


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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— **THE LORD HIMSELF** —
is who goes before you.
HE WILL BE WITH YOU.
He will not fail you
NOR FORSAKE YOU.
Don't be afraid.
DON'T BE DISCOURAGED.
Deuteronomy 31:8

In Our Prayers

Elders:

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Todd Kirk
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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, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells, Tammie Wilson

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), 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), Serenity Jones (relative of Cindy Huxley), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Randy Modesitt (Brittany Gray's uncle), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), John Rockhold III, Korbin Schaner (Great-Grandson of the Eplers), 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.

Please let the office know of any updates to the prayer list.

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Elena Gray going through treatments
- Dot Haught- back surgery has been changed to November 11.
- Harvey Caplinger & Daughter Tammy having health problems.
- Mary Caplinger diagnosed with Covid.
- Shirley Martin having health issues.
- Kevin Rumbaugh, Cotton Sayre's nephew- is making some progress. He was able to be taken off the ventilator but is still in ICU with many issues.
- Jerrilyn Kirkbride, a coworker of Paul Saunders, has 2 relatives in Morgantown hospital. Her husband Greg with heart issues and A newly born grandson Walker.
- Doug Freeman, friend of Paul Saunders, at home recovering from Covid.
- Ruth Wells has Covid and pneumonia is in Camden Clark hospital.
- Dearll Vincent was in the hospital last week.
- Naoma Messer, Shirley Martin's sister, in the hospital in Florida with a collapsed lung.
- Eric Sutton, friend of Charlotte Deem, is out of the hospital and doing better.



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 2 is signed up to mow this week. Team 2 is Mike Bayer, Dylan Muncy and Jim Galloway.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- October 31st at Rockport church of Christ.

WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS- The 11:00am Wednesday class will begin November 10.

SOUP BEAN & HAM LUNCH- November 10 after morning Bible class. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the foyer.

CLOTHING ROOM NEWS- Our Clothing Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th. We had over 270 people last year so we need a lot of help. Thursday, November 11th there are two times that we need help to get ready for Saturday. From 9am-11am and from 6pm-8pm. The Giveaway will be Saturday from 9am-12pm. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for those who would like to help. Any questions contact Chris or Terry Hofmann.

DIRECTORY UPDATES-

- Linda Camp 47 Gihon Meadows Dr. Apt. 133 Parkersburg, WV 26101
- Kyle & Sarah Inman 70 E Wildwood Dr. Parkersburg, WV 26101

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

WIDOW & WIDOWERS TECH FAIR- Pine Grove church of Christ, October 30.

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- Spaghetti Noodles

Care Group 2- Carrots/Mixed Veggies

Care Group 3- Canned Potatoes

Care Group 4- Cereal

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

I quit

She was a nurse. She quit the other day. It was not due to her refusing to be vaccinated or a problem with her pay. It was her patients that made her quit. The story goes there was this guy who was dealing with Covid, and he was having lung problems. He ended up having a lung transplant. The doctors and nurses watched this man very carefully, especially this one nurse. She really cared for her patients. As this man was recovering, he would sneak out of the hospital and go to the liquor store. He would get drunk and come back to the hospital at night, cold, wheezing, and coughing. He was a mess.

This nurse would rush to his aid, get the oxygen, and nurse him, even going over her eight-hour shift. She was tired, she had back problems, her leg muscles were all knotted up. Standing sixteen hours will do that to you. But finally, she nursed this man back to health, he was breathing again, she takes away the oxygen, and then there he went back to the liquor store. This happened over and over, with different patients.

So, at the end of her shift one night she had enough; she finally quit. Why should I care? They don't care! Let them die she said. The next morning, she goes to work.^[1]

Then there is this preacher. He quit too. It wasn't because of a bad sermon he preached, or even an elders' meeting that did not go so well. It was the church members who made him quit. The story goes that each Sunday he would do his very best to present the word of God. He would study for hours each week to prepare his sermons, "to rightly divide the word of truth." He would sometimes spend hours studying the Bible with people, some who wanted to become a Christian, others who were Christians but needed more teaching. At the conclusion of each sermon and Bible study, he heard the same thing, "thank you, preacher," or "great lesson, preacher." As the person would go back into the world, being mean, unforgiving, sleeping around, drinking, using profanity, and every other sin one can think of.

"Didn't they listen to anything I shared from God's word?" He would say to himself. Then Sunday came; again. There were the people again, coming in late, weary from their wrongdoings, bad attitudes, and blatant disregard for spiritual things. They had not changed from the week before or even the weeks before of Biblical preaching. They had not repented, changed, or corrected their lives at all. This happened week after week. Like the Apostle Paul, this preacher carried the daily pressure of the church (2 Cor. 11:28). He was tired emotionally, mentally, and even physically. Yet, the preacher mustered his strength once again as he mounted the pulpit.

He got through the sermons on this Sunday, but that night he was at his "wit's end"; the "final straw had been drawn"; he quit. He finally quit. Why should I care? They don't care! They don't listen! They don't repent! Let them die in their sins he said.

The next morning, he goes to work.

***"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
(1 Cor. 15:58)***

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Do Wisemen still seek Jesus?

Scripture reading: Matthew 2:1-2

“Now _____ Jesus was born in _____ of Judea in the days of _____ the king, behold, _____ from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘ _____ is He who has been _____ King of the _____? For we have _____ His star in the _____ and have come to _____ Him.’” Matthew 2:1-2

I. Wisemen _____ Jesus (Mt. 2:1-2)

II. Wisemen _____ Jesus (Mt. 2:11)

III. Wisemen _____ to Jesus (Mt. 2:11)

IV. Wisemen _____ Jesus (Mt. 2:12)

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Yield not to Temptation

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-2

Doug's Discussion

No Need to Brag

Bragging and boasting is counterintuitive. When you meet someone who just can't seem to stop talking about how great he is you may think "this person clearly is too high on himself. I ought to knock him down a notch or two." And you may even try by going the other direction – they say how great they are and you say how worthless they are . . . thinking this will balance things out. I don't think that will work. In fact, you'll probably make the situation worse. The reason is that those who boast and brag are often doing so because of their great hidden insecurities. I don't think these people really think they are as great as they are proclaiming. No, just the opposite. For every "I'm so great" they say out loud there is an "I'm so worthless" said internally.



I have two main reasons for explaining that. One: I encourage you to show some mercy to the braggers. A "good job" is much more likely to get them to stop than an "I don't care." Secondly, this may be a temptation you struggle with. Perhaps you are someone who has a really hard time keeping good deeds, skills, or character qualities to yourself. I think one of the best ways to fight this temptation is to find a way to have more self-worth. Like I said, counterintuitive. And what could help you value yourself more? I suggest working on seeing yourself the way God sees you. Open up your Bible and read about how much He loves you. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31). "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Know this: God loves you and treasures you, even enough to die for you. Still feel the need to boast about your trading card collection or your job promotion?

My friend, you are fearfully and wonderfully made by the Master Creator. As a popular T-Shirt says, "I know I'm SOMEBODY cause God don't make no junk!" Ignore the double negative there and just affirm that simply being God's creation gives you considerable worth. And He didn't create you and forgetfully throw you in some bin somewhere. He made you and consistently cares about you. If you're going to boast about anything, boast about that.

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910am WLTP

What does a new heart cost? According to Fortune Magazine, a heart transplant cost \$1.4 million dollars, that is a lot of money but really such a small price to pay in saving one's life. Yet, the most lasting heart transplant one can receive is the one Jesus performs on a person when they surrender their life to Him in obeying the Gospel (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Now I am not talking about our blood pumping muscle. I am talking about the heart, which is the soul or our mind, the foundation of our thoughts, purposes, and endeavors.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 3:17, "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love," When one does this, they receive a new heart that never will expire, never fails, and never needs replacing again. Have you allowed Jesus to transform your heart?

The Greatest Things in Life

People today are infatuated with greatness. We speak of the greatest play, the greatest disaster, the greatest influence, the greatest man, the greatest speech, etc. What are the greatest things in life?

The greatest object in life is to glorify God in all that we do. *"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Cor. 10:31).

The greatest knowledge in life is knowing God and His Son, Jesus Christ. *"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent"* (John 17:3).

The greatest joy in life is the joy of salvation. *"Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith the salvation of your souls"* (1 John 5:41).

The greatest victory in life is overcoming the world. *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - and our faith"* (1 John 5:41).

The greatest prize to be sought in life is eternal life. *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, will give me on that day; and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing"* (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

The greatest decision in life is the decision to follow Christ. *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'"* (John 14:6).

Dear friend, do not be detoured by material things! The Master said, *"Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses"* (Luke 12:15). Spiritual things, the greatest things must come first. The Master said, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"* (Matthew 6:33). What are the greatest things? Ask yourself this question: "Where will I be 500 years from now?"

Serving In Worship October 31, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught
PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Mark Tonkery
Close - Ronald Holleron
6:00 PM - Todd Kirk
Close - Ken Barnes

SCRIPTURE

AM- John Life
PM - Ira Kimes

COMMUNION

AM - Daniel Rich
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

October 17, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....185
Facebook AM Service Views.....170
Sunday Bible Class.....125
Sunday PM Service.....128
Facebook PM Service Views.....178
Wednesday PM Service.....135
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....158
Contribution.....\$10,143.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3
Restored or Requested Prayers....1
Placed Membership.....2

Birthday's & Anniversaries



1- Brian Knotts
2- Kevin Inman
4- Rochelle Young
5- Clifton Inman
5- Rebecca Miller
5- Ottie Galloway
8- Natalie Haught
8- Leon Hupp
8- Peggy Riddle
9- Gregg Hennen
11- Parker Hoover
11- Bill & Sherry Hoover*
14- Kimberlee Shears
14- Klara Barnes
16- Lexi Knotts
17- Gary Alton
17- Drake Logston
18- Mary Caplinger
18- Kelly Fleak

18- Josh Hall
20- Bill & Mary Lemley*
21- Gwen Johnson
21- Ken & Mariella Barnes*
22- Van Putnam
22- Braidon & Lexi Knotts*
23- Carol Vincent
23- Tabettha Rich
24- Linda Hall
24- Kay Stanley
25- Debby Nesselroad
25- Mary Nesselroad
26- Bonnie Sams
28- Bob Armstrong
29- Chelsea Inman



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AND CO-WORKERS.**

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

October 31
"The Righteous Life"

Daily Bible Reading

October 25: Matthew 5 - 9

October 26: Matthew 10 - 13

October 27: Matthew 14 - 17

October 28: Matthew 18 - 21

October 29: Matthew 22 - 25

October 30: Matthew 26 - 28

October 31: Mark 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."*