

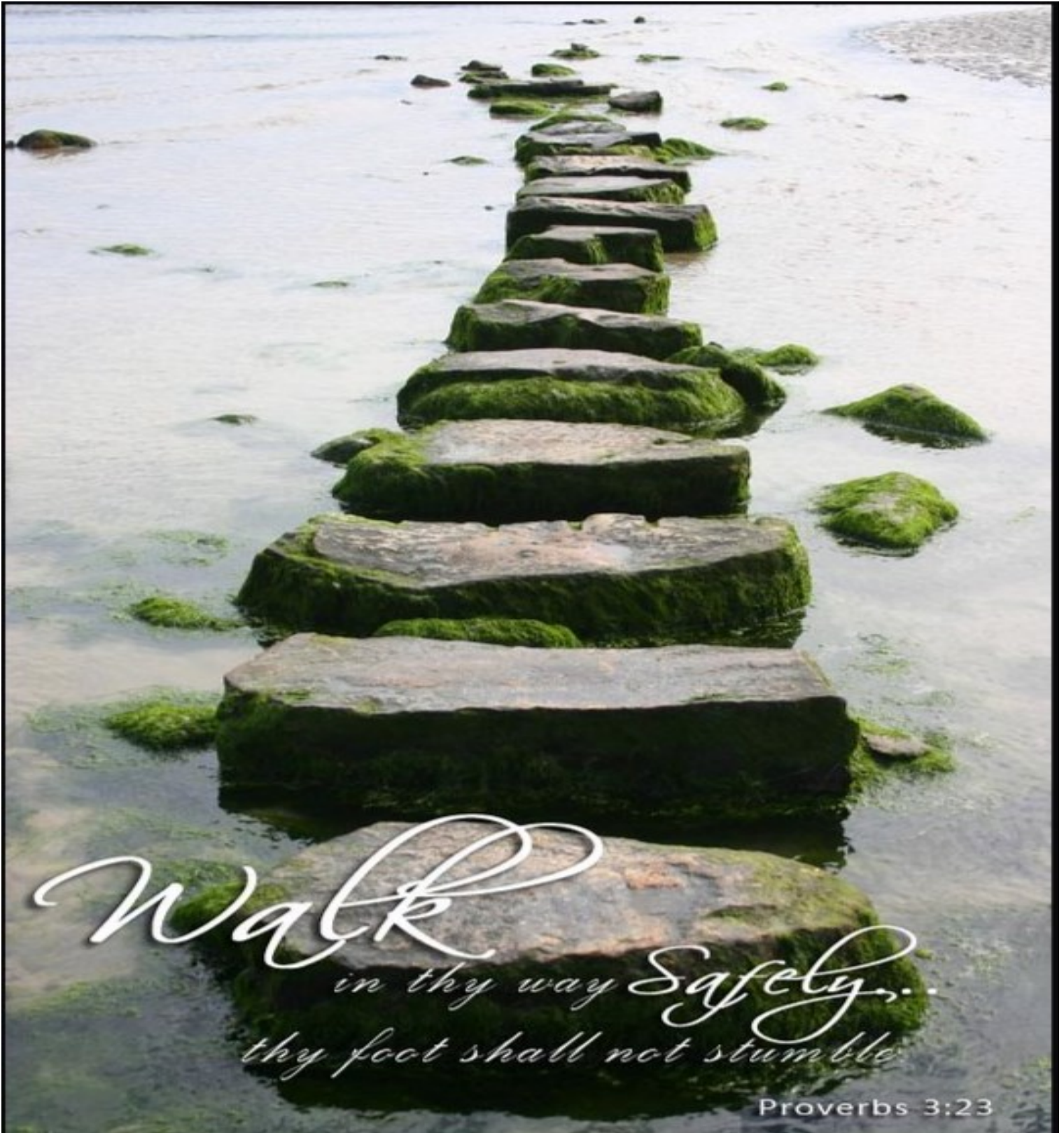
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

Bible Call 304-420-2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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Walk
in thy way safely...
thy foot shall not stumble

