

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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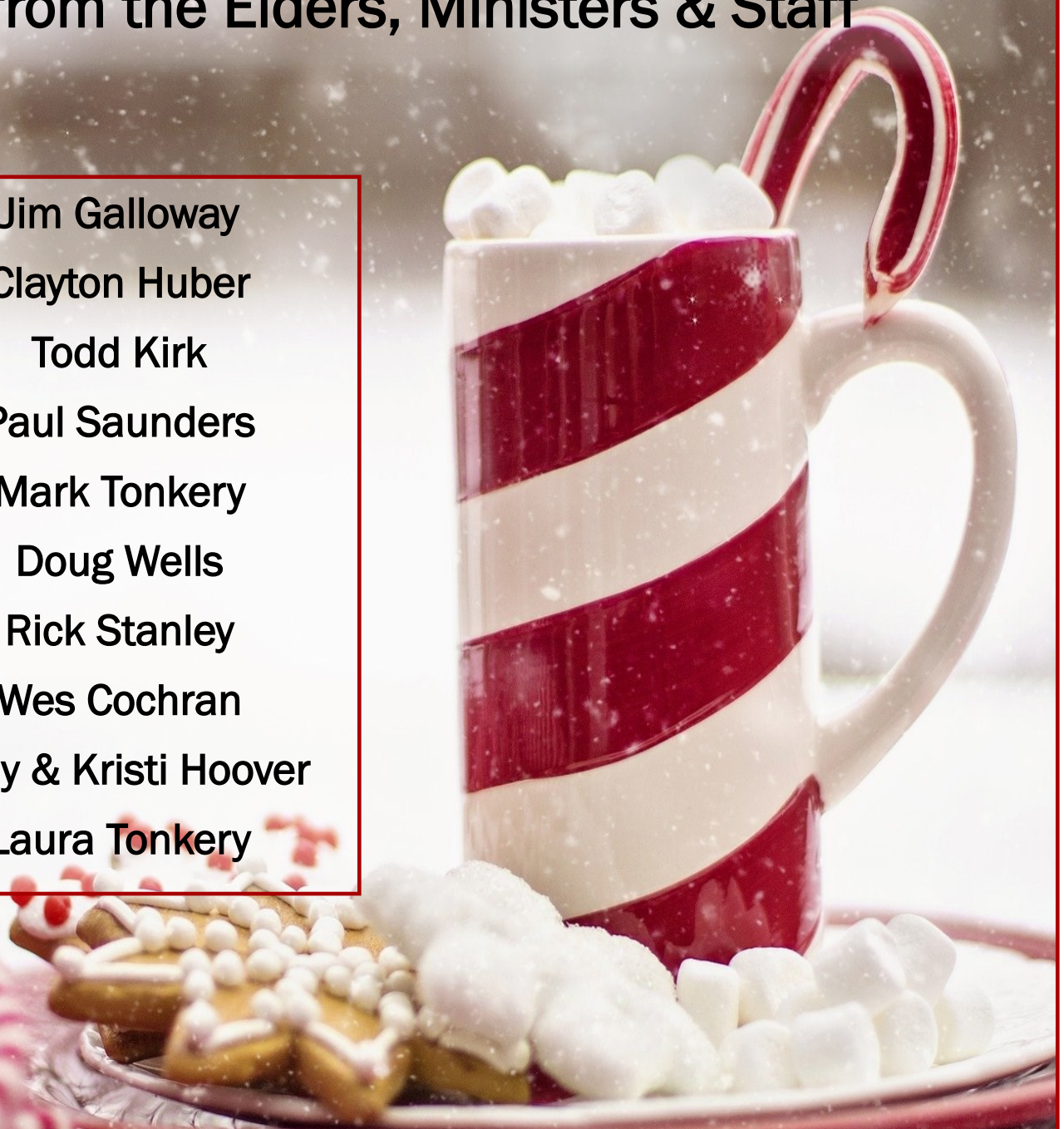
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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, 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, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Jay & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams.

