

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Mercy to you
AND PEACE AND LOVE
BE MULTIPLIED.

Jude 1:2

In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Patty Dawson, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Carolyn Henry, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Shirley Martin, Linda Moncrief, Debby 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, 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

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Jay Chevront in Cornerstone in Huntington WV.
- Dave Rice, Ralph Fox's friend is having health problems.
- Ralph Fox is recovering from his latest surgery
- Shirley Martin is in Belpre Landing.
- Vickie Shockey, cousin of Cindy Huxley is home.
- Dave Nicholson, friend of Chris & Terry Hofmann has pancreatic cancer.
- Mark Armstrong, Susan Anderson's boss recovering from bypass surgery.
- Bill Porter is home recuperating.
- Brenna, Vicki Shockey's daughter that lives in Nashville suffered a stroke.
- Kevin Britton, Cody Hoovers Cousins husband- has cancer.
- Jeff Huxley husbands back problems & cancer.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Don Nesselroad. The funeral was held last week.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Mary Daniel on the passing of her Daughter-in-Law, Toshicko Daniel.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Susan Haid on the passing of her stepson Tony Haid.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Harold Stanley. Harold passed away on Thursday.

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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 April book of the month is Obadiah. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board after you have completed the reading.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING - Today 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.

WEDDING SHOWER- Everyone is invited to a wedding shower for Emily Saunders and her fiancé, Jackson Huddleston in the multipurpose room on Saturday, April 23rd from 10am-12pm. This will be a co-ed shower so everyone is welcome. If you have any questions see Alisha Hershman, Julie Taberner or Barbara Saunders. The couple is registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

APRIL MEN'S MEETING- Has been changed to April 24 at 4:00pm in the M.P. Room.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- April 24th at Rockport church of Christ.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship meal today after morning worship and Bible class.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

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.

LADS TO LEADERS SHOWCASE- The showcase will be held Today beginning at 4:15p.m. Please come support the students as they demonstrate what they have been working on this year.

LADS TO LEADERS RECOGNITION NIGHT- Please note the date change: May 1 after P.M. services there will be an awards recognition for Lads to Leaders. All are invited to join us as we celebrate the achievements of our Camden Avenue Youth involved in Lads to Leaders.

LADS TO LEADERS PICNIC- There is a sign up sheet on the counter for items that are requested for the Lads to Leaders picnic. Any questions see Todd or Annette Kirk.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Chasing Fleas

Saul should have been home governing Israel. After all, he was the duly appointed king. Undoubtedly dozens of important matters deserved his attention. But instead he was running around the wilderness, tying up three thousand of his crack troops, chasing David. David meant Saul no harm, and proved that on more than one occasion. The importance of catching David was only in Saul's mind. David finally accused Saul, "the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea" (1 Samuel 26:20). Saul was chasing fleas and ignoring the important things.

A lot of us are chasing fleas. The important things, (such as righteousness, faith, and holiness) are ignored while we chase things that don't matter at all. The importance of these things is only in our own minds.

Money, position, power, fashion, and recreation, all seem so vital, but in reality these are merely fleas. We must learn to focus our attention on those things that make a difference in eternity. "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:2)

Is it possible that we are so busy chasing fleas that we neglect our children? Are we more concerned about the material things that impress the world than we are about impressing our children with the eternal things of God?

Ask yourself this question. Am I really emphasizing the things that matter, or am I chasing fleas?



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
The Study of God in Obadiah
Scripture Reading: Obadiah 1:1

"The vision of _____. Thus says the _____ concerning _____ (We have heard a report from the _____, And a _____ has been sent among the _____, saying, 'Arise, and let _____ rise up against her for _____')." Obadiah 1:1

I. God is in _____

II. God is _____

III. God has great _____

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells
Fight to the Death
Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-2

Doug's Discussion

This Man is a Prophet . . . and More

Simon the Pharisee invited Jesus to his home to be one of his dinner guests but he clearly wasn't too sure about Him. Jesus certainly didn't get the honored guest treatment – not even any water for his dirty feet. Maybe Simon thinks Jesus might be an impostor, or maybe even someone to be feared. It didn't help that someone else came into his home who probably wasn't on the guest list. Simon knew who she was. Everyone knew who she was – a sinner. And she went right up to Jesus and had the audacity to pour perfume on his feet! Well, Simon thinks he's got it figured out now. This is no prophet. He says to himself “If this man were a prophet he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner” (Luke 7:39).

Now, I want you to keep in mind that Simon wasn't talking to Jesus here. I don't even think he said it out loud. (Generally comments about other people's sinfulness aren't the sort of thing anybody would say out loud). But do you know how the next verse starts? “Jesus answered him” (Luke 7:40). Simon is clearly wrong on the whole prophet thing. Jesus knows exactly what kind of woman is touching Him and He ALSO knows exactly what Simon is thinking. Jesus answers Simon's THOUGHT. I don't know about you – but if I say something in my head and someone next to me answers me out loud that is really going to get my attention. So yes, Jesus is a prophet. Clearly a great one. I don't think mind-reading was a common ability even among prophets.