Proverbs 3:23

In Our Prayers

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Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Patty Dawson, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Carolyn Henry, Jon Hesch, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Merilee Morgan, Debby Neselroad, Ray Peters, Bill Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Cotton Sayre, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Jim Stoops, 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 Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle), Roy Clark, Megan Bailey Daugherty, 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), Allison Kirkland (friend of Gwen Johnson), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Helen May (Verna Huber's mom), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), Dave Nicholson (friend of the Hofmanns), Michael Parsons (friend of Billie Coe), Kathy Plant, 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, Sara White (Randy White's Daughter), Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Megan Daugherty
- Eloise Smith
- Justin- Cindy Huxley's nephew continues to make progress and may begin skin grafting soon.
- Leo Blair- Robin Anthony's brother, has stage 4 melanoma.
- Paul Guinn- Robin Anthony's brother in law, has non Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- Richard Cozad has begun radiation treatments.
- Patty Workman- is in Belpre Landing room 302.
- Daniel Epler- David Epler's son
- Dick Rhodes, Carolyn Henry's brother.
- Jim and Sallie Hinzman- are having health issues. Sallie is home after a stay in the hospital last week.
- Millie Gault
- Sara White- Randy Whites Daughter and Terry Hofmann's niece. Having health issues.
- Bev Rine

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.

BIBLE BOWL- The Camden Avenue Bible Bowl October 8, 2022, over Ezra and Nehemiah.

KINGS ISLAND TRIP- will be August 8. If driving separate and want tickets early see Doug Wells.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC- August 13th at Dupont Park.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The July book of the month is Nahum. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board after you have completed the reading. The book of the month for August will be Habakkuk.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- July 31st, 6:30pm at Lower Paw Paw church of Christ. The bus will be leaving at 5:45pm. Let Kevin or Amanda Cochran know if you plan on riding the bus.

SECRETARY POSITION- With the Tonkery's plans to move to Zanesville, Camden Avenue will be seeking a new secretary. Those interested in the position can submit resumes to one of the elders by August 14th.

BIBLE BOWL MEETING- There will be a Bible Bowl meeting for everyone interested in helping with the Bible Bowl. August 14 after evening services in room 109. If you have any questions see Mark Tonkery.

LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF- Will be August 7th after evening services.

ALL AGE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL- Friday, August 5th at 5:30pm on the side lawn. Hot dogs, sauce and chips will be provided. Bring your bag chairs, sides and drinks.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

August 15, 12:00-6:00pm

In the multi purpose room.

There is a sign up sheet on the counter.



American Red Cross

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

To Need and Be Needed

"I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me" (Philemon 10:11).

What use am I in the world? Has my life really made a difference in anything? Would anything be appreciably different if I were not here? What is the old saying about putting your hand in a pail of water and withdrawing it: the hole that remains is how much you will be missed when you are gone! I am not pessimistic, depressed, or tired of living; but in reality, I have to recognize that my life has not made much of an impact on the world; certainly nothing like I had intended when I was 18 years old. But I am encouraged by the fact that human worth is not measured only in terms of fame, fortune, and sociopolitical influence. Perhaps the greatest measure of our value is how much we are needed by some other human being. John Mark was important because Paul needed him in a time of extreme anxiety and distress. The once useless Onesimus became "useful" to Paul and to Philemon.

When the final books are balanced and closed, the greatest tribute anyone could receive would be: They were useful! Someone needed them! And what greater ambition could a person entertain than to be needed, to be useful. My input is not desired or needed for the Mid-East peace talks. It is doubtful that those involved are indispensable. But I fill a need in the lives of a few people that cannot be filled by anyone else. If there is someone who needs my love; if there is someone who looks forward to my presence; even if I can be nothing much more than just the object to someone's love, then I am not worthless—my life is not in vain—my existence is not futile. I may not be much, but I can love someone and make them feel needed. I can be the object of someone else's love and thus fill their needs and mine. No one is useless unless they give up on life and love.

Onesimus means "useful".



Today's Sermon Notes

AM Sermon: Doug Wells

The Right Way to Lose

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:1-2

1: When does it make sense to intentionally lose? Luke 17:33

2: What does "Being a winner" mean to you?

3: How can helping someone else win cost you?

4: What about the life of Joseph teaches us that God can give us more than what we lose?

5: What can you learn from the life of Job?

6: Did Jesus live for His own glory or comfort? Romans 15:3, Matthew 14:14.

7: Would you be willing to lose your very life if it meant someone else gained the gospel?

8: What could you gain if you had this attitude?

9: CAN I win by losing?

