

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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## *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, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, 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), Roy Clark, 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), 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.

### **Updates to the prayer list this week:**

- Elena Gray going through treatments
- Dot Hought- recovering from back surgery
- Shirley Martin having health issues.
- Gilbert Hardman in Encompass Health.
- Joe Wilson
- Tammie Wilson having health procedures done.
- Gary Burton in Camden Clark.

## *Thank You*

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Gary Farris. Gary passed away on Wednesday evening.

# *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.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS**- Has begun. It is at 11:00am each Wednesday.

**RAKE AND RUN**- Sunday, December 5. If you need your leaves raked please sign up on the counter in the foyer.

**CAROLING**- Mark your calendars for December 11. More details will be coming.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**- Care Group 3 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch today.

**TEACHER NEEDED**- For the Wednesday evening Cradle Roll class and a helper for the Wednesday 3rd-5th grade class beginning in December. See Doug Wells if you can help.

**ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING**- November 21 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

**LOVE AND CARE DEVOTIONAL**- November 16 from 6pm-7pm all are welcome to come for a devotional and singing. This is being put together as a part of the Lads to Leaders Red Coat project. See Samantha Tonkery if you are able to help.

**CHECK IT OUT**- The West Virginia Christian paper for November has a "Children's Corner" written by our own Tammy Kerns.

# *Thank You*

- ♥ Thank you for the cards, beautiful flowers, food that was brought to the house, and for those who came to the viewing/funeral. Above all, thank you for the prayers given on our behalf. We are comforted by knowing that Mom was faithful to the end. The family of Ruth Wells.
- ♥ Thank you Herb & Joyce Wright for the wonderful Soup Bean and Ham lunch after the morning Bible class.
- ♥ Special Thanks to each of you for helping celebrate my 72nd Birthday. Your cards, calls, text messages, notes and face-to-face good wishes brought a smile and a wonderful memory of each of you!! Peggy Riddle



# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## Let's Give Thanks

There is a story told of a good king in Spain known as Alfonso XIX who learned that the boys who served in his court were forgetting to pray before their meals. So, he decided to teach them a lesson. He gave a banquet and invited them to attend. Midway through the dinner a ragged beggar came in, sat down, and began eating ravenously. When he was finished, he went out without saying a word.

"That ungrateful wretch ought to be whipped," shouted the boys. "He ate the king's food and never showed gratitude." Quietly the king rose to his feet, and silence fell over the group. "Daily you have taken the rich blessings of life from the hand of your Heavenly Father," said the king. "You've enjoyed His sunshine, breathed His air, eaten His food He has provided, and you have not bothered to say 'thank you' for any of them. You are more ungrateful than that beggar."

How many of us are like those unthankful boys, we accept God's daily blessings as commonplace, rather than the special gifts they are.

The Bible teaches us that as Christians we should be known for our thankfulness. We are to be the type of people who give thanks for our daily food and needs as Jesus did (Mt. 15:36). We are to give thanks for our salvation. 1 Cor. 15:57, it states, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." We are to give thanks when good is done for us. In Lk. 17:16 only one leper returned to say thank you to Jesus when his leprosy was healed. Let's be like that, thankful for when good is done to us. May we give thanks for Christ's church. Rm. 16:4, Paul said, "he gave thanks for all the churches..."

Eph. 5:20, teaches, "giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Over 550 times in the Bible thankfulness is mentioned or referred to, that is almost two Bible verses a day to remind us to be thankful. So, let's give thanks!



# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## Jesus' Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 17:8-11



I. Pray for God to protect our leaders from \_\_\_\_\_.

"Now I am no longer in the \_\_\_\_\_, but these are in the \_\_\_\_\_, and I come to \_\_\_\_\_ . Holy Father, keep through Your \_\_\_\_\_ those whom You have \_\_\_\_\_ Me, that they may be one as \_\_\_\_\_ are." John 17:11

II. Pray that our leader may have \_\_\_\_\_ .

"But now I \_\_\_\_\_ to You, and these things I \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have My \_\_\_\_\_ fulfilled in themselves." John 17:13

III. Pray for our leaders to be protect from the \_\_\_\_\_.

"I do not \_\_\_\_\_ that You should take them out of the \_\_\_\_\_, but that You should keep them from the \_\_\_\_\_ one." John 17:15

IV. Pray for our leaders to be \_\_\_\_\_.

"They are \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, just as I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_." John 17:16

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Title: Is this Church Alive?

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Work in Every Season

I think it's worth knowing that there are "seasons" to evangelism, with some seasons being more exciting than others. I love it when it is late summer or early fall and the harvest is coming in. Isn't it wonderful when someone is coming forward every other week? Isn't it exciting to see several people give their lives to Jesus in baptism? Absolutely!

