

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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*Rejoice*

in the Lord always.

again I will say,

**REJOICE!**

Philippians 4:4

# *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, Carolyn Henry, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Shirley Martin, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Don Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Bill Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, 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, Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle), 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, Frank & Hazel Terry (Eloise Smith's family), Jay & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

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

## Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Jay Chevront in Special Select Hospital in Newark, Ohio.
- Gary Herridge is having health problems.
- Jeff Fitcher
- Nona Huxley, Cindy Huxley's mother-in-law
- Dave Rice, Ralph Fox's friend is having health problems.
- Patty Dawson is in Encompass Health recovering from surgery.
- Ralph Fox is home recovering from health issues, and dealing with significant pain. will have a spinal procedure in the next couple weeks.
- Shirley Martin in the hospital.
- Vickie Shockey, cousin of Cindy Huxley is in Camden Clark with lung cancer.
- Dave Nicholson, friend of Chris & Terry Hofmann has pancreatic cancer.
- Joe Huxley, Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law had a heart attack last week.
- Mark Armstrong, Susan Anderson's boss had quadruple bypass surgery last week.

## **Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders

## **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
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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.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**- The March book of the month is Amos. Read and then sign up 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.

**LADS TO LEADERS**- If you would like to donate to help with the cost of the Lads to Leaders trip please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**- Saturday, June 18. Theme: Fearless Deeds of the Defenders.

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

**HOMEMISSION**- John Orr from HomeMission will be here to speak on April 3.

**CHURCH PICNIC**- Mark your calendar for the church picnic this summer on August 13, 2022.

**TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP**- Will be held at Camden Avenue March 27th at 6:00pm. Drinks and cookies are needed. If you are able to help with set-up or clean-up, or have any questions see Kevin Cochran.

**SPRING APOLOGETICS LECTURES**- Through Warren Apologetics at Marietta College May 12.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING** - Sunday, April 10 after P.M. Services by Door 6. All teachers and those who want to help are asked to attend. Teachers who want to order VBS material, see Mark T. for order forms. Material orders are due May 1.

# *Food Pantry*

Pantry items requested for March. Items can be left on the table in the pantry.

Care Group 1- Tomato Soup

Care Group 2- Spaghetti Noodles

Care Group 3- Chicken Noodle Soup

Care Group 4- Spam

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## God Keeps His Word



Today is the first day of spring! I knew it would come, although there was no guarantee you or I would see it (Jm. 4:14), but the Bible teaches us there is an order to God's seasons and spring will come; it always follows winter. Gen 8:22 teaches, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Then Solomon reminds us in Song of Solomon 2:11-12, "for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." Solomon explains that winter will always give way to spring. Soon the flowers will be budding, the bees will be buzzing, and we will be enjoying the sun and warmer weather.

There are some who say that regular seasons will stop, and no one will be able to tell summer from winter or fall from spring, but I do not believe that. Sometimes there are extremes in the weather, but the order of the seasons remains the same. The Bible teaches we will have seasons – as long as the earth remains.

Notice, the warning of Gen. 8:22, "while the earth remains". The earth and all creation look so permanent, but it is not always going to be here. Peter in 2 Pt. 3:10 gives us another warning, "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed."

One day there will be no seasons, no sky, no earth, and no other works of God as we know it. On that day we will all be transformed, given new bodies (1 Cor. 15:40-49). Those who are found faithful will go on to live with the Savior and those who are not righteous will be condemned (John 5:28-29).

As we move into spring it is a reminder that God always keeps His promises, just as winter always gives way to spring, this earth will pass away and give way to eternity.

This being true how should we respond? Peter answers this question for us in 2 Pt. 3:11-13, "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

God always keeps His word. Just as He promised spring would come after winter, He has promised eternity will come after this life, are you ready for that day?

# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## Seek The Lord

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:4-7

I. Seek \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Amos 5:6 "Seek the LORD and \_\_\_\_\_, Lest He break out like \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of \_\_\_\_\_, And \_\_\_\_\_ it, With no one to \_\_\_\_\_ it in Bethel."

II. Seek \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Amos 5:14 "Seek \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_, That you may live; So the LORD God of \_\_\_\_\_ will be with \_\_\_\_\_, As you have spoken. "

III. Seek \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Amos 8:12 "They shall wander from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, And from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; They shall run to and fro, seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD, But shall not find it."

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

## Faith Greater Than Facts

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:18-21



# *Doug's Discussion*

## Aaron, Unlikely Servant

Aaron was in total disgrace. For one thing, he made an idol in clear view of God. As far as I know the presence of God was still burning on the mountain when this idol was made, but at the very least a dazzling display of God's mighty power was in their very recent past. Yet Aaron listened when the people requested that other gods be made to go before them. He thought himself skillful enough to craft a god. And that's bad. Perhaps even worse is the utterly ridiculous reply Aaron comes up with when Moses asks him to explain himself. It's found in Exodus 32:24 "they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" Okay, if I catch a kid in wrongdoing that child is in trouble. But if they try to talk their way out of it with a completely see-through lie like this one they are in extra trouble. Aaron is in total disgrace.

