

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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LOVE IS

PATIENT

KIND

DOES NOT ENVY

DOES NOT BOAST

IS NOT PROUD

DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS

IS NOT SELF-SEEKING

IS NOT EASILY ANGERED

KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

LOVE NEVER FAILS

1 Corinthians 13 (NIV)

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**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Don Dougherty, De Fleak, 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), 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 Licking Memorial hospital.
- Ray Sams in Marietta Memorial Hospital.
- Gary Herridge is having health problems.
- Dorothy Stevens at Camden Clark
- Greg Kirkbride, co-worker of Paul Saunders.
- Shirley Martin in the hospital with Covid.
- Dearll Vincent is home with Covid.
- Willadean Tallman, Chris Tallman's mother- in Jackson General following a stroke.
- Teresa Steed- had knee replacement surgery.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family of Frank Hilton Vaught. He was the brother of Darrell Vaught and uncle to Dan Vaught. He attended the 6th and Washington church of Christ. Arrangements are unknown at this time.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Lucille Hardman, family and friends of Gilbert Hardman. The viewing will be Monday from 10am-11am and the funeral will be at 11am all at Leavitts 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.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- February book of the month is Joel. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

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. Feb. 14 Monday Night Merge will be held at Camden Avenue.

SOUP BEAN DINNER & GAME NIGHT- Mark your calendars for February 18.

FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP- This week, February 6-10 in person and online.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- Care Group 3 invites everyone to the fellowship on February 13 after morning worship and Bible class.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING- February 20 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

WIDOWS SWEETHEART LUNCHEON- at 36th Street church of Christ, February 15 at 11am. More information is available on the bulletin board.

PLEASE NOTE: CARE GROUPS

Ladies there is a care group volunteer sheet in the bulletin please fill it out and return to the basket in the foyer or to one of the care group leaders by February 27.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE- February 21 from 12-6pm. There is a sign up sheet on the counter for those that would like to give blood. Watch the bulletin the next couple of weeks for more important information.



save lives.
donate blood.

Are guests or kids allowed to come to the blood drive?
During this coronavirus outbreak, the Red Cross is not allowing guests including children.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

The Message of Christ Makes a Difference!

Priscilla moved from Wichita Falls to Fort Worth, Texas, when she was nineteen years old. She was a very beautiful girl and had been asked to pose for Playboy magazine. She moved to Fort Worth looking for money, fame, fortune, and an exciting, worldly lifestyle. Within six months Priscilla had achieved all her goals. She had moved in with a divorced lawyer to live in his mansion. He had given her a high-paying job as his secretary. He also bought her a mink coat and a new convertible, but something was still missing in Priscilla's life.



One day while at the mall she walked over to a booth where a local church of Christ was giving away Bibles. She said that she had been given a Bible when she graduated from high school, but she had never even opened it up. Since she already had a Bible that she had never used, she was not going to take another Bible. She also let the people know that she wasn't interested in the Bible.

As she walked away, the Bible booth attendant, Alvin Jennings, told Priscilla to read the Bible because it would make her a better person. As she walked briskly away, Alvin doubted that she would ever read her Bible. To his surprise, Priscilla was back at the Bible booth at the mall the very next Sunday. She said that she had read the first eleven chapters in the book of Genesis. She also asked that someone teach her the Bible.

During the next three months, Alvin Jennings spent many hours studying the Bible with Priscilla. Late one Saturday night she called Alvin and told him she wanted to become a Christian. On Sunday, she was baptized into Christ and became a servant of the King. She lost her job, her lawyer relationship, her mink coat, her car, and the mansion in which she lived. Sometimes we forget today how powerful the gospel is!

Several months later Priscilla went with the youth group on a mission trip to the Bahamas. She was a co-teacher. She and the teacher taught thirty teenage girls in a Vacation Bible School each day. The teacher was an exceptional Bible teacher. Despite the excellent teaching from the Word of God, there had not been a single response. On the last day, Priscilla shared her story about how and why she became a Christian and what she gave up. The girls really responded to her story; 25 girls became Christians that day. (Taken from *The Servant Driven Church* by Ray Fulenwider).

Who do you need to share the gospel of Jesus with?

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Exchanging Truth for Lies (Romans 1)

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:25

1: What was Naboth unwilling to do? Why?

2: What did Jezebel do to get the king what he wanted?

3: Have you ever felt like it was in your best interest to lie? Did you resist this temptation?

4: What is obviously true from the world around us? (Romans 1:21)

5: If you exchange the truth of God for a lie what kind of trade are you making?

6: What kind of trade did the Israelites make when Moses went up a mountain? What was the result?

