

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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*God is good  
all the time*

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*Come Back Home in 2022*

## *In Our Prayers*

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Clayton Huber  
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Paul Saunders

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*Great  
are the  
works  
of the  
Lord.*

### **Our church family in need of prayers**

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

### **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), Greg Kirkbride (friend of Paul Saunders), 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:**

- Jay Chevront in Special Select Hospital in Newark, Ohio.
- Ray Sams in Belpre Landing.
- Gary Herridge is having health problems.
- Dorothy Stevens in Belpre Landing.
- Teresa Steed- had knee replacement surgery.
- Sandy Graham
- Jeff Fitcher
- Peg Phillips is in Belpre Landing.
- Nona Huxley, Cindy Huxley's mother-in-law is in the hospital with pneumonia and is making progress.
- Joe Wilson
- Franklin & Hazel Terry, Elois Smith Brother & Sister in law- having health problems.
- Lynn Casemon, uncle of Glen Snider- practically blind.
- Dave Rice, Ralph Fox's friend is having health problems.

## *Sympathy*

♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of De Fleak. She passed away on Monday. There will not be any services.

# *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.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**- February book of the month is Joel. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board. The book of the month for March will be Amos.

**VBS MEETING**- March 6 after P.M. Services to discuss the date and theme. Meet by door 6.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS** - The last day for the 11am class will be March 9.

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE** - Feb. 28 at 7pm, At North End church of Christ

**LADIES DAY** - March 5 at Fishinger Road church of Christ. More information on the bulletin board.

**LADIES DAY**- The Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies Day for 2022 will be April 23 at the North End church of Christ.

**CARE GROUPS**- Ladies please fill out the Care Group Volunteer sheet. There are extra copies on the table in the front foyer. The sheets can be given to any care group leader or placed in the basket on the front table.

**GRIEF SUPPORT CLASS**- there is a sign up sheet on the counter if you are interested, or see Mark Tonkery. The class will begin March 7 at 1:00pm in room 109 and is open to anyone.

**YOUTH RALLY**- AT North End church of Christ, March 18 & 19. More information on the bulletin board.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**- the service for Ralph Conner, brother of Kay Mills has been arranged for March 5 at 11:00am at the Mineral Wells church of Christ.

**KENTUCKY RELIEF TRIP**- Carl Brainard of the Sandyville church of Christ is leading another trip the week of March 6 to help with the recovery from the tornado. If you are interested in going or would like more information you can call Carl at 304-210-1668 or email him at brainardcarl@gmail.com.

**STEVE POYET**- many have asked for his address to send cards during his recovery. 714 Harless Lane Charleston, WV 25302

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## OUR GREATEST NEED

A teenager, tired of reading bedtime stories to his little sister, decided to record several of her favorite stories on his phone. He told her, "Now you can listen to your stories anytime you want. Isn't that great?" She looked at his phone for a while and then replied, "No, it hasn't got a lap."

We all need a "lap." We need people. We all need to be loved. God made us this way. God knew that people needed people. We need relationships to remain healthy. God made Eve for Adam because it was not good for Adam to be alone. Notice how Gen 2:18 reads, "The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

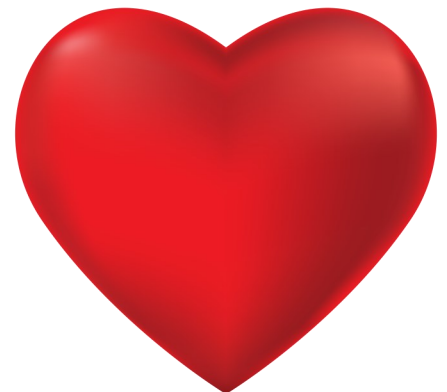
This is also why Jesus came to this earth. John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son...." Jesus came as a person, not a principle. He came to get involved with people. Jesus healed people. He touched people. He listened to people, and He died and was raised from the dead for people (See Rom. 5:10).

The realization of Christ's love is not just seen in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4) but also as we come together as the church. Hebrews 10: 24-25 explains, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

When we as Christians are together it allows us to put God's love into practice. When we miss gathering with the church, we miss this very important opportunity to be loved and show love. We need other Christians to feel and be loved. We need to show our brothers and sisters in Christ we love them. We need others for encouragement to stay faithful to the Lord. We need others so we will not fall into sin. We each need a pat on the back, a hug, a good handshake, a listening ear, and a warm smile. We each need a "lap."

The Camden Ave. church of Christ is about relationships. Relationship with God and with people. Let us love one another!

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:11)



# *Today's Sermon Notes*

Guest Speaker: Eddie Cooper

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Cautious In Judgment

Okay, let's face it. People often make terrible judges. Now, don't get me wrong. I have great respect for those who sit on the bench and preside over cases. I pray God gives them great wisdom to administer justice and I admire their necessary efforts. But I'm not talking about Judge Judy, I'm talking people in general. We can think we're great at judging people and situations but there's a couple of big reasons why we're often wrong.

