


# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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For from him and through  
him and to him are all  
things. To him be

*Glory  
Forever*

ROMANS 11:36

# 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, Millie Gault, Sandy Graham, Carolyn Henry, Jon Hescht, Jim & Sallie Hinzman, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Merilee Morgan, Debby Nesselroad, Ray Peters, Bill Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Cotton Sayre, Eloise Smith, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Jim Stoops, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Joyce Wright

## Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), 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), Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son), Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's brother in law), 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, Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother), 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:

- Justin- Cindy Huxley's nephew continues to make progress .
- Patty Workman- was able to go home.
- Sara White- Randy Whites Daughter and Terry Hofmann's niece. Having health issues.
- Cotton Sayre
- Summer Leigh Rich- was able to come home this past week.
- Kim Fought, Jo Goldsmiths brother continues to be in the hospital.
- Mike Lucas
- Megan Dougherty- had surgery this past week.
- Charlotte Deem- is experiencing health problems. She is moving to her sons for a few months. Her new address is 4989 Dee Mar, S.W. Navarre, Ohio 44662.



## *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 August book of the month is Habakkuk. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board after you have completed the reading.

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

**BABY SHOWER**- For the new daughter of Daniel and Tabetha Rich, Summer Leigh Rich. Today, August 28 from 2:00pm-5:00pm in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart. See Kay Stanley with any questions.

**HELPER NEEDED**- Beginning in September a helper is needed for the 2 year old Sunday morning class. If you can help please see Doug Wells.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**- Care group 2 invites everyone to the fellowship meal on September 11 after morning worship and Bible class.

**ADDRESSES NEEDED**- If you have a college student please turn in their address to the office for a future bulletin.

## *Upcoming Local Events*

There is more information available on the bulletin board

**MENS RETREAT**- Sponsored by the Richland Road church of Christ at Round Lake Lakeville, Ohio. September 23 & 24.

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

**GOSPEL MEETING**- Harrisville church of Christ, October 9-14 with Ed Melott.

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

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## The Night Billy Graham Led Someone to Christ

When I mention the name of the late Billy Graham, what comes to mind? A great preacher or a great false teacher? Maybe the following story told by J.M. Powell who once preached at the East Chestnut church of Christ in Ashville, North Carolina can give some clarity about Billy Graham.

Brother Powell was once preaching in Hamilton, New Zealand when he met a man by the name of John Gerrand. John was not a Christian when Billy Graham came to New Zealand to preach in one of his crusades.

Mr. Gerrand shares the following, "One night Billy Graham was preaching about repentance and cited Acts 2:38 as a proof text. He repeated only the word "repent." I was within a few feet of Mr. Graham and was reading along in my New Testament. When I read the rest of Acts 2:38, I stood up and asked Mr. Graham to quote the rest of the passage. Billy Graham became irritated with me and said, "Get out of here you church of Christ man."

Mr. Gerrand was just asking a question and wanted clarity but was rebuked for his question. Mr. Gerrand was perplexed. This was the very first time he had ever heard of the expression, "A church of Christ man." Mr. Gerrand was not even a Christian and he had never heard of the church of Christ.

As the story is told Mr. Gerrand went home, searched out, contacted the local church of Christ and was baptized into Christ according to Acts 2:38.

Mr. Gerrand became a Christian because Billy Graham rebuked him for reading and believing the whole verse of Acts 2:38, rather than just taking one word out of context. We can only imagine what could have happened if Billy Graham would have taught and believed the whole verse of Acts 2:38. Instead, Graham's negative response to Gerrand caused him to continue to search the scriptures that lead him to the truth and obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul states in Act 20:27, "for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God." We in the churches of Christ strive to teach the "whole counsel of God." We want people to understand the whole verse of Acts 2:38 as well as the rest of the Bible.

If you have Bible questions, please come, and talk to one of our elders or ministers. We would be glad to help you as you study the Scriptures.

"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

# Today's Sermon Notes

AM Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## The Temple of God: Then and Now

Scripture Reading: Haggai 1:2-8

- I. The Temple must take \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. The problem \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The problem today \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. God's solution: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 6:33).
  
- II. The Temple and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.
  - A. The problem \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The problem today \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. God's solution: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 28:20).
  
- III. The Temple needs \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. The problem \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The problem today \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. God's solution: \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 15:33).
  
- IV. The Temple gives \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. The problem \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The problem today \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. God's solution: \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:31-39, Phil. 4:13).

Finally,

What would the church look like today if each one of us did what God told us?

