

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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This is
the
Day
that the
LORD
We will has made.
Rejoice
and be
glad!
in it

PSALM 118:24



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, Jim Hinzman, 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
- Roy Clark
- Jay Chevront moved to Special Select Hospital (specializing in people on ventilators) in Newark, Ohio on Wednesday.
- Sarah Buckley in Camden Clark room 518.
- John Rockhold is in Belpre Landing.
- Joyce Wright is home and will be following up with a specialist in Cleveland.
- Don Dougherty will be having heart bypass surgery in January.
- Cindy Daniels- Mary Daniels' daughter-in-law has pneumonia.
- Becky Ash- Tammy Kern's sister recovering from surgery.

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

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
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Bill Hoover
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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.

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.

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

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING- January 23rd at 4pm in the M.P. room.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- Care Group 2 invites everyone to the fellowship meal on January 9th after morning worship and Bible Class.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE- Mark your calendars for February 21, 2022.

JANUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH- Hosea. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board. This year the book of the month will be coming from the Minor Prophets.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards sent to me. Allen Coe
- ♥ I wish to thank you for the prayers, cards, visits, food and phone calls you bestowed upon my family and myself during Peggy's illness and death. We appreciate them so much. The Cowdery Family
- ♥ Thank you for the basket of goodies. Clyde Yoho
- ♥ Thank you all for the lovely food basket, I surely will use it since I don't get out because of covid. I do wish each and every one of you a healthy holiday season. In Christian Love, Jo Langler

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Update on the Mayfield, KY Relief Effort

I want to express my great appreciation for everyone who helped with the donations for the Mayfield, KY tornado victims. We had many members from the Camden Ave. church family as well as members from area congregations and the community who volunteered with this effort, many of whom I do not even know. There were people dropping off items to be shipped to Kentucky after I left the building each day so if I did not get to see you or to thank you for your help. Thank you!



I also want to thank the area congregations who were involved with collecting of items for KY. The following congregations are the ones I am aware of who donated items or helped in some way: Harmar Hill, Belpre, Rockport, 36th Street, Sandyville, Mineral Wells, 6th and Washington, North End, Somerset, Ohio, Pennsboro, New Matamoras, Little Hocking, Barlow-Vincent, Spencer, Ten Mile, New Milton, WV, Whitehall, WV, Grand Central, and Dewey Ave. St. Mary's, WV. Again, thank you to these congregations for their help. Many other congregations, individuals, and businesses have helped as well, thank you for everyone's help.

After the items were donated and brought to the church building here at Camden Ave. the items were then loaded into a 24' x7' trailer, donated by Troy LaMasters of the New Matamoras, Ohio congregation. He also volunteered to drive his truck and the trailer to Mayfield, KY. Carl Brainard from Sandyville drove a van load of items to KY as well. A very big thank you goes out to both Troy and Carl for their help.

The donated items were taken to the Seven Oaks Church of Christ, Mayfield, KY where the items were sorted and made available to those who needed them. The Seven Oaks congregation was very appreciative of all the donations that were brought to them.

Many have asked what the next steps will be in helping the people in Mayfield, KY. At this time those involved with the organizing of this effort are assessing the situation to see what the best way is to help. There is some discussion on taking volunteers to Mayfield and spending a week there helping with the cleanup and relief work, but there are no immediate plans to do this. As of the writing of this article the [Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team from Tipp City, OH](#), and [The Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort from Nashville, TN](#) are working in the area and according to their web pages do not need volunteers at this time.

Individuals are welcome to send any monetary donations to the Seven Oaks Church of Christ, 290 S.R. 97, Mayfield, KY 42066. Or you can donate items through the Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team Amazon wish list web page:

https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1JSMI49RWPGNB/guest-view?ref=gr_search_page_result

Thank you to everyone who helped. If you have any questions about the relief work for Mayfield, KY you may talk to our elders or myself.

Please come back tonight at 6:00 p.m. to see the PowerPoint presentation about the Mayfield, relief work. Thank you, Mark T. Tonkery

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Behold, The Lamb

Scripture Reading: Revelation 5:6-10

“And I _____, and behold, in the midst of the _____ and of the _____ living creatures, and in the midst of the _____, stood a _____ as though it had been _____, having _____ horns and _____ eyes, which are the _____ Spirits of God sent out into all the _____. Then He came and took the _____ out of the right _____ of Him who sat on the throne.” Revelation 5:6-7

I. The Lamb of God, is _____ (Rev. 5:5)

II. The Lamb of God, who _____ (Rev. 5:6)

III. The Lamb of God is _____ (Rev. 5:8-14)

IV. The Lamb of God will _____ (Rev. 6:16-17)

v. The Lamb of God brings _____ (Rev. 19:7-10)

P.M Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery and Paul Inman

Mayfield, KY Relief Report

Scripture Reading: Heb. 13:16

Doug's Discussion

Different Faith

Not all faith is equal. Two people, making the exact same confession of belief in Jesus, can be in two totally different places spiritually. You can easily see the truth of this by considering the lives of the people calling themselves Christians. Take, for example, the Taberner family here at Camden Avenue. Jeff, Julie, Madison and Carly all profess belief in Jesus. And they wouldn't even have to tell you really, you can just tell. Their lives are full of good deeds. They are all active in teaching Bible classes. They do enormous amounts of work with the youth. If they're not at church it means they're dead (or at least close to it). Their faith is effective and productive and I have no doubt whatsoever of where they're headed when their life on earth is done.

