

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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36th Annual



Bible Bowl

Saturday, October 8

Ezra & Nehemiah

Camden Avenue church of Christ

To Keep in Prayer

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Church Family in Need of Prayers

Linda Camp	Carolyn Henry	Debby Nesselroad	Theresa Steed
Harvey Caplinger Sr.	Jon Hescht	Dave Nulter	Dorothy Stevens
Mary Caplinger	Jim & Sallie Hinzman	Ray Peters	Jim Stoops
Carl Curtiss	Bill Lemley	Bill Porter	Patty Workman
Paula Franklin	Gwen Lucas	Cotton Sayre	Joyce Wright
Sandy Graham	Linda Moncrief	Eloise Smith	
Lucille Hardman			

Please Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Bob Armstrong	Mildred Gault	Doris Newberry	Ray & Bonnie Sams
Naomi Carr	Rosie Knox	Calvin & Jean Martin	Sue VanCamp
Keith Cowdery	Jo Langler	Merilee Morgan	Dearll Vincent
Richard Cozad	Kim Ledsome	Ed & Lois Porter	Martha Whited
Patty Dawson	Janet Looney	Van Putnam	
Chelsea Doonan	Michael Ludwig	Jenny Reynolds	

Prayers Requested for Family and Friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades)	Tracy Kline (Jarrett Almond's cousin)
Mark Berry	Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom)
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)	Mike Lucas
Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)	Helen May (Verna Huber's mom)
Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler)	Gavin Pfalzgraf (G-Grandson of Kay Martin)
Kelly Boyce	Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kevin Britton (Cody Hoovers Cousin)	Glen & Karen Morrell
Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle)	(Linda Moncrief's sister)
Roy Clark	Dave Nicholson (friend of the Hofmanns)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Patty Nolan (cousin of Paul Saunders)
Justin Curd (Cindy Huxley's nephew)	Michael Parsons (friend of Billie Coe)
Betty Dunn (G-Grandma of Ryan Highman)	Kathy Plant
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)	Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)	Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's Brother)	John Rockhold III
Scott Gordon	Korbin Schaner (G-Grandson of the Eplers)
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's brother in law)	Michele Scherer
Charles (Bill) Haid	Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son)
Judy Hall	Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephew)
Judy Haguewood	Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
(Steve Haguewood's mother)	Janet Tallhammer (friend of Ron Riddle)
Steve Higginbotham	Charlie Tucker and (Keith Smith's nephew)
Mike Hill (friend Mike and Pam Bayer)	Shawn Stephens
Jean Huber (Clayton's mother)	Frank & Hazel Terry (Eloise Smith's family)
Mike Inman (Paul, Stann, Sonya's brother)	Jay & Lana Vancamp
Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill)	Seth Waggoner
Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes)	Sara White (Randy White's Daughter)
Greg Kirkbride (friend of Paul Saunders)	Susan Williams
Allison Kirkland (friend of Gwen Johnson)	Joe Wilson

Announcements

VISITORS - We are happy you can be with us today! Please complete a visitor card and place it in the baskets on the communion table.

CARD PROGRAM - There will be a meeting TONIGHT after services in room 109 for all the ladies who signed up to send out cards.

LOVE AND CARE - Camden Avenue will be hosting the worship services at Love and Care next week on Sunday, October 9 at 2:30pm and Thursday, October 13 at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

LIFE CHAIN - The Wood County Life Chain is today. We will not physically meet this year. Please see the letter on the announcements bulletin boards for more information.

BOOK OF THE MONTH - The October book of the month is Haggai. All those that finished reading Zephaniah in September, please add your name to the sheet on the bulletin board by tonight.

DEACONS - Deacons are requested to have their 2023 budget figures turned in by November 16th.

BIBLE BOWL - The Camden Avenue Bible Bowl will be this Saturday, October 8, 2022, over Ezra and Nehemiah. Please help support this work with your prayers and attendance.

CLLOTHING ROOM - This year we are doing a coat giveaway. We are accepting the following items in child, teen, and adult sizes:

winter coats	winter hats	socks
winter jackets	gloves	boots
hoodies	outerwear vest	tennis shoes
blankets	scarves	

If you would like to donate any of these items, bring them to the church building any time and put them in the big, red box in the front foyer. The giveaway will be Thursday, October 27th from 6-8:30pm.

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for anyone willing to help.



Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Tracy Kline (Jarrett Almond's mom's cousin) is in the hospital in Tennessee
- Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law) is starting the stem cell replacement process
- Tricky Arnold (Sarah Inman's grandmother) had a stroke and is now dealing with additional health issues.