PM Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## Why the Christian can sing and rejoice

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 2:10

# Doug's Discussion

## We Still Follow

The call of Jesus to the disciples was relatively simple in nature. He would simply say “Follow me.” Granted, it took enormous sacrifices to actually do but the concept was easy. Jesus goes to point A . . . you go to point A. Jesus leaves point A and goes to point B . . . you go to point B. Along the way Jesus would give instruction that you may or may not understand . . . but that’s okay. Keep following, and eventually you will. I suspect the instruction of “follow me” was deeply etched into the minds of all who heeded the call of Jesus of Nazareth.

It must have come as a shock when Jesus finally told his disciples that they wouldn’t be able to follow Him. “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come” (John 13:33). Jesus says this, then says something profound about love. Guess what stuck with Peter the most? He basically says “No, wait a minute . . . go back to that first thing. Where are you going?” Peter, no you can’t follow right now. “What do you mean, why not???” Well . . . because Peter doesn’t know what he’s asking. To follow Jesus now would mean to follow Him to a cross, and Jesus is basically telling him that this is not Peter’s time.

What does it mean to follow Jesus today? We no longer go with Him to point A and B as He walks on this earth. Yet, in a great spiritual irony, what Peter was denied is now the call of every Christian. Jesus says in Luke 9:23, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” We are all called to follow Jesus to the cross. It’s our time to give up our own wants and desires and live (and if necessary die) for the Lord. Jesus’ call still echoes through the ages: “Follow Me.” Do you have ears that hear? I hope so, because we want to go where He has gone . . . even though it can take us a little while to get there.



## LOVE & CARE NEWS

Love & Care Assisted Living gained a source of support this summer. The newly named Lubeck Thrift Shop, formerly the OVU Stepping Stones Thrift Shop, will now be operating and donating funds for the benefit of Love & Care.

The Lubeck Thrift Shop is located at 1744 Harris Highway, next door to the Lubeck church of Christ. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

You can help support Love & Care by shopping, donating, or volunteering at the Lubeck Thrift Shop. Contact Carrie Love, manager at 304-488-2603 or the administrator, Laura Hamm at 304-699-7166 to volunteer.



## *Thank You*

- ♥ Thank you to everyone that came out to give and help at the Red Cross Blood Drive. There were 24 donors, which gave 26 units. The goal was for 25 units. 10 of the donors were church members. Thank you to Rob Hoover for taking the lead on this opportunity to help out in the community.
- ♥ I appreciate the cards and comments I received for my birthday. Thank you very much. Ron Riddle
- ♥ Thank you to all of those that helped to make the church family picnic a success! Especially to Bill & Sherry Hoover and to Herb & Joyce Wright!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone that helped at the Parkersburg half-marathon water stop!



## Serving In Worship September 4, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Daniel Rich

PM - Gary Alton

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Kevin Cochran

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Delmas Carr

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Josh Carr

### COMMUNION

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Bill Mills



*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

August 21, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....	222
Sunday Bible Class.....	171
Sunday PM Service.....	169
Wednesday PM Service.....	151
Contribution.....	\$6556.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....3



## Mowing Group for September 1-3

### Team 2

Cody Hoover

Dylan Muncy

Randy White

Allen Coe

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

I've noticed that the value of something is often attached to the one who made it. For example, if I went and painted some weird, abstract picture, framed it, and put it in a yard sale I MIGHT be able to sell it for a dollar. Then whoever bought it would take out the picture and reuse the frame. But if Picasso did the same thing his painting could be worth millions of dollars! His might not even look that different from mine, but there's still a huge difference in value because he is a famous artist and I am not. The maker matters.

That's why I'm convinced you all have great value. Don't believe the nonsense some proclaim about your creation being some kind of accident. No, you were made by God. As the Word says "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Picasso drew a picture in his image once and it was worth 70 million dollars. And he's just a man. What do you think you're worth since you're made by God, in the image of God? I think you're worth quite a lot.

### In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

September 4

"I am Accountable"



### Daily Bible Reading

**August 29:** 1 Corinthians 3 & Psalms 85-88

**August 30:** 1 Corinthians 4 & Psalms 89-90

**August 31:** 1 Corinthians 5 & Psalms 91-94

**September 1:** 1 Corinthians 6 & Psalms 95-101

**September 2:** 1 Cor. 7:1-24 & Psalms 102-103

**September 3:** 1 Cor. 7:25-40 & Psalms 104-105

**September 4:** 1 Corinthians 8 & Psalms 106

*"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."*