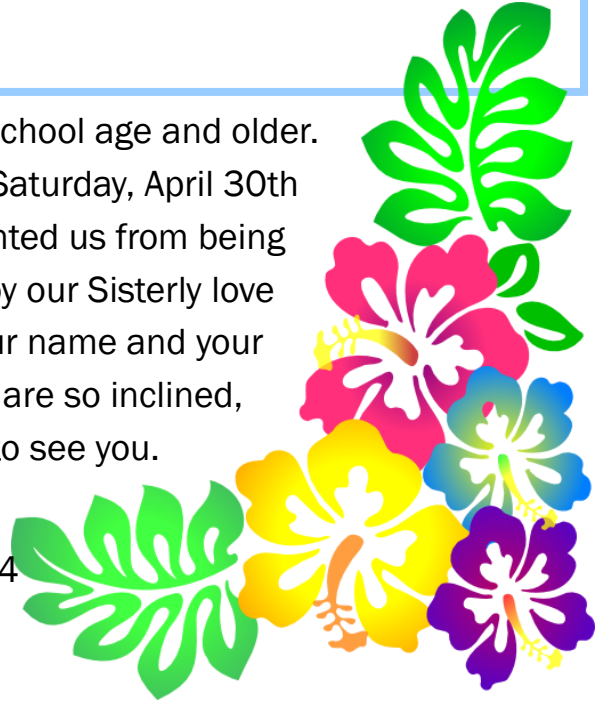
Yet prophet is still too low a title for Jesus. The woman Simon was so upset about was a sinner, that's true. But Jesus says something to her that no prophet before Him had ever said: “Jesus said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ The other guests began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’” (Luke 7:48-49). Who indeed? Who is this man who is kind to broken people? Who is the man who can read thoughts as clearly as if you had said them out loud? Who is this man who even has the authority to forgive a sinful woman so she can leave that place in peace? If Simon the Pharisee ever worked out the answer to that I suspect he wished he had washed Jesus' feet.

Ladies

An invitation to our Camden Avenue Ladies, Middle school age and older. A Hawaiian themed luncheon has been planned for Saturday, April 30th at noon in the Multipurpose Room. Covid has prevented us from being together for so long...so this is an opportunity to enjoy our Sisterly love and friendship. If you plan to attend, please sign your name and your guests names on the sheet in the back foyer. (If you are so inclined, Hawaiian attire is welcome but not required!) Hope to see you.



Welcome one another...Romans 15:7
and above all put on love. Colossians 3:14



Thank You

- ♥ Thank you Keith Smith for your 42 years of service as a Deacon here at Camden Avenue.
- ♥ Thank you for all the posts and beautiful birthday cards. Sherry Hoover
- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards. Norma Vaught

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on FM 96.9

Take a minute and think about the kind of advice you want. When you ask a parent, a teacher, or a friend for what they think...what are you hoping for? I suspect there are many who just want someone to tell them what they want to hear.

In the Bible King Rehoboam was one of those people. The Israelites came to him one day and asked the king to lighten their burdens. Rehoboam then went to the elders and asked them for advice. The elders told them to answer the people kindly. Then the king went to his friends and asked for their advice, and they suggested putting the people in their place with a harsh answer. And that's what Rehoboam listened to. Why? Because that's what he wanted to hear. That's what he wanted to do. And because he couldn't listen to good advice it was a national disaster.

I pray you are looking for more than just what you want to hear. I pray you are looking for the truth. For wisdom. For the best way to go. If not, you're doomed to live life limited by the measure of your own wisdom. I, for one, need more than that.

Serving In Worship April 17, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Highman

Close - Dylan Muncy

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Keith Smith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Don Dougherty

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade

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.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

April 3, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....	217
Sunday Bible Class.....	172
Sunday PM Service.....	166
Wednesday PM Service.....	190
Contribution.....	\$9703.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....2

Upcoming Local Events

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE 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.

NORTH END GOSPEL MEETING- There will be a meeting at North End church of Christ April 24-27 with Tim Hatfield.

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

6TH & WASHINGTON FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY- May 22nd with Tim Hatfield.

6TH & WASHINGTON LADIES TEA- May 21st at 2:00p.m. with Tammy Hatfield.

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP GOLF BENEFIT- Saturday August 13 at Mingo Bottom Golf Club.

SPRING FORMAL/PROM ALTERNATIVE- May 7th from 7pm-9pm for 9th-12th graders. Hosted by North End church of Christ.



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In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

April 17

"The Judgement"



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Daily Bible Reading

April 11: Luke 9:46-62 & Jos. 21-22

April 12: Luke 10:1-20 & Jos. 23-24

April 13: Luke 10:21-42 & Jud. 1-2

April 14: Luke 11:1-28 & Jud. 3-4

April 15: Luke 11:29-54 & Jud. 5-6

April 16: Luke 12:1-21 & Jud. 7-8

April 17: Luke 12:22-40 & Jud. 9-10

"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."