Deacons:

Ken Barnes
Membership

Kevin Cochran

Youth:

6th-12 grades

Marion Goldsmith

Transportation &
Grounds

Maintenance

Doug Hershman

Financial

Jon Hescht

Technology

Ryan Highman

Building

Maintenance

Chris Hofmann

Building

Maintenance

Bill Hoover

Worship

Cody Hoover

Education

Rob Hoover

Health,

Safety & Security

Kevin Inman

Youth:

Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman

Youth: K-5th grade

Scott Johnson

Evangelism

Jeff Taberner

Benevolence

Doug's Discussion

Don't Forget

A lot can happen in a day. So much, in fact, that something you knew that you were supposed to remember in the morning can have completely left your head by the time you go to bed. And if a lot can happen in a day, even more can happen in two days. A week. A month. A year. Imagine all the things that can be forgotten in a year, even extremely important things! Perhaps even things that your life depends upon.

A man named Shimei once dared to curse King David. He was shown an incredible amount of mercy for his deeds, but in the time of Solomon he was given a clear choice. "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, but do not go anywhere else. The day you leave and cross the Kidron Valley, you can be sure you will die; your blood will be on your own head" (1 Kings 2:36-37). He was under city arrest. I guess that's not so bad, right? There was still mercy – you can live as long as you don't cross this line. At the time, Shimei was glad to have that mercy. He basically says, "Yes sir. Thank you, sir." His terror turns to relief. But how long does that memory last? Life went on that year, and the year after that, and the year after that. In the third year, a couple of slaves run away and Shimei crosses the line to get them back. And . . . he dies.

Our first thought might be "What were you thinking?? That's exactly what you were told would happen! And you did it anyway!" That's true, but that was three years ago. Unless you are taking steps to remember, three years can be a very long time. Three days can be a long time. We also have been given commands that lead to life! "Obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you – they are your life" (Deuteronomy 32:46-47). The Word of God is life for us; a Word that is well worth remembering. But a lot can happen in a day. Something that we heard on Sunday that we were sure would be life-changing can be completely forgotten by Tuesday.



I think Shimei should have done something obvious to remind himself on what his life depended upon. Putting up a sign on the city boarder with a picture of his own gravestone might have done it. Something! And I think we should remind ourselves also. Find a way NOT to forget the words of life.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on FM 96.9

A fable is told about a fox going out one day to console a sick lion on his illness. When the fox came to the mouth of the cave, he heard the lion inviting him in. But the fox, having first examined the entrance, answered, "Not today, for I see the footsteps leading out."

That cave represents, to many, death. The way of the whole earth leads into it. But are there any footsteps leading out? Christianity answers with an affirmative, "Yes, all that are in the graves shall come forth." Why? Because Jesus Christ died and is risen from the grave.

1 Cor. 15:20 affirms this, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead..." The resurrection of Jesus changed history! And it changes the spiritual direction of all who would believe in Christ and obey His gospel! To learn more, contact the Camden Avenue church of Christ.

I am Mark T. Tonkery, and this has been a minute of meditation.

Today's Sermon Notes

Nehemiah's Plan to Encourage

Then I said to them, "You see the _____ that we are in, how _____ lies waste, and its _____ are burned with _____. Come and let us _____ the wall of _____, that we may no longer be a _____."

Nehemiah 2:17

Have you ever seen something that needs done, but people were just too discouraged to do it? What?

Were you about to inspire them?

What was Nehemiah's plan to encourage?

1: _____ on God.

2: _____ needs.

3: _____ the situation.

4: Make a _____.

5: Make a _____.

6: _____ and _____.

7: Expect _____.

8: Resist _____.

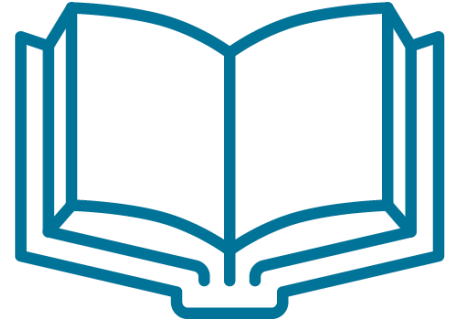
9: _____.

PM Sermon: Give Me Death (Genesis 3)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:2-3

The Value of Bible Bowl

1. **The Word of God is honored.** We know what we are studying and why. The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). We are not studying the literary works of some great man; we are not studying for the pursuit of trivia. We are devoting ourselves to God's revelation to mankind.



2. **Fellowship is promoted.** When we receive a set of study questions, we ask everyone to read the text and answer the questions. Then we get together to go over the answers. This meeting provides an excellent time to discuss not only the facts of the text; we also use it as a teaching opportunity. We occasionally define words or concepts with which youngsters are not familiar. Then we have a final review before the test. Although we are in competition against one another, we are also for one another. It is also a privilege to become acquainted with brethren from other congregations in the area. The refreshments we have each month affords some leisure time for visiting with one another. Even though we are in competition with these brethren, also, our desire is for them to do as well as they can. Bible Bowls (at least, in our experience) are a very positive event.