First of all, our judgements usually aren't purely based on the cold hard facts. Can you honestly tell me that part of your opinion on that guy over there isn't based on rumors? On what your friend thinks? You may have heard about something that he has done but do you know the entire context of the situation? Do you know what his motivation really was? How much of our judgment on anything is based on what we have personally witnessed and know for a fact (or at least beyond reasonable doubt) to be true? Take a moment with that last question and seek to be honest with yourself. Contrast this with God's judgment: "Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth" (Romans 2:2). Not rumor. Not personal opinion. Truth.

We also tend to make terrible judges because of a warped perspective. Unless we are without sin we should be careful about throwing stones because sin keeps us from seeing things clearly. "So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?" (Romans 2:3). Have you ever noticed that someone else doing some annoying or wicked thing seems so much worse to you than you do doing the exact same thing? It's fine when you do it but the other guy deserves public flogging. Contrast that with God's judgement. He is without sin so there is no selfishness to cloud His vision. There is no plank in His eye.

Are there times where you need to judge? Sure. Keeping ourselves and our children safe can require making a judgment call sometimes. Sometimes helping a brother or sister get out of some sin requires the same. Just be aware of the limitations of our judgment. We don't know everything and we can't see clearly even if we did. So as a general rule I would encourage you to accept this: "Mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13).

# *Red Cross Blood Drive Report*

The Red Cross blood drive was very good. We had a full schedule of 34 appointments and ended up with 32 units collected. That was great!

Thank you to our workers: Sandy Keller, Sherry Sponseller, Karen & John Life, Jo Goldsmith, Bill Mills and Paul Inman.

Each unit collected can save up to three lives. We just collected 32 units and could save 96 lives. Job well done!

Thanks, Marion Goldsmith



## *Thank You*

- ♥ Thanks for the prayers cards and words of sympathy at the loss of my brother. Love, Eloise Smith
- ♥ Thanks to all who sent birthday cards and reminded me that I am getting older! All the cards were appreciated very much. Marion Goldsmith

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

One of the best pieces of advice you can give to a child before going into the woods is: if you get lost, stop and wait. Quit moving. The best chance you have for a rescue is to stay still and wait for it. But what if the kid tries to solve the problem himself? Then he's much more likely than not to go from being lost to being more lost.

I think we all face problems like this sometimes. Problems we cannot solve by our own wisdom or power. If we try we just make more of a mess than we started with. If we can't fix it, what can we do? I suggest being still and waiting for a rescue. As Psalm 37:7 says "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

Listen - God can fix what you cannot. Stop trying. Moving in a panic is just getting you more lost. Trade your anxiety for prayer. Then be still and wait patiently for your rescue. God can do more with His hands than you can do with yours.



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# Serving In Worship

## March 6, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Daniel Rich

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - Chris Hofmann

6:00 PM - Ron Riddle

Close - Josh Hall

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Jeff Taberner

### COMMUNION

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Korey Inman



*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

February 20, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....	196
Sunday Bible Class.....	159
Sunday PM Service.....	166
Wednesday AM Service.....	25
Wednesday PM Service.....	140
Contribution.....	\$8477.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

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

I recently ran across this story called, "A Judge's Haunting Words" by an anonymous writer. "I went to Bible classes when I was small and learned all about God. After I was married I decided to go again and take my children. I couldn't persuade my husband to go, but the children and I went regularly for a year. Then I skipped a Sunday. And soon I skipped two or three. Then we went only on special days. Soon I joined a bowling team that competed on Sunday. I could go to worship and Bible classes, but I would have to give up bowling. Bowling won the battle.

Not long ago in a courtroom, I heard the judge say, "Twenty years!" He was pronouncing sentence on my 21 year old son for a robbery for which ended in the death of a man. The sentence might have been less, but my son took a sneering, defiant attitude all through the trial; ridiculing every officer and official in the courtroom.

But the crowning, shocking climax came when the judge sternly asked, "Young man, don't you believe in God?"

My son laughed and said, "God? Who's that?" Every person in the courtroom turned to look at me. If only I had those years to live over! I would attend Bible classes and worship services faithfully and make sure my children attended as well.

I wonder how many times parents have made this same statement? If only they could turn back the clock and put God first in their marriages and in their children's lives. In far too many cases the damages are already done. Make no mistake about it!

We are rearing a new generation of children who literally have no clue concerning God because the generation before them didn't teach them! Children will not on their own volition learn about the Lord. God places children in our care to bring them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4).

Parents must wake up before some judge places a jail sentence upon their children. We will all give an account to God one day for our young ones. If our children lose their souls for all eternity, we would feel terrible and yet, we can start by training them in the ways of God. We must begin with ourselves first! See you in church this Lord's Day?

*By J. Raymond Pecoraro Wooddale Church of Christ*

### In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

March 6

"Six Searching Questions"



### Daily Bible Reading

**February 28:** Mark 6:1-29 & Num. 3-4

**March 1:** Mark 6:30-56 & Num. 5-6

**March 2:** Mark 7:1-23 & Num. 7

**March 3:** Mark 7:24-37 & Num. 8

**March 4:** Mark 8:1-21 & Num. 9-10

**March 5:** Mark 8:22-38 & Num. 11-13

**March 6:** Mark 9:1-29 & Num. 14

*"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."*