

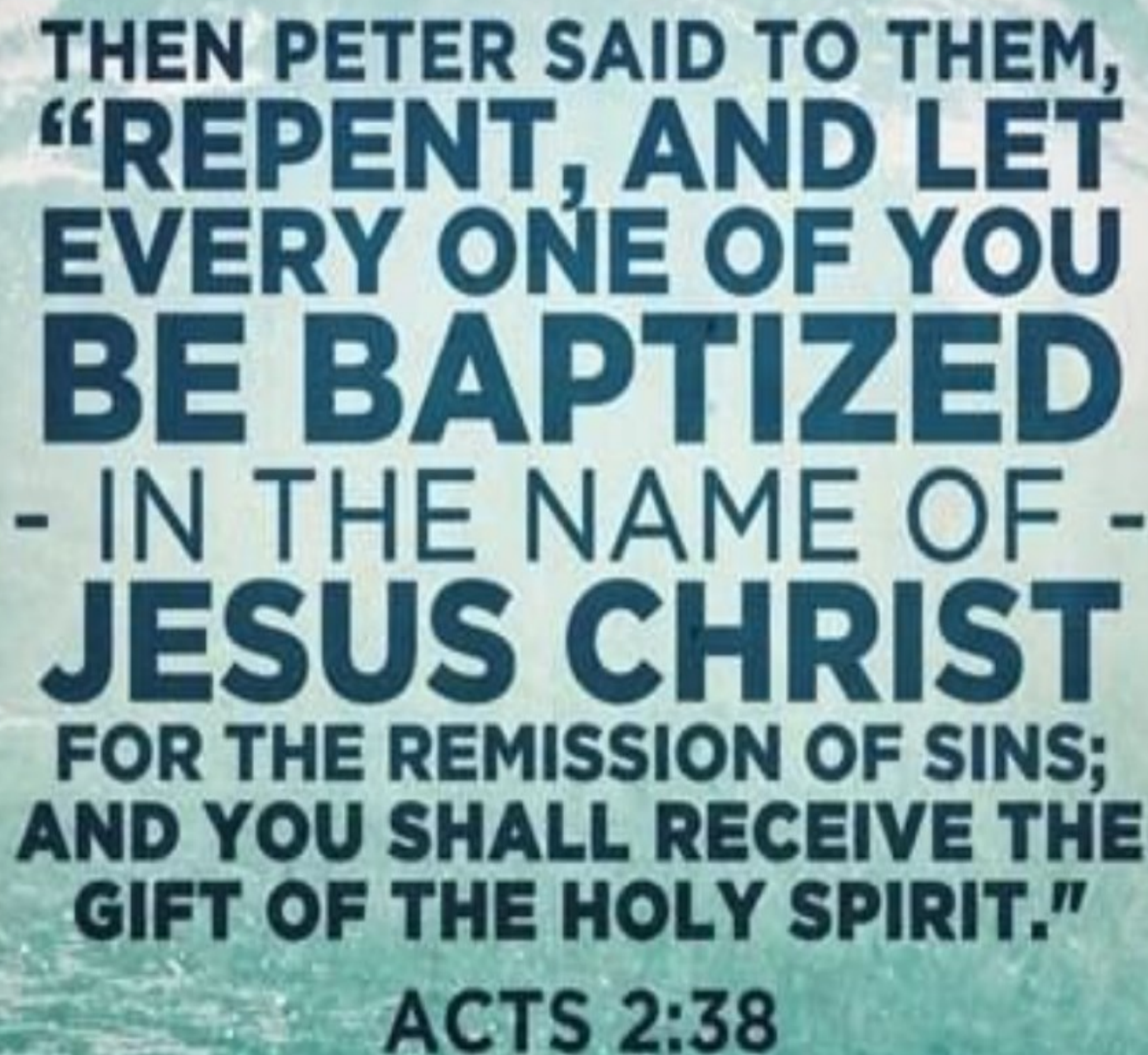
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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**THEN PETER SAID TO THEM,
“REPENT, AND LET
EVERY ONE OF YOU
BE BAPTIZED
- IN THE NAME OF -
JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS;
AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”
ACTS 2:38**

In Our Prayers

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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, Kevin Britton (Cody Hoovers Cousin), Lynn Case-mon (Glen Snider's Uncle), 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), Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend), 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:

- Ralph Fox continues to have back pain and will be having another MRI.
- Shirley Martin is home. She will have more tests this week.
- Jeff Huxley, Cindy Huxley's husband dealing with back problems & cancer.
- Linda Moncrief
- Megan Bailey Daugherty, the daughter of Jim and Linda Bailey, is at home still experiencing rather severe symptoms. She will be reassessed in six weeks, and continues to need prayers.
- Jenny Reynolds is in The Willows.
- David Epler is recovering from surgery for his broken shoulder.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Ryan Highman on the passing of his grandfather, Lenny Thornberry. The funeral was held on Saturday.

