

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Now to him who is able to do

**Exceedingly**

**ABUNDANTLY**

**ABOVE** all that we

*ask or think*

according  
to the

**POWER**

That Works in Us

**EPHESIANS 3:20**

# *In Our Prayers*

## Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, 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

## 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, Susan Williams.

## Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Joe Wilson
- Jay Chevront in Licking Memorial to have a permanent dialysis port put in.
- Ray Sams in Marietta Memorial Hospital.
- Don Dougherty is home recovering from heart surgery.
- Joyce Wright in Cleveland Clinic.
- Richard Cozad has been diagnosed with cancer, he will be having in-patient chemotherapy treatments for the next week
- Tammy Kerns is home recuperating.
- Gary Herridge is home 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  
Steve Gray  
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Jon Hescht  
Bill Hoover  
Rob 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.

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

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

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**- February 21, 2022 from 12-6pm. There is a sign up sheet for those that would like to give blood on the counter.

**JANUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH**- Hosea. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

**HOLIDAY CARDS**- Pick up your cards from the table in the back hallway. If you would like to deliver cards to the shut-ins feel free to take those cards.

**CYC DONATIONS**- If you would like to donate to help with the cost for those attending the Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) please see Jeff Taberner.

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE**- The Monday Night Merge youth events will begin on Feb. 7 at 7pm at the Barlow Vincent church of Christ.

**TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP**- January 30 at Hopewell church of Christ.

**LADS TO LEADERS MEETING**- January 23 after evening services by door 6. This is for all participating in L2L and for coordinators.

**KENTUCKY TORNADO RELIEF TRIP**- Has been postponed to a later date.

# *Sympathy*

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Shannon Hinzman and family on the passing of her father, Phillip Roberts.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Marvin Williams a past member of Camden Avenue. His funeral was held Saturday.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Tammie Wilson. There will be a gathering of family and friends from 3-6pm Today at Vaughan-Kimes Funeral Home on 5th Street.

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## Ideas on How We Can Use House to House, Heart to Heart (HTH) Magazine

Enclosed in this week's bulletin you will find an issue of the House to House, Heart to Heart (HTH) gospel magazine. It is sent out every two months. This paper is being sent out to over 1,000 homes in the South Parkersburg area as well as copies being sent to the church building. This paper can be a great evangelistic tool if we are willing to use it, but it must be more than sent to people's homes. The following are some ways we as members can use HTH:



1. Read HTH and answer the Bible questions in each issue.
2. Be ready to talk about HTH and answer any questions your friends and neighbors who receive it may have.
3. Place HTH in your work place, doctor's offices, and other places so more people can have access to it.
4. Pass HTH on to your friends and family.
5. Bible class teachers can use the articles and illustrations in HTH in their Bible class.
6. Couples and families can read HTH in their devotional time.
7. Take a HTH issue with you when you visit people in their homes or nursing homes and leave it with them to read.
8. Place a postage stamp on the HTH and mail it out to your friends and family members who do not live on mail routes where HTH is sent.
9. Go door-to-door and hand out HTH in your neighborhood on mail routes we have not mailed to.
10. Don't forget to PRAY to the Lord of Harvest for a greater harvest!

I have personally used HTH over the years in my ministry and I have seen unfaithful members come back to Christ, people from the community visit the congregation, people ask for Bible Studies and other Bible materials, and I have even had the opportunity to baptize people who were first contacted by HTH. If we put forth the effort HTH can be a great tool to help us carry out Christ's great commission (Mt. 28:18-20).

# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## Ignorance of Today

Scripture Reading: Hosea 4:6

I. Here is the problem in Hosea's day:

Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for \_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge. Because you have \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, I also will \_\_\_\_\_ you from being priest for Me; Because you have \_\_\_\_\_ the law of your \_\_\_\_\_, I also will \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_."

1. They willfully \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The priest had become leaders in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This led to a progression of \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Here is the problem today:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_

III. Here is the solution:

- A. Return to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Return to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Return to \_\_\_\_\_.
1. \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_.