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Joe Wilson
- Jim Hinzman- dealing with pain
- Roy Clark
- Jay Chevront in Marietta Memorial, with Covid, on a ventilator and has begun dialysis.
- Sarah Buckley in Camden Clark room 518.
- John Rockhold is in Belpre Landing.
- Joyce Wright in Camden Clark room 307a with pneumonia.
- Gilbert Hardman is in the Ohio Valley Nursing Home Room 208. Visitors are welcome and wanted, visiting hours are 10:00am-8:00pm Monday through Friday. The front door code is 1234.
- Cindy Daniels- Mary Daniels' daughter-in-law has pneumonia.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Jo Langler on the passing of her friend Robert Boyce. The visitation will be Tuesday from 11:00am-1:00pm with the funeral beginning at 1:00pm, all at Sunset Memorial funeral home.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Phyllis Johnson on her passing. The visitation will be Sunday from 2:00pm-4:00pm and the funeral will be Monday at 11:00am at Leavitt funeral home in Parkersburg.

Announcements

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

WINTER SHOVELING- There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer for anyone willing to help with shoveling snow this winter. See Kevin Inman for any questions.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING- Today at 4:00pm in the MP Room.

LADIES- Please fill out and return the survey located on the table in the front foyer.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION NEWS- The Minute of Meditation will be moving to FM V96.9 beginning on January 1st

BIBLE READING- If you have completed reading the whole Bible or the New Testament this year sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

WATCH FOUND- Silver tone watch was found in the hallway. If it may be yours see the office.

AREA-WIDE WORSHIP- Hosted by Barlow-Vincent church of Christ, held at Lubeck church of Christ January 16 at 3:00pm.

Thank You

- ♥ Thanks for the basket of goodies. It was beautiful. Mike & Gwen Lucas
- ♥ Many thanks for the food basket. The food is so tasty. "Thanks again." Dorothy Stevens
- ♥ Thanks for my basket of goodies and also for my birthday cards. Mary Daniel
- ♥ Don Nesselroad would like to thank the church for the prayers and cards during his illness.
- ♥ We enjoyed our recent birthday cards. May God bless you throughout the New Year. In Christian love, Don, Mary & Debby Nesselroad
- ♥ A special "thank you" to each one the "traveling carolers" for the pleasant visit and your thoughtfulness. May you each have many more happy holidays. Agape, Bill Pralley

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

WOW! WHAT A GREAT EFFORT!

A week ago, Kentucky and several states around were hit with a deadly tornado. Many people lost their lives, and many more lost their homes and businesses from the tornado. As soon as the disaster was reported I had several contact me to see how they could help. After talking to our elders and other congregations a plan was put together to collect and take items needed to Mayfield, KY; one of the areas hit the hardest by the tornado.

It was short notice but as soon as the message was sent out on the “call tree” and placed on social media the donations started to come in. There were many congregations contacting us wanting to help, individuals brought donations in and helped load and pack things to be sent to Kentucky.

It was amazing to see the members of the Camden Ave. congregation and the area congregations working together. It was the Body of Christ functioning, each doing their part as Rom. 12:4-6, teaches, “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...” Wow, did our congregation and others use their gifts!

As I think about the past week’s events, I came across the following story: When Anwar Sadat of Egypt was assassinated, they provided a temporary burial place beside Egypt’s Unknown Soldier. How interesting that Egypt’s best-known soldier should be buried beside Egypt’s Unknown Soldier! In the kingdom of God, there are many unknown soldiers. They march right beside the well-known soldiers. They each do their part. What each soldier in Christ does is important! Without their work, the well-known (the preachers, elders, and deacons) would not be as known. Without the widows, widowers, the retired couples, the college students, the middle-aged, the singles, the mothers, fathers, etc. nothing would be accomplished!

Thank you to all the soldiers of Christ, who helped, donated, packed, folded, loaded, gave, hauled, and volunteered. Thank you for being the active, and faithful Body of Christ. Without you, we could not do what we have done!