I won't name any names on the other side of things, nor would I be excited about making that kind of judgement. But it would be hard to deny that there are those who claim faith in Jesus but it's pretty hard to tell otherwise. The lives of these people look just like the world. They act like the world, talk like the world, think like the world. The good deeds that are evidence of living faith are absent. Even when good deeds are tried they make little difference since the accompanying attitude and character negates the good deed. Worst of all, if you forced me to answer the question "where do you think they are going when they die?" I would probably have to answer "I don't know" . . . or worse. Don't you see how different this is from the first scenario? Clearly we aren't meant to stop at faith alone.

2 Peter 1:5 calls us to "make every effort to add to your faith." Christianity is a daily process of growing to be more and more like Jesus. We repent, we change, we grow. We add to our faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. The people who impress us with their illuminating faith and deeds have made tremendous efforts to work on these things! They knew that possessing these qualities in increasing measure would keep them "from being ineffective and unproductive in [their] knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:8). Perhaps they also know that living this kind of way makes us confident in heaven. "For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (1:10-11).

Not all faith is equal. What kind of faith do you have?



Thanks Be Unto God

We praise (Heb. 13:15-16), preach (Rom. 8:28) and pray (1 Tim. 2:1) about God's great giving and goodness. He is the giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17). For all His goodness we are eternally thankful! What are some of the great blessings and benefits given to us by God for which we should always be thankful?

Thank God for His goodness (Rom. 2:4). God's goodness is intended to cause man to repent. Oh how good God has been to us when we had no goodness demanding His mercy (2 Cor. 7:9-11; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Peter 3:9).

Thank God for His love (John 3:16). John 3:16 has long been celebrated as a powerful and succinct declaration of the gospel. Of the 31,373 verses in the Bible, it may be the most popular single verse used in evangelism.

Thank God for His gift (2 Cor. 9:15). If we really understand and appreciate the "indefinable gift" God has given us, our lives will be saturated with gratitude; we will praise and proclaim His excellences (1 Peter 2:9-10).

Thank God for His blessings (Eph. 1:3). Paul called for a blessing upon the Father (in the sense of recognizing His glory, honor and goodness), because the Father has already blessed the Christian with every spiritual blessing. For physical and spiritual blessings, Christians should be thankful.

Thank God for His grace and mercy (Titus 2:11-12). The ancient Greek word for teaching has in mind what a parent does for a child. It speaks of the entire training process: teaching, encouragement, correction, and discipline. Grace is a teacher in this sense and a powerful teacher it is.

Thank God for His promises (2 Peter 1:4). God's promises are both exceedingly great (in the sense of being large and imposing), and they are precious, in the sense of being valuable. We might break a promise, but not God!

Thank God for His word (2 Tim. 3:16). The Bible gives us the way to eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

Bulletin Digest



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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.

PICK UP BROCHURES FROM THE FRONT FOYER TO PASS OUT IN THE NEW YEAR.

Serving In Worship January 2, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught
PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Josh Hall
Close - Ken Barnes
6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway
Close - Ron Riddle

SCRIPTURE

AM - Scott Johnson
PM - Ryan Highman

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Hoover
PM - Donovan Walton



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.....11:00am
Bible Study.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

December 19, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....209
Sunday Bible Class.....152
Sunday PM Service.....166
Wednesday AM Service.....32
Wednesday PM Service.....112
Contribution.....\$4954.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

You're going to die. You know that right? I mean, yes, it's not the most pleasant thing to think about, but one way or another your time on earth will end. Forgetting this fact leads to errors in judgment. Maybe that's why the bible says in Ecclesiastes 7:2 "It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart."

If you know you will die it can change what you live for. A life spent on personal pleasures loses all meaning. Those pleasures will end. A life spent accumulating wealth makes no sense. You can't take it with you. And how about a life accumulating followers and influence? Do you know when they're probably going to stop listening to you? When you're dead.

You're going to die. That's not in question. But there is a question about what your life amounts to. I suggest this test in ordering your priorities. Ask yourself: will this matter when I'm gone? If not - do something else.

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP

January 2
"A New Life"



IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Daily Bible Reading

December 27: Revelation 8 - 10

December 28: Revelation 11 - 13

December 29: Revelation 14 - 16

December 30: Revelation 17 - 19

December 31: Revelation 20 - 22

If you read every daily reading this year
you have read the entire Bible - sign up
on the bulletin board.

Start the new year out right and
read the Bible.

January 1: Matt. 1 & Gen. 1 - 2

January 2: Matt. 2 & Gen. 3 - 5

"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."