3. **Learning is enhanced.** As a result of our efforts, we gain more knowledge and insight into the Word and understand more quickly references to spiritual matters that are made in classes and in sermons. Instead of getting bits and pieces of the Bible, as in a topical sermon, or jumping from Old to New Testaments, as so much "Bible" literature does, we study a book (or in the course of the year, several books) of the Bible intensely and thoroughly. At the end of the school year we have our final exam covering the material on all of the other quizzes one more time. The reinforcement is helpful.

4. **Relationships are strengthened.** Just as those who work in evangelistic campaigns develop a special relationship with each other, so do those who study together. We become veterans of the Genesis campaign (or whatever book we examine). We often share light-hearted moments, which are interspersed with our serious studying.

5. **We become better equipped for evangelism.** Because we have the Scriptures on our minds, verses, ideas, and concepts flow more readily when we are discussing spiritual matters with others. The fact is that when Scriptures are internalized, expressing them becomes much easier.

Other reasons could be added, but these are sufficient to get a glimpse of the value of Bible Bowls.

by Gary W. Summer

South Seminole church of Christ

<https://cocwp.org/1999/08/01/positive-benefits-of-bible-bowls-by-gary-w-summers/>

Local Events

More information can be found on the Announcements bulletin boards

GOSPEL MEETINGS

OCTOBER MEETINGS :

2 - 5 - Bridge Street church of Christ

Speaker: Charles Pugh III

9-12 - Lubeck church of Christ

Speaker: Allen Webster

(author and editor of House to House)

9-13 - Salem church of Christ

Speaker: Scott Farley

Visit the Bible Booth at the

Salem Apple Butter Festival Oct. 6-9

9-14 - Harrisville church of Christ - 7:00pm

Speaker: Ed Melott

None of Self and All of Thee

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

OCTOBER

2 - Wood County Life Chain

We will not be meeting in person this year.

7-9 - Widowhood Workshop

36th Street church of Christ

Register by October 2 to receive a mug.

8 - Camden Avenue's 36th Annual Bible Bowl

8 - WWCYC Bluegrass and BBQ - 12pm-5pm

Bring your bag chair.

23-27 - WV School of Preaching Lectureship

Preach the Word!

Covering 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.

28-29 - Bridgeport Youth Rally "Honor"

Fri 6-9pm, Sat 8am-2pm

Kyle Lancaster and Peter Ray Cole

Jackson Mills Conference Center

Thank You

Thank you for the Birthday wishes and get well cards. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. You are a blessing to us.

Cotton and Patty Sayre

Thank you, Church Family, for the many Birthday wishes that I received last week. The beautiful cards, kind words, and even the special song on the phone! God's Blessings to all of you.

Love,

Jo Goldsmith

Thank you all for the cards and prayers. I really appreciate them.

In Christian Love,

Charlotte Deem



Serving In Worship

October 9, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber
PM - Daniel Rich

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Stan Inman
Close - Doug Hershman
6:00 PM - Ron Riddle
Close - Ron Holleron

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Mills
PM - Ken Barnes

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Saunders



Camden Avenue Church of Christ

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Class.....following Worship
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

September 18, 2022

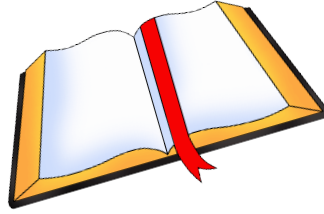
Sunday AM Service.....205
Sunday Bible Class.....168
Sunday PM Service.....132
Wednesday PM Service.....
Contribution.....\$8,037

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....4
Restored or Req. Prayers.....1

Daily Bible Reading

October 3: Galatians 5 & Isaiah 1-2
October 4: Galatians 6 & Isaiah 3-6
October 5: Ephesians 1 & Isaiah 7-8
October 6: Ephesians 2 & Isaiah 9-11
October 7: Ephesians 3 & Isaiah 12-15
October 8: Ephesians 4 & Isaiah 16-19
October 9: Ephesians 5 & Isaiah 20-23



Widowhood Workshop

October 7-9
36th Street Church of Christ
widowhoodworkshop.com

This workshop will be a blessing to:

- Widows and Widowers
- Married Couples
- Those who want to minister to Widows & Widowers

Lessons Include:

- Widowhood: From the Divine Perspective
- Widowhood: From the Personal Perspective

Registration is appreciated but not required. You can register for the event by calling the office at the 36th Street church of Christ by October 2nd to receive a free mug at the event.

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP
October 2

"The Mind of Christ"



Mowing Crew

Oct 6 - Oct 8

Team 3

Ken Barnes
Doug Hershman
Ryan Highman
Glenn Snider



"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."