Gal. 6:10, “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

P.S. We are still learning what the needs of the people are in Mayfield, KY, and will do our best to inform the congregation of their needs. Thank you again for your concern, help, and ongoing help. The donations were taken to the Seven Oaks Church of Christ, in Mayfield, KY. May God bless you! Mark T.



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Repent and Live

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 18:30-32

1: What are some things people do that take years off their life? And why do you think they do them?

2: Have you done anything that was (even a little) self-destructive? What was it?

3: How might honoring your mother and father extend your life? (Ephesians 6:2-3)

4: What is a way that seems right to us but in the end it leads to death? (Proverbs 14:12)

5: What is repentance?

6: Do you know anyone who believes in God but it seems to make no difference in their lives? Why do you think that is?

7: How hard do you think it is to admit to yourself that your actions aren't good?

8: What good things can happen if we do repent? (Acts 3:19)

9: Is there something you need to repent of this morning?

P.M. Sermon: Mark Tonkery

Submit to God

Scripture Reading: James 4:6-8

Doug's Discussion

Who Told You Matters

The Israelites had a dangerous, unknown road before them as they traveled to the promised land. Fortunately, their God gives His people all that they need – in this case an angel was provided. Angels make excellent defenders against the threats they would face on the road. This angel would also serve as a guide, and apparently also gave instructions from time to time. The fact that this instruction came from an angel meant something. It wasn't just friendly advice that they could follow or not as they chose. No, words from an angel were expected to be followed. God says about the angel, "Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since My name is in him" (Exodus 23:21).

Angels had to be listened to. They also must be believed. Years later an angel appeared to old Zechariah. His wife was too old to be having children, but the angel said that didn't matter and they would have a kid anyway. Zechariah has doubts. But this wasn't just some random person telling him about his future status as a father – this was an angel! If you don't believe an angel there are consequences.

The angel says, "And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time" (Luke 1:20). That is exactly what happened. Zechariah was mute until his son was born and named.

Let's face it – if you don't believe or obey a glowing spiritual being you have problems. That's a level of rebellion that is a step above ignoring parents or police officers. (And we shouldn't do that either). The Bible also speaks about a step above ignoring angels. Ignoring the gospel is even worse. So much so that the Bible asks "how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3). The gospel message is straight from God. And if ignoring an angel is bad . . . how much more is ignoring or disbelieving the Lord? The gospel of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection was confirmed by eyewitnesses and testified to by "signs, wonders and various miracles" (2:4). The very best reasons are given to believe and obey. If we don't we can't expect to turn out better than those who disbelieved angels. But if we do we will have the joy of being led to the promised land.



Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP

Was Jesus Christ born on Dec. 25? The Bible does not tell us. But what the Bible does tell us is that Jesus Christ was born of the virgin, Mary, in the town of Bethlehem, and angels announced His arrival. The shepherds went and found baby Jesus in a manger and sometime later wisemen from the east came and presented gifts to him. This really happened and Jesus was a real person.

But not only was he human, He was God, in the flesh, the Son of God. His name is called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He is the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world.

Remember that Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and his resurrection from the grave could not be possible without His birth. Also, remember this, without His death, and resurrection we could not be born again of the water and the Spirit.