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Faithful Until Death

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:2


# *Doug's Discussion*

## Lifter Of My Head

Having a nearby enemy is really no fun. We like to feel safe, and having a classmate or coworker who wants to harm us makes us mentally uncomfortable. Maybe they wouldn't physically hurt us – but having someone always on the lookout for ways to embarrass you or twist what you say is still tough. ONE person like that can make life much more difficult. Can you imagine if there were two? Five? What if everyone turns against you and you are rejected and despised by all? Perhaps you would then say along with David “O Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!” (Psalm 3:1). Even just a few people who would rather harm us than help us can be very discouraging.

For us to be free from fear we are going to have to have some kind of protection against our enemies. No, I'm not talking about knives or guns or bodyguards. Against a determined enough enemy these things only help so much. No, I want protection so good that I can be free from any anxiety at all. For that I must turn to the Lord. “I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side” (Psalm 3:5-6). Elisha was once surrounded by enemies (the story is in 2 Kings 6:8-23). His servant was terrified but Elisha wasn't concerned at all. Why? Because the Lord was with him. Thousands of well-armed soldiers were no match for the Lord.

What do you do when someone doesn't like you? Try to crush them before they crush you? Recruit people to your side through gossip and slander? That's a miserable contest to be in. I would like to suggest a different coping method. First: pray to the Lord for deliverance. Plead with God to deal with the situation in whatever way is best. Then, trust the Lord's deliverance. There is no situation, no opponent, that the Lord cannot handle. Humble yourself before the Lord and acknowledge that He is better able to protect you than you are. Bow your head before Him and then He will lift up your head. “But you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head” (Psalm 3:3).



But you are a  
shield around me,  
O Lord...  
Psalms 3:3

## *Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells* *Heard on FM 96.9*

Contrary to a well-known children's song, words really can hurt. The results of angry and cruel words said to the people around us are obvious. We've seen the tears, we've seen the heads hung low, so most of us have learned to make some attempt to control our tongues.

But what about when you're saying words to those who aren't around you? Quite a bit of our communication these days happens on-line. How well do you control what you say on Facebook or Twitter? When you disagree with someone's post how do you react? Even though the actual person isn't right in front of you do you still know sometimes it's best to say nothing at all? Do you still realize that kindness is important? So many don't, and need to hear James 3:8-10: "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be."

Practice kindness in person, and practice it on-line too, and then we'd have less hurt people.

## *Thank You*

- ♥ Thank you to all that sent flowers, cards, came to the visitation or funeral and for all of the prayers in the passing of our mother, Phyllis Johnson.  
Roger & Bruce Johnson

There's  
always  
SOMETHING  
TO BE  
thankful  
FOR

*The* *The*  
*Vine & Branches*

~ JOHN 15:5 ~

2022 Area Wide Worship  
Hosted by the  
Barlow Vincent Church of Christ  
@ the Lubeck Church of Christ

Sunday, January 16th, 2022  
Service begins @ 3:00pm

## Serving In Worship January 23, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman  
PM - Jim Galloway

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Korey Inman  
Close - Jimmy Galloway  
6:00 PM - Stan Inman  
Close - Bill Mills

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Josh Hall  
PM - Levi Wells

### COMMUNION

AM - Jon Hescht  
PM - Keith Smith



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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

January 9, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....189  
Sunday Bible Class.....143  
Sunday PM Service.....126  
Wednesday AM Service.....30  
Wednesday PM Service.....118  
Contribution.....\$6842.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

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

# Food Pantry

For the month of January the following items are being requested.

**Care Group 1-** Individual Fruit cups

**Care Group 2-** Canned Chicken

**Care Group 3-** Chicken Noodle/Tomato Soup

**Care Group 4-** Crackers

## CHRIST SET US FREE!

*John 8:36*

From the bondage of sin

From the fear of death

From bondage to the Law

From Satan's domain

From bad habits

From no hope to a living hope

From ourselves (Matt. 16:24)!

## Have you been made free in Christ?

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AND CO-WORKERS.

## In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP January 23 "Saying No to God"

### Daily Bible Reading

January 17: Matt. 12:9-32 & Gen. 35-36

January 18: Matt. 12:33-50 & Gen. 37-38

January 19: Matt. 13:1-23 & Gen. 39-40

January 20: Matt. 13:24-46 & Gen. 41-42

January 21: Matt. 13:47-58 & Gen. 43-44

January 22: Matt. 14 & Gen. 45-46

January 23: Matt. 15:1-20 & Gen. 47-48

*"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."*