Not long after this Aaron is brought forward. He is anointed with oil like kings would one day be. Garments of dignity and splendor have been prepared for him. A tunic, sash, robe, and ephod. The breastpiece he wears contains precious stones representing the tribes of Israel. I can't imagine the beauty of this moment, when these precious garments are placed upon him for the first time. I'm sure it was considered an incredible honor. I know it marked the beginning of prestigious service to the Lord. This was all for Aaron, the maker of the golden calf. The inventor of one of the worst excuses for sin I have ever heard.

I bring this up because I think some people believe that a mistake disqualifies them from God's service. And sure, it might be a whopper of a transgression, and probably is if you feel that way. However, having taken a look at Aaron's life, I'm prepared to say you're wrong. Do you need to repent? Yes. You should do that. Might the service you're able to do change based on what you did wrong? Also yes, and it wouldn't be hard to think of some examples. But do not be discouraged to the point of giving up! Our God can still use you to accomplish important things in His service. He took a lying idolater and made him high priest. Just think what He can do with you.

**GOD CAN USE YOU!**

## *Baptisms*

Aidan Klingler was baptized last Sunday. His address is 715 Middle Street Belpre Ohio 45714. He will be in Care Group 3.

Michaela Miller was baptized last Sunday. Her address is 218 Elm Street Belpre Ohio 45714. She will be in Care Group 3.

Be sure to welcome Aiden and Michaela to our Camden Avenue family.

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

I love Jesus. I think He's the best - I'm amazed at what He did for me and I sure hope you love Him too. I'm sorry if those words made you uncomfortable or angry. I'm aware they have the power to do that, and that many would prefer I keep my mouth shut when it comes to my faith. And...I can't do that. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, "It is written: 'I believed, therefore I have spoken.'" One follows the other. If you believe then you speak. And the more you believe something the harder it is to keep the words in - no matter what the people around you think.

If you a WVU fan are you going to tell me you never talk about your team when a Marshall fan is around? If you are a dedicated Republican do you shut your mouth about your beliefs anytime a Democrat walks into the room? I mean - be kind and respectful but if you strongly believe in something you're going to have a hard time saying nothing...no matter what. You believe, and so speak.

I believe in Jesus. Therefore I speak.

## *Thank You*

- ♥ Thanks to all who sent cards for our birthdays we enjoyed them all. Jim & Charlotte Galloway
- ♥ I would like to thank all for the prayers and cards. In Christian Love, Shirley Martin
- ♥ Thank you so much for all the cards, texts and Facebook well wishes in the celebration of my birthday. They were all appreciated. Paul Saunders

## Serving In Worship March 27, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Daniel Rich

PM - Doug Wells

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Life

Close - Ron Riddle

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Kyle Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Dennis Keller

### COMMUNION

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Rick Stanley



*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

March 13, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....192

Sunday Bible Class.....167

Sunday PM Service.....157

Wednesday PM Service.....158

Contribution.....\$7867.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....1

## April Birthday's & Anniversaries

3- Pam Bayer

4- John Hall

4- Mike & Pam Bayer\*

5- Edwin Hoover

6- Calle Sheppard

6- Mike Wade

6- John & Linda Hall\*

6- Aiden Klingler

7- Amzie Inman

7- Ken Barnes

8- Amanda Cochran

8- Alex Saunders

10- Sharon Smith

10- Sarah Wilcoxon

10- Dave & Lois Nulter

11- Kasen Inman

13- Steve Gray

14- Jimmy Galloway

15- Chris Hofmann

15- Doug & Alisha Hershman\*

16- Brian & Ann Knotts\*

17- Dustin Hughes

18- Terry Hofmann

19- Zoe Hall

20- Bob Miller

20- Mariella Barnes

21- Rosie Knox

21- Carly Taberner

21- Chris & Terry Hofmann\*

22- Henley Hoover

22- Doutzen Sheppard

24- Lizzy Hoover

24- Lois Porter

27- Mandy Camp

28- Carolyn Davis

29- Sarah Buckley



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### In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

March 27

"Battles of the Heart"



**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

### Daily Bible Reading

March 21: Mark 16 & Deut. 5-6

March 22: Luke 1:1-25 & Deut. 7-9

March 23: Luke 1:26-56 & Deut. 10-11

March 24: Luke 1:57-80 & Deut. 12-14

March 25: Luke 2:1-24 & Deut. 15-17

March 26: Luke 2:25-52 & Deut. 18-20

March 27: Luke 3:1-18 & Deut. 21-22

*"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."*