

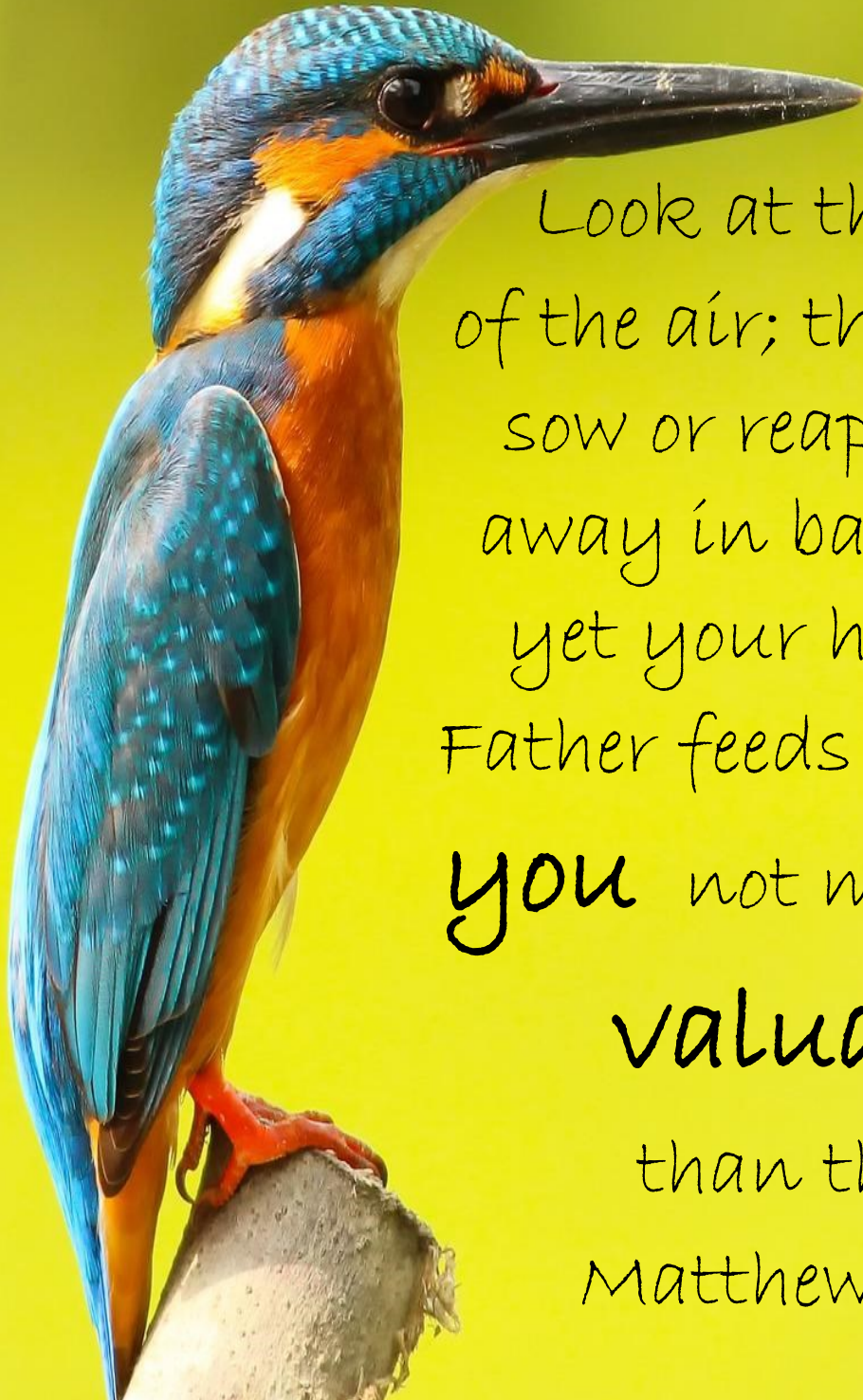
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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Look at the birds
of the air; they do not
sow or reap or store
away in barns, and
yet your heavenly
Father feeds them. Are

you not much more

valuable

than they?

Matthew 6:26

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, 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), 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), 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 and may begin skin grafting soon.
- Patty Workman- is in Belpre Landing room 302.
- Jim and Sallie Hinzman- are having health issues.
- Millie Gault
- Sara White- Randy Whites Daughter and Terry Hofmann's niece. Having health issues.
- Bev Rine
- Cotton Sayre



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24 HOURS A DAY **7 DAYS A WEEK.**
BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.
DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS,
NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.

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.

KINGS ISLAND TRIP- There is a meeting today after morning Bible class by door 6 for all going. The trip will be tomorrow, August 8. If driving separate and you want your tickets early see Doug Wells.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC- August 13th at Dupont Park. We will eat at 1:00pm. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.

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.

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

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 - The kickoff will be held tonight after evening services bring finger foods and snacks. Registration forms can be picked up from Kevin Inman.

DISASTER RELIEF- Funds have been sent to help with the flood relief in West Virginia and Kentucky. If you would like to donate extra funds to be sent to help, these can be given to any elder.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

August 15

12:00-6:00pm

In the multi purpose room.

There is a sign up sheet on the counter.



Give blood.