Birthday's & Anniversaries for January

3 - Ryan Gaston

9 - Patty Alton

10 - Cody Hoover

10 - Lorna Marshall

10 - Doug Wells

12 - Lucille Hardman

14 - Bill Hoover

14 - Ron Moncrief

15 - Sam Merrill

17 - Gala Miller

17 - Bill & De Fleak*

17 - Dearll & Carol Vincent *

18 - Merilee Morgan

19 - Keith Smith

24 - Ben Haught

24 - Sarah Inman

24 - Joyce Wright

26 - Brittany Gray

26 - Becky Inman

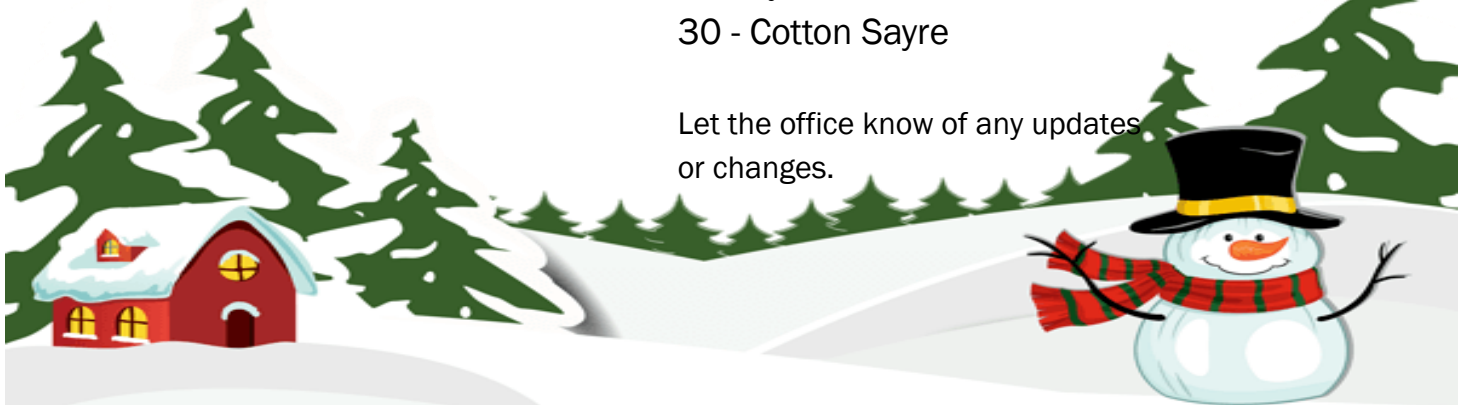
27 - Betty Lamb

28 - Donna McConnell

29 - Ayla Wells

30 - Cotton Sayre

Let the office know of any updates
or changes.



Serving In Worship December 26, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dylan Muncy

Close - Bill Merrill

6:00 PM - John Life

Close - Chris Tallman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Bill Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Scott Johnson

Bible Call Report- November

Let us keep up the good work of calling and telling others about the Bible Call program. We had 197 Calls in November 2021. This represents 44 hours of teaching the Bible via this means. The high days were the 17th with 15 calls and the 19th with 13 calls. The most requested calls were for 950 (6) Exorcism and Demon Possession, 951 (7) The Kingdom and 1000-year Reign, (4) calls each on 112 God's Answer for Guilt, 113 Beverage Alcohol Destroys, 309 Why Be Baptized?, 507 The Ten Commandments, 601 When and Where did the New Testament Church Begin?, 910 Stealing and Cheating, and 913 Pornography.

Many calls were listened to more than once, two times people asked to hear a list of topics on the phone, and 14 times people listened to the lesson again. In these times that are so challenging we have an opportunity to reach into homes with the word. Other congregations are seeing this and starting mailing.

Let us continue to call daily, hand a leaflet to those you meet, and reach out to others personally and by mail. WHY NOT PUT IT IN MAIL YOU ARE SENDING OUT AND ALSO IN CARDS YOU SEND. Pray God continues to bless this good work. WILL YOU NOT TELL IT TODAY? Any questions call David Epler 616 554 0990.



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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

December 12, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	208
Sunday Bible Class.....	163
Sunday PM Service.....	148
Wednesday AM Service.....	104
Wednesday PM Service.....	32
Contribution.....	\$6541.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....2

Placed Membership.....2



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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.**

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

**December 26
"The Second
Coming"**

Daily Bible Reading

December 20: 1 Peter 1 - 3

December 21: 1 Peter 4 - 5

December 22: 2 Peter 1 - 3

December 23: 1 John 1 - 5

December 24: 2 John - Jude

December 25: Revelation 1 - 4

December 26: Revelation 5 - 7

"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."