christ, October 3-8.

LECTURESHIP- at West Virginia School of Preaching, October 24-28.

Serving In Worship September 19, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Jon Hescht

6:00 PM - Keith Smith

Close - Ira Kimes

SCRIPTURE

AM- Doug Hershman

PM - Gary Alton

COMMUNION

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - Jeff Taberner



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

September 5, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	184
Facebook AM Service Views.....	216
Sunday Bible Class.....	126
Sunday PM Service.....	154
Facebook PM Service Views.....	145
Wednesday PM Service.....	164
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	120
Contribution.....	\$13960.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells *Heard on 910am WLTP*

Ben Stein once asked the atheist Richard Dawkins what he would say if he died and then was standing before God. Dawkins said he would tell God, "I'm sorry sir, but you didn't give me enough evidence."

I think that reply is interesting considering how much evidence for God there is. But what if God gave more? What if there was direct proof of God, right in front of us, all the time? Do you think the whole world would then bow before the Lord and worship Him with all their hearts? Would they then honor and cherish God's Word?

Let's say there was a mountain that burned with a fire that reached into the heavens, and a heavenly voice that came out of darkness. Would all honor God then? Historically - no. There was once a fiery mountain, and while the fire burned the Israelites made golden idols to worship instead.

Let's face it, no matter what the proof is some will do and believe whatever they want. What makes the difference is our attitude. Is your heart open to God? If not - no evidence will convince you.

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AND CO-WORKERS.**



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

September 19
"When You Face
God"

Daily Bible Reading

September 13: Ezekiel 2 - 4

September 14: Ezekiel 5 - 7

September 15: Ezekiel 8 - 10

September 16: Ezekiel 11 - 13

September 17: Ezekiel 14 - 16

September 18: Ezekiel 17 - 19

September 19: Ezekiel 20 - 22

"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."