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 May book of the month is Jonah. 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 - Thank you to everyone that has said they will teach. If you would still like to help see Mark T. All teachers who want to order VBS material, see Mark T. for order forms. Reminder order forms are due today.

LADS TO LEADERS RECOGNITION NIGHT- Tonight after evening 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. Bring snacks and desserts.

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.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- The May fellowship meal has been moved to May 15. Care Group 2 will be in charge.

UKRAINE RELIEF- The elders have determined to send relief funds to aid struggling Christians in Ukraine. Members who would also like to personally contribute towards the relief efforts in Ukraine can give their contribution to one of the elders.

SINGING NIGHT- May 6 at 6:00pm in the multipurpose room. See Dave or Lois Nulter with any questions.

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE- The Postal Food drive is Saturday, May 14th, after a 2 year pause due to COVID. Parkersburg mail carriers will be using the area outside our main entrance to drop off canned foods that they pick up along their postal route. We are in need of those to help unload, sort and box up canned goods that are collected. We will need help from 12-6 that day. Pizza and drinks will be provided around 1 pm. Our church food pantry benefits from this event along with other food pantries throughout Parkersburg. If you can help please let Jeff Taberner know.

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.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Are you where God needs you?

Have you ever been somewhere you were not supposed to be? I was never one who would skip school. Even in college, I went to all my classes, except when I was sick and sometimes even then I still went to class. But there was one day, and the only day I ever remember skipping class to “goof off,” and it was not really my choice.

This is what happened. During my freshman year, students from OVC were asked to go to Williamstown High School and judge a science fair. I was asked to go, and it required me to miss some of my classes that day, but they were excused during the time we were at the science fair. My one problem was I had no car, so I had to catch a ride with another student if I was going to participate in the science fair. So, I found a ride with a “friend” who was also in the classes I was missing.

The day came and we went to the science fair and completed our judging. Once we got back in the car my “friend” who was driving decided to take a detour back to OVC. It had just rained, and he saw an empty parking lot and he thought it would be fun to try to hydroplane his car through the water puddles. Well, we did that for a while without any injuries or damages and then he took his time coming back to school. Once we came back to school, we returned to our classes, we had completed our service project and “extended” our free time, no harm done, right.

Wrong. When I returned to the one class I was excused from later in the week, the teacher called me out for “skipping” and did not excuse my absence. Apparently, my “friend” told the teacher about our “extracurricular activity” and informed the teacher that I was with him. We both received an unexcused absence from the class. I was so upset with that kid I hardly ever talked to him again, and I most certainly never rode with him anywhere.

Nevertheless, I was not where I was supposed to be and got “called out” for it. I guess maybe we all have at one time, or another been somewhere we were not supposed to be. Like Jonah. In Jonah 1:1-3, God calls Jonah to go to Nineveh, instead, Jonah goes to Tarshish.

Jonah does the opposite of what God tells him to do. Jonah did not go where God needed him. Jonah thought he could run away or hide from God. As we read the book of Jonah, we learn that Jonah was mistaken, by the way of a ship, storm, sea, and a great fish. Jonah finally ends up where God needed him, in Nineveh. If Jonah would have only gone to Nineveh the first time it would have saved him a lot of trouble.

Thinking about Jonah should make us ask the question are we where God needs us to be? Are we serving God, obeying God, and doing the things He needs us to do, or are we trying to go the other way? For example, when the call goes out that someone needs a visit from members of the congregation do we go visit or ignore the request? When there is a need for a Bible class teacher do you make excuses why you can't teach instead of going and teaching? Do you need to be in Christ, to repent and be baptized but delaying? When help is needed, a soul needs to be taught the gospel, or volunteers are needed, do you go and help or run away like Jonah?

Now is the time to act, and be where God needs us. Will we rise to the occasion? Will we act? Are you where God needs you?



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Jonah the Reluctant Prophet

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-3

“Now the word of the LORD came to _____ the son of Amittai, saying, “ _____, go to Nineveh, that _____ city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” But _____ arose to flee to _____ from the presence of the _____. He went down to Joppa, and found a _____ going to Tarshish; so he paid the _____, and went down into it, to go with them to _____ from the presence of the _____.” Jonah 1:1-3 NKJV

I. The _____ of Jonah (Jonah 1:1-3)

II. The _____ from God (Jonah 1: 4-16)

III. The _____ by a Fish (Jonah 1:17-2:10)

IV. The _____ of the Ninevites (Jonah 3:1-10)

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Fight to the Death

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:3-4

Doug's Discussion

Terms and Conditions Apply

In America today I don't think it's super uncommon to run across the belief that everyone goes to heaven. I mean . . . have you ever been to a funeral where the minister suggested otherwise? Now, don't get me wrong, I would love for everyone to go to heaven. It's not like there's a shortage of room. But I don't want anyone to get a really unpleasant surprise before the pearly gates – so it's worth knowing that salvation of any kind tends to have conditions.