Give life. ♥

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Run With Endurance

Knute Larson tells this story about Bill Bradhurst. He'd been a runner but had suffered an aneurysm on the right side of his brain which left him partially paralyzed on his left side. His hero was Bill Rodgers, the great runner who'd won the Boston Marathon several times. Rodgers was coming to Omaha, Nebraska to run in the Pepsi 10K (6.2 miles). Bradhurst wanted terribly to enter the race so he could run with his hero. Rodgers finished the course in 29.37 to win. Everyone else finished with time between 30 and 90 minutes - except Bill Bradhurst. He was so far behind that kids hollered at him as he ran by, "Hey, mister, you missed a good race." After two hours, his left side became so numb that he just wanted to quit; but he quoted 1 Corinthians 9 to himself over and over: "I buffet my body," and he kept running. The barriers were down, and cars were back on the street of the course. The going was treacherous as he hobbled along. Finally, he saw the finish line, and his heart sank for the banner was already down and no one seemed to be there. He thought, "What's the use" but decided to finish anyway. As he crossed the line, stepping out from an alley was Bill Rodgers and a group of others. Rodgers opened his arms, welcomed him across the finish line and hugged him. Then he took the gold medal off his own neck and put it around Bradhurst's and said, "Here, Bill, you take the gold. You're the real winner."



The story reminds me of some scriptures that apply to our living the Christian life. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:24, "Do you know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." Also, in Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Today's Sermon Notes

AM Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Pray for Revival

Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 3:2

"O LORD, I have _____ Your _____ *and* was _____;
O LORD, _____ Your _____ in the midst of the years! In the
midst of the _____ make *it* _____; In _____ remember
_____."

I. _____ begins with God (Hab. 3:2, 16).

II. _____ faithful to God (Hab. 3:17,18).

III. _____ in God (Hab. 3:19).

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Someone will listen eventually

Scripture Reading: Romans 16:3-5

Doug's Discussion

An Angry Person is Coming!

People get angry. I mean, I'm sure we all could say that dealing with anger is a pretty common human experience. It's common enough that I've seen a pretty wide range of reactions that people have to the anger of others. One response is to have a kind of anger contest. "Oh, you're angry? Well I'll show you angry." First person to get to the rage level of the Incredible Hulk wins. I have to say . . . I don't think that one is the best option. Things tend to get said that shouldn't and physical violence is a real possibility. Another response is to cower before the angry person. This may appease them but I'm not thrilled with the idea of living in fear of men.



As another alternative let's consider the Bible's wisdom on the subject. Proverbs 15:1 says: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Have you ever seen someone who is really good at this? Some people are super hard to be angry with! Frankly, if it ever does happen, you just feel silly afterwards. And why is that? Well, for one thing it's really hard to get them to be angry back. How hard is it to be angry at someone who isn't angry at you? Or, at least, even if they are they have the self-control to keep from showing it. Instead of return fire rage these rare individuals speak calmly. The love and respect they have for you is obvious in what they choose to say. And what does the Bible say is the result of this kind of speech? Wrath is turned away.

We, as a church, represent Jesus to the people of this world. "And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead he must be kind to everyone" (2 Timothy 2:24). It really isn't attractive for us to be getting into shouting matches with one another. Nor is it good for any one of us to use abusive speech to get our own way. That does not reflect the sacrificial love of Christ. So let's take a page from God's book the next time we are faced with an angry person. Don't cower, don't respond in kind. Instead, calmly and gently answer the person with respect, seeking to defuse the situation. If you are able to do this I think Jesus would called you blessed, for you will be a peacemaker - a child of God.

Upcoming Local Events

There is more information available on the bulletin board

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!

The Power of Enthusiasm

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "*Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.*" Enthusiasm is one of the greatest forces in the world. It will win ball games, sell products, convert souls, and give us success in everything we strive to do.

The word enthusiasm comes from the Greek word "*enthousiasmos*", which means possessed or inspired by God. In this sense, therefore, every Christian is possessed of God and should include enthusiasm and joy in everything he does.

The Bible word for enthusiasm is zeal. In 2 Kings 10:16, King Jehu was assigned the task of destroying the influence of Baal. he said to a friend along the way, "*Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord.*" Imagine what could be accomplished if every Christian had the spirit of Jehu. Just as the church at Laodicea was admonished to "*be zealous, therefore, and repent,*" God wants His church today to be enthusiastic and zealous. Christians have more to be excited about than anyone else on earth. Christians should be enthusiastic in their everyday lives. Paul writes, "*I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me*" (Philippians 4:13).

Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm. It can spread throughout a congregation and cause Christians to "*shine as lights in the world holding forth the word of life*" (Philippians 2:15). Someone has said, "You cannot kindle a fire in any other heart until it is burning within your own."

Serving In Worship August 14, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson

Close - Jimmy Galloway

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Doug Hershman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Dennis Keller

COMMUNION

AM - Josh Carr

PM - Delmas Carr



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 31, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....208

Sunday Bible Class.....170

Sunday PM Service.....147

Wednesday PM Service.....158

Contribution.....\$7251.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....3



Mowing Group for August 11-13

Team 3

Ken Barnes

Doug Hershman

Ryan Highman

Glenn Snider

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

Do you have some decisions to make today? What do I wear? Should I take a different route to work due to construction? Should I have a bagel or an English muffin for breakfast? Some decisions are much harder. Should I go to college or vocational school? Is this the person God wants me to marry? Should Grandpa live with us, or be put in a retirement home? Should I be buried or cremated?

Decision making is an act of responsibility. As we go through life, we have many important decisions to make. But the greatest decision and the one decision that gives wisdom to all others is the decision to follow Jesus Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 2:2 the Apostle Paul stated, "For I decided to follow Christ, no turning back, no turning back." Now what about you?

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

August 14

"Your Sin"



Daily Bible Reading

August 8: Romans 1:18-32 and Psalms 1-6

August 9: Romans 2 and Psalms 7-12

August 10: Romans 3 and Psalms 13-17

August 11: Romans 4 and Psalms 18-21

August 12: Romans 5 and Psalms 22-24

August 13: Romans 6 and Psalms 25-29

August 14: Romans 7 and Psalms 30-33

"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."