7: What kind of journey did God take Ezekiel on?

8: Since some are trading the truth of God for a lie what are some things you would expect to see in our world today?

9: Are you committed to refuse the temptation to trade truth for lies?

Sunday P.M. Sermon: Mark Tonkery

God's Offer to You

Scripture Reading: Hosea 11:9-11

Doug's Discussion

This World is Not My Home

I'm told that in the military there are limits to how long a soldier can spend in the field. The average military deployment is between six and twelve months long. I'm sure there are plenty of reasons for that. The psychological strain of being in enemy territory perhaps. Or maybe it's just about the wandering soldier desiring to go home. I would understand if this desire grew over time, especially if there are many trials, even getting to the point where home is all the soldier can think about.

I too am thinking about home. In a way we are all traveling through enemy territory. As Jesus puts it in John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble." And, as the Bible warns in 1 Peter 5:8, "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

But that's okay! I know someday soon my "tour of duty" will be over and I will be able to go to a much safer place. I know that even though it's true that in this world I will have trouble I also know that I should take heart because Jesus has overcome the world (check the rest of John 16:33).

Can you imagine the despair that would exist if a soldier had nothing to go home to? What if the endless battle was all that there was, with no hope at the end? I would say this is a terrible thing to think about. My heart goes out to all those who think that this world IS their home. I feel sorrow when I think about someone who doesn't know Jesus' promise of rest. For them - one day is weary and full of burdens and the next day is the same. We aren't meant to live that way - forever out in the barren battlegrounds of this world! It's not healthy. It's not safe. Friends, come to Jesus. His comfort and hope will bring your heart peace. His love will take you home.



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

To many a piece of broken pottery would be worthless. Yes, it once was beautiful. But now it is lying on the floor in pieces just waiting to be swept into the garbage. UNLESS this pottery happens to have the good fortune of being broken in Japan. There it may receive the benefit of a centuries old Japanese art known as Kintsugi, which is the process of putting the broken pieces back together using a metallic lacquer. Sometimes the repaired golden lined cracks create a work of art that is even more beautiful than the original.

Perhaps there are days when we can identify with David when he says in Psalm 31 "I have become like broken pottery." We just aren't sure what happened to the perfect life we thought we had yesterday. It fell off the shelf, and today we are broken. But I want to encourage you - God can do incredible things with broken pieces. He is better than any man at putting it all back together. Even though you are broken trust in God, and He can make your life even more beautiful than it was before.

Food Pantry

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

Care Group 1- Syrup

Care Group 2- Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti & Meatball)

Care Group 3- Macaroni & Cheese

Care Group 4- Cereal

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for the prayers offered and cards of encouragement during my recovery from surgery. I am slowly progressing and continue to request prayers. Thank you, Don Dougherty
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls & words of encouragement when my brother Ralph died. Your kind words were appreciated very much. Bill & Kay Mills
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and Facebook messages for my birthday. I enjoyed all of them. Gala Miller
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, calls, and messages while I have been sick. I am improving and feeling better each day. Mark Tonkery

Serving In Worship February 13, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Clayton Huber

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover

Close - Jeff Taberner

6:00 PM - Korey Inman

Close - Keith Smith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ira Kimes

PM - Steve Gray

COMMUNION

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - Steve Gray



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

January 30, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....189

Sunday Bible Class.....161

Sunday PM Service.....134

Wednesday AM Service.....27

Wednesday PM Service.....128

Contribution.....\$7045.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

Book of the Month

Those that signed that they read Hosea in the book of January. Great Job! Keep up the good work! The book of the month for February is Joel. Read and then sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Bill Mills

Kay Mills

David Epler

Christine Epler

Mark Tonkery

Dot Haught

Sandy Keller

Charlotte Deem

Eloise Smith

Steve Gray

Linda Gray

Sonya Hescht

Susan Anderson

Larry Plant

Tabetha Rich

Robin Anthony

Rosemary Merrill

Delmas Carr

Naomi Carr

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Jim Hughes

Sandy Hughes

Linda Hall

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AND CO-WORKERS.

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP
February 13

“God’s Love for Us”

Daily Bible Reading

February 7: Matt. 24:1-28 & Ex. 30-31

February 8: Matt. 24:29-51 & Ex. 32-33

February 9: Matt. 25:1-13 & Ex. 34-35

February 10: Matt. 25:14-35 & Ex. 36-37

February 11: Matt. 26:1-13 & Ex. 38-39

February 12: Matt. 26:14-35 & Ex. 40

February 13: Matt. 26:36-26 & Lev. 1-4

“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.”