

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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LET THE WORDS
OF MY MOUTH
AND THE MEDITATION

OF MY HEART

BE ACCEPTABLE

IN YOUR SIGHT,

my Lord,

MY ROCK,

AND MY REDEEMER.

Psalm 19:14

In Our Prayers

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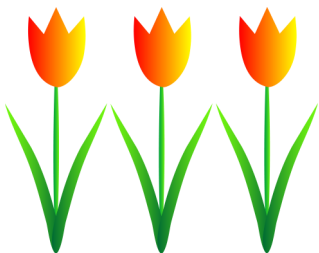
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Our church family in need of prayers

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), Dave Nicholson (friend of the Hofmanns), 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 or corrections to the prayer list.

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Dave Rice, Ralph Fox's friend is having health problems.
- Ralph Fox is recovering from his latest surgery.
- Shirley Martin is in Belpre Landing.
- Brenna, Vicki Shockey's daughter that lives in Nashville suffered a stroke.
- Kevin Britton, Cody Hoovers Cousins husband- has cancer.
- Jeff Huxley, Cindy Huxley's husband dealing with back problems & cancer.
- Linda Moncrief is in Camden Clark hospital. Visits and calls are appreciated.
- Daniel, Carol Peters son continues to recover from surgery.
- Eloise Smith is recovering from her recent surgery.
- Megan Bailey Daugherty, the niece of Sandy Hughes, going through testing and procedures for a brain bleed.
- Jenny Reynolds is in The Willows.
- David Epler is recovering from surgery for his broken shoulder.
- Our Shut-in's including, Rosie Knox, room 204-1 Ohio Valley Health Care 222 Nicolette Rd. Parkersburg, WV 26104.

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. The book of the month for May will be Jonah.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - *Teachers are needed!* If you are able to help see Mark T. All teachers who want to order VBS material, see Mark T. for order forms. Reminder order forms are due May 1.

APRIL MEN'S MEETING- Today at 4:00pm in the M.P. Room.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Tonight at Rockport church of Christ.

LADS TO LEADERS RECOGNITION NIGHT- 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.

GRADUATING SENIORS- Turn in a picture, school graduating from, and after graduation plans to the office for an upcoming bulletin.

BIBLE BOWL- Mark your calendars for the Camden Avenue Bible Bowl October 8, 2022, over Ezra and Nehemiah.

Upcoming Local Events

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

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

SPENCER GOSPEL MEETING- May 1-6 with John Keith.

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

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

SUNRISE YOUTH RALLY- May 20-21 with Keith Parker.

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

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

MID-OHIO VALLEY AREA WIDE SING- Hosted by Hopewell church of Christ. May 22 from 3:00-4:00pm.

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

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

No Room for Hate

Have you ever had someone judge or hate you just because of your skin color? I grew up going to school, and church and living in an area where most people looked like me. I knew very few dark-skinned people, although in junior high I did have a friend who was Black, he left school for some reason, and I never heard from him again. Even though I had little exposure to nonwhite people, I never developed a hatred or even a dislike for people who did not look like me. I was never raised to hate. Let me be clear, I was not ignorant of racism, I grew up watching the TV news and hearing about the race riots in Los Angeles in 1992, I had studied about the civil rights movement, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King Jr. So, I knew that racism was a real thing, and the message I received was “Whites and Blacks” did not get along and some even hated one another. But because of my being taught the Bible and that we were to love God and love another (Mt. 22:37-39) there was no room in my heart for hate.

Then I went to college, where I experienced for the first time, in person that not everyone was raised as I was. There were some people who were raised to hate, and just because I was a White person, there were a few Black students who hated me. They were taught that White people were evil and were taught to hate them. It was hard not to develop this same attitude especially when some of the Black students were the aggressors.

Case in point one night while in college it was about midnight some Black students knocked on my door accusing me and other White students of stealing one of their friend’s pair of pants from the Laundry room, only to find out later that the pants in question were still in the Laundry room in the dryer. God was certainly with me because I was afraid, angry, confused, and tired but somehow God gave me the words to talk these students down from harming me or others until the dorm parent came and calmed the students down and sent them back to their rooms.

I realize racism can go both ways, sometimes Whites hate Blacks, Blacks hate Whites, and other groups hate each other. But for the Christian, whether we are Black, White, Asian, or of other ethnicities, there is no room for hate. God’s Word calls us to love one another. Notice, 1 Jn. 4:7-8, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

I like how one mother taught her child to be a blessing and not to hate. A little girl, age 3 was riding in a taxi with her mother when she pointed to the driver and asked, “Mommy, why is he so Black?”

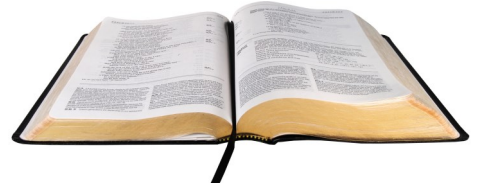
The mother noticed that the man’s shoulders stiffened at the question. She hastily searched for the right words that would satisfy both the driver and her daughter. “God makes people as He makes flowers in the garden, so the world will be more colorful. Some are white, some brown, some black, some yellow – and there are all shades in between. That makes us all the more interesting to look at, don’t you think?” The little girl nodded, for this made sense.