Take for example the agreement the Israelite spies had with Rahab. Rahab, a resident of Jericho, risks her life to hide the spies Joshua sent. She modestly asks in return that her family not be killed. That is, she wanted to be saved from the coming destruction. The spies agree: “Our lives for your lives!” (Joshua 2:14). Salvation was given – but it was conditional. The spies go on to say “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house” (Joshua 2:17-18). What do you think would happen if Rahab forgot to tie the cord to the window? What if she neglected to bring her family into the house? What if she said something like “you know, they have no right to decide how I live my life. I do what I want and they better let me do me!”? If that was her attitude I suspect this would have been the last we heard of poor Rahab.

Many other examples exist. Noah was offered salvation but he had to build a boat to gain it. The Israelites were offered salvation from the Egyptian army but they needed to take a probably unnerving walk between the separated waters of the Red Sea to be safe. And we too are all offered salvation in Christ from the coming destruction but this salvation is conditional as well. Those who wish to be saved must obey the gospel (see 2 Thessalonians 1:8), repenting and being baptized into Christ (see Acts 2:38), choosing to follow Jesus (see Matthew 26:24). The offer is for all. Obeying the gospel is the cord that God sees and spares the house, it is the ark that saves us from the devastation of the whole world.

I would love for everyone to go to heaven. But how could they without accepting the God-given conditions? Salvation has never worked that way before.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS
-APPLY-**

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ben & Holly Sheppard and family on the birth of Griffin Hayes Sheppard born Monday, April 25th. 8lbs 2oz and 21 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.

There is a money/gift card shower for being held for them. The gifts may be given to Sandy Sheppard today.



Thank You

- ♥ Chris & Terry Hofmann want to “thank” everyone for the birthday and anniversary cards.
- ♥ Thank you for the cards visits and prayers in the passing of our father. Special thanks to Rick and Mark for their kind words. The family of Harold Stanley
- ♥ Thank you to everyone for the sympathy cards and kind words on the death of my daughter-in-law Toshicko Daniel. Mary Daniel

Book of the Month

Those that signed up stating that they had read the book of Obadiah in April. Great job! The book of the month for May is Jonah.

Eloise Smith	Jim Hughes	Naomi Carr
Keith Smith	Sandy Hughes	Mike Wade
Bill Mills	David Epler	Brandi Hescht
Kay Mills	Christine Epler	Sonya Hescht
Teresa Wade	Michaela Miller	Linda Gray
Mark T. Tonkery	Aidan Klingler	Steve Gray
Paul Saunders	Charlene Donahue	Donna Tice
Bill Hoover	Mary Daniel	Dave Nulter
Sherry Hoover	Jordan Alton	Lois Nulter
Barbara Cramlet	Gary Alton	Klay Cochran
Charlotte Deem	Robin Anthony	John Rockhold
Joyce Wright	Denny Keller	Laura Tonkery
Bill Davis	Sandy Keller	Judy Hupp
Sonia Klingler	Delmas Carr	Leon Hupp

Serving In Worship May 8, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman
PM - John Life

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Josh Carr
Close - Daniel Rich
6:00 PM - Kyle Inman
Close - Korey Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Klay Cochran
PM - Bill Mills

COMMUNION

AM - Chris Tallman
PM - Ron Riddle



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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 24, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....	211
Sunday Bible Class.....	161
Sunday PM Service.....	144
Wednesday PM Service.....	153
Contribution.....	\$6165.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

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

Upcoming Local Events

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

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.

CENTRAL W.V. LECTURES- May 13-15 Dunbar church of Christ

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.



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In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP

May 8

"Woman of God"



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Daily Bible Reading

May 2: Luke 20:27-47 & 1 Sam. 20-22

May 3: Luke 21:1-24 & 1 Sam. 23-24

May 4: Luke 21:25-38 & 1 Sam. 25-26

May 5: Luke 22:1-23 & 1 Sam. 27-29

May 6: Luke 22:24-53 & 1 Sam. 30-31

May 7: Luke 22:54-71 & 2 Sam. 1-3

May 8: Luke 23:1-25 & 2 Sam. 4-6

"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."