These moments can seem like singular points in time, moments that come out of nowhere. But they are not – they are just the tip of the iceberg. So many things, so much encouragement and effort went into that moment that goes unseen by most. For every summer there was a winter and spring where there was no fruit to be found.



Jesus walked the earth in the summertime. How exciting for his disciples! Jesus proclaims: "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life" (John 4:35-36). Thousands were coming to hear the message. In Acts we see thousands upon thousands becoming Christians. Even with all the persecution that must have been an amazing thing to see. Of course, it didn't come out of nowhere. Many people who lived in the wintertime did some very hard work to prepare for these days. There were several prophets who lived in a time that God says this about: "To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations" (Isaiah 65:1-2). That sounds like winter to me. But these prophets labored through, proclaiming the Word of God while seeing little to no results. They plowed the cold, hard ground.

No matter what season we are in it is good to serve the Lord. If fall passes into winter we should still work with all our hearts for God's glory. What if the farmer decided that plowing the ground and planting seed wasn't worth his time? What if he decided feeding the animals throughout the winter was too much effort? Yes, it's hard work. It's not as fun as reaping – but it is work that must be done. Jesus says about those who live in the winter: "Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor" (John 4:38). We may not see the fruit of our efforts – but others will as long as we carry on. Even if the land and the hearts are cold put on your coats and keep trying. Spring and summer will come again.

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

There are days in all our lives that feel like a battle. How are we going to win? What do we trust to get us out of trouble? Do you believe your rainy day fun can make the sun shine again? Do you trust Siri or Google or Alexa will have the answer to your problem? Do you hold to the belief that dad and mom can make every boo-boo better? Well, I'm sure your parents are very capable amateur medical practitioners, but I think ultimately our trust should be higher than our parents or the latest semi-smart phone.

Psalm 20:7 says, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." In the day of battle the only One who can rescue us every time is the Lord.

That doesn't mean trusting will always be easy. When you're in trouble you're in trouble until you're not in trouble, and being in trouble isn't fun. Before the rescue comes we may anxiously wonder where it is. But I encourage you to believe the Word and know by faith that the rescue is coming for those who love God. I can't guarantee that if your trust is in anything else.

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### The Growth of the Church is Hindered When We...

1. Go about pouting.
2. Stay away from worship.
3. Gossip about others.
4. Are indifferent about the work of the church.
5. Live ungodly lives.
6. Refuse when called on to help.
7. Go around complaining about the church to others.
8. Criticize everybody and everything that is done.



### The Church is Almost Certain to Grow When...

1. Each member has a deep concern for the lost.
2. Each member enters into worship with enthusiasm.
3. Each member is interested in Bible School.
4. Each teacher is interested in improving his teaching ability.
5. Each elder and deacon is dedicated to the work.
6. The preacher preaches the Word with love.
7. Each member is personally involved in his work of soul -saving.
8. Each member lets brotherly love express itself to every other member.

# Serving In Worship

## November 21, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Gary Alton

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jon Hescht

Close - Paul Saunders

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Levi Wells

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Klay Cochran

PM - Patrick Rine

### COMMUNION

AM - John Hall

PM- Ron Riddle



## 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.

## Are you looking for something to do to help the church grow?

1. Keep a prayer list and use it daily.
2. Call a homebound or lonely member.
3. Invite at least ONE PERSON each week to the worship services.
4. Talk to others that attend services that you do not usually speak to.
5. Read one religious tract each month and pass it on.
6. Genuinely make an effort to greet all visitors to the worship services.
7. Have a home Bible study with friends.
8. Enjoy a meal with fellow Christians in your home.
9. Regularly attend Bible classes.
10. Write a letter to a missionary.
11. Speak positively of the church and its work.
12. Make a friend of a nursing home patient.
13. Volunteer to help a young couple with their children.
14. Send a personal note to those who visit the worship services.
15. Thank an elder, deacon, preacher or Bible teacher for their good work.
16. Speak to children.
17. Keep on living as a Christian.



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## Service Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Class...15 minutes after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00am

Bible Study.....7:00pm

## Facts and Figures

November 7, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....203

Sunday Bible Class.....144

Sunday PM Service.....179

Wednesday AM Service.....36

Wednesday PM Service.....119

Contribution.....\$7572.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....2

Placed Membership.....2

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

November 21  
"Thirsting for God"

## Daily Bible Reading

November 15: Acts 1 - 4

November 16: Acts 5 - 8

November 17: Acts 9 - 12

November 18: Acts 13 - 16

November 19: Acts 17 - 20

November 20: Acts 21 - 24

November 21: 25 - 28

*"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."*