P.M. Sermon: Mark Tonkery

We need to be more Spiritual

Colossians 1:9-10

Doug's Discussion

Four Points AND Jesus

I remember playing volleyball at church camp one year as a child and the other team got the first few points. A conversation broke out between the two sides, and it went something like this: "It's four to zero." My side: "well, at least we have Jesus." Their side: "Ha! We've got four points AND Jesus." You know . . . they weren't wrong. They won the game and the argument.



Many years before our volleyball match a woman named Hannah had the love of her husband. Unfortunately, she didn't seem to be enjoying this blessing because what she really wanted was to give her husband a child. She hadn't yet – and her husband's other wife Peninnah loved to remind her of this fact. "Because the Lord had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year . . ." (1 Samuel 1:6-7). "I've got children and you don't. Aren't you worthless?" (I'm getting some hints as to why Elkanah might have liked Hannah more.) All of this led to a broken Hannah praying her heart out to the Lord at the temple – and this prayer was answered. Samuel was born and given to the Lord's service, and Hannah later had three sons and two daughters. I can't help but wonder what Peninnah is thinking now. Now Hannah has a loving husband AND children.

I would like to say that I think that the love of God is enough. Hannah had what she needed before she had her children, but as the Word says, "God is able to bless you abundantly" (2 Corinthians 9:8). The enemies of God may have many things that we don't, and they may even mock us for our lack. They may have treasure or power or maybe even freedom that Christians are denied. But their reason for scorn cannot last. If you are in Christ, you have God. And that is enough all by itself. Yet even in this life there are often plenty of "ANDS" attached to that. In the next even more so. Then we will have God AND heavenly reward AND perfect freedom AND all knowledge AND who knows what else? And what will those who opposed us have?

Which side will you serve? Over here is all the points AND Jesus.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you so much for remembering us with the lovely anniversary and birthday cards. It was so kind of you. Don & Brenda Dougherty
- ♥ Thank you for all the cards, prayers, visits and food during my loss of Lois. I would welcome visitors anytime. In Christian Love, Dave Nulter

Upcoming Local Events

There is more information available on the bulletin board

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP (WVCYC)- Singing Week July 31-Aug. 5. Registration forms are on the youth bulletin board.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING- South Logan church of Christ, August 5 7pm-8:30pm.

WASHINGTON STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST GOSPEL MEETING- in St. Albans. August 5-6.

OAKWOOD ROAD MEETING- August 5-7 with Steve Higginbotham.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO BIBLE LECTURESHIP- Held in Lorain, Ohio. August 7-10

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

VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL- Bridgeport church of Christ August 13, 9:30-12:00. Theme: Digging into God's Word.

MID-OHIO VALLEY AREA WIDE SING- September 25 from 3:00-4:00pm at Hopewell church of Christ.

WIDOWHOOD WORKSHOP- 36th Street church of Christ, October 7-9.

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF PREACHING LECTURESHIP- October 23-27, 2022 over 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. Preach the Word!

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Serving In Worship August 7, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover

Close - Brian Knotts

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Klay Cochran

SCRIPTURE

AM - Rob Hoover

PM - Cody Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Don Dougherty



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

July 24, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....179

Sunday Bible Class.....159

Sunday PM Service.....135

Wednesday PM Service.....154

Contribution.....\$6369.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....3



Mowing Group for August 4-6

Team 2

Cody Hoover

Dylan Muncy

Randy White

Allen Coe

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery Heard on FM 96.9

What was the most significant change in the last millennium? Was it the invention of the Gutenberg press? Polio vaccination or man walking on the moon? How many people use their cell phones for their everyday routine?

The world around us is constantly changing. Someone has said the one thing that is constant is change. Yet, the Bible tells us that God does not change. James 1:17, states, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

Many things may change in this life, but the God of the Bible does not. His love, mercy, justice, His teachings, and judgments are the same as they were when the words of the Bible were spoken. Would you like to know more about the God who never changes in an everchanging world? We at the Camden Avenue church of Christ will be glad to help you.

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

August 7

"Your Soul"



Daily Bible Reading

August 1: Acts 25 & Job 28-29

August 2: Acts 26 & Job 30-31

August 3: Acts 27:1-12 & Job 32-33

August 4: Acts 27:13-44 & Job 34-36

August 5: Acts 28:1-15 & Job 37-38

August 6: Acts 28:16-31 & Job 39-40

August 7: Romans 1:1-17 & Job 41-42

"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."