As they left the cab the Black driver said to the mother, “Ma’am, when my little girl gets big enough to ask why some people are White, I’ll know what to tell her now. Thank you.”

Oh, what a wise mother that woman was! She created light instead of darkness, trust instead of suspicion. She thought too much of her daughter’s soul, the taxi driver’s soul, and her own soul to traffic in hate. (Story taken from the Bulletin Digest, 9/2017) As Christians, we must care for all people and treat them as we wish to be treated (Mt. 7:12).

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
What makes the church, the church?
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:40-47



Introduction

- A. Mt. 16:18, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (NKJV).
- B. This being true, then what makes the church, the church? What separates the church from other organizations, or other religious groups?
- C. Acts 2:42-47 explains to us what the New Testament Church was designed to be and is the pattern for the church today:

Discussion

- I. The church has _____ . (Acts 2:42,43)
- II. The church teaches _____ . (Acts 2:42)
- III. The church comes _____ . (Acts 2:42-47)
- IV. The church must _____ . (Acts 2:42-47)
- V. The church needs _____ . (Acts 2:45)
- VI. The church understands the responsibility _____ . (Acts 2:40,47)

Finally,

- A. Ask yourself am I doing all I need to be doing to be a member of Christ's Church?

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
The Bible and Racism
Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-35

Doug's Discussion

Providing for Family

Today, in America, there are enormous government aid programs to take care of those in need. Widows and orphans are pretty much assured to have something to eat. But before these programs existed the church took the responsibility to make sure the most vulnerable had what they needed to live. As the Word says, "Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need" (1 Timothy 5:3). But there was one stipulation. If the widow had Christian family it was the family members who were to provide for her needs. To fail to do so was considered a disgrace. "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Timothy 5:8). If grandma is hungry then what you ought to do is supposed to be obvious.

This is an easy concept to grasp when it comes to things like food and shelter. We have many heroes in the faith who have provided for their parents and grandparents for decades. However, I would suggest to you that food and water is not our family's most important need. Jesus once said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 8:35). What our families need most is Jesus! Normal bread can satisfy you for a moment but Jesus is what our souls really need. If I wouldn't let my family go hungry for bread how can I let them continue to hunger for the bread of life?

I think it's possible that the only Christian a brother, a mother, an uncle, or a cousin really talks to is you. If they are going to hear the gospel at all we must speak it. We must teach truth at our family gatherings. We must invite our family to our home Bible studies. We must take every opportunity to add more of our earthly family to our spiritual family. To fail to do so is to deny what faith in Jesus is leading us to do. The first thing Andrew did after deciding to follow Jesus was to tell his brother Peter about his faith. We should do the same.

Ladies



The Ladies Hawaiian BBQ Luncheon is a week away! Saturday, April 30th at noon, in the multipurpose room. A sign up sheet is provided for your name and guests names in the foyer to help with the count for final preparations. Remember to wear Hawaiian attire if desired but not required! Pictures will be taken of all attending for a wonderful memory. We're looking forward to sharing love & friendship during this special afternoon.

Welcome one another...Romans 5:17

and above all put on love. Colossians 3:14



Men's Retreat

May 13-14 at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Cost is \$50 per person. All men are invited. There are classes for teens, young adults, and adults. If you are interested see Mark Tonkery for more information.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you to everyone for the anniversary cards and for the get well cards and good wishes.
Dave & Lois Nulter
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the calls and prayers for Jay and our family. Also thank you to those that sang at the funeral it was beautiful, also thank you for the food afterwards and for Mark T. speaking at the funeral he did such a great job. Nina Cheuvront
- ♥ Camden Avenue church family, Thank you for all your support for the Lads to Leaders program. Your support is playing a huge role in shaping our lives and leadership in the church. Please continue to keep praying for and supporting us as we grow.



Serving In Worship May 1, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway
PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith
Close - Josh Hall
6:00 PM - Bill Hoover
Close - Levi Wells

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bob Miller
PM - Marion Goldsmith

COMMUNION

AM - Brian Haught
PM - Scott Johnson



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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 17, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....188
Sunday Bible Class.....110
Sunday PM Service.....136
Wednesday PM Service.....149
Contribution.....\$6080.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....3
Restored or Requested Prayers.....1
Placed Membership.....2

Love & Care - Help Wanted

Love and Care is facing a staffing crisis and need prayers and assistance! Staff needed include...

LPN: Saturday and/or Sunday 2:00pm-10:00pm (and vacation fill ins when available) and a Midnight LPN.

Aide: There are 2 midnight positions (FT and/or PT 10:00pm-6:00am and 10:30pm-6:30am Tuesday through Sunday.

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Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP

May 1

"Why Do We Suffer"



IN
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OF THE LORD'S WAY

Daily Bible Reading

April 25: Luke 17:1-19 & 1 Sam. 4-6

April 26: Luke 17:20-37 & 1 Sam. 7-9

April 27: Luke 18:1-17 & 1 Sam. 10-12

April 28: Luke 18:18-43 & 1 Sam. 13-14

April 29: Luke 19:1-27 & 1 Sam. 15-16

April 30: Luke 19:28-48 & 1 Sam. 17

May 1: Luke 20:1-26 & 1 Sam. 18-19

"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."