

# 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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## *God Bless You, Go with God*

*This is my daily prayer,  
God bless you, go with God,  
Hold fast His might hand,  
Throughout the day;  
His grace your heart sustain,  
His power relieve your pain,  
Your prayer be not in vain,  
As you travel His way.*

*In spite of all the lies,  
That some may hurl,  
Christ is the only hope  
Of all the world;  
God bless you, go with God,  
Through all eternity.  
My prayer will always be,  
May you go with God.*

*by Warren Lester Roberts*

# *In Our Prayers*

## **Elders:**

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Youth 6th-12 grades  
Marion Goldsmith  
Transportation &  
Grounds Maintenance  
Doug Hershman  
Financial  
Jon Hesch  
Technology  
Bill Hoover  
Worship  
Rob Hoover  
Health, Safety & Security  
Kevin Inman  
Youth: Lads to Leaders  
Kyle Inman  
Youth: K-5th grade  
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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, Lucille Hardeman, Carolyn Henry, Jon Hesch, Sonya Hesch, Jim & Sallie Hinzman, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Merilee Morgan, Debby Nesselroad, Dave Nulter, 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, Patty Workman, 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, Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's Brother), Scott Gordon, Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's brother in law), Charles (Bill) Haid, Judy Hall, Judy Haugwood (Steve Haugwood's mother) Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Justin (Cindy Huxley's brother), 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), Mike Lucas, 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), Charlie Tucker and Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephews), 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:**

- ◆ Paul Saunders is at home dealing with kidney stones. He has a procedure scheduled for Monday.
- ◆ Jim Stoops has finished the infusion chemotherapy portion of his cancer treatment and his latest test shows that he is on his way to remission!
- ◆ Lucille Hardeman will be moving to Colonial House on Monday.
- ◆ Dave Nulter is now at home.
- ◆ Kim Fought is in Morgantown. He had a pacemaker and defibrillator put in on Wednesday and is doing well.

# 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.

**NEW DEACONS** - The Elders have identified four men they would like to put before the congregation to serve as Deacons; Ken Barnes, Ryan Highman, Chris Hoffman, and Cody Hoover. If there is any scriptural reason these men would not be qualified, please put it down in writing with the supporting scripture and sign it. Turn these in to the Elders by September 18th.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE** - There are new opportunities to serve forms that are available in the foyer. All members, please fill out a new form and return them to Bill Hoover or place them in the basket provided in the foyer.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL/CARD SHOWER** - Care Group two invites everyone to the Fellowship Meal TODAY in the multipurpose room following worship and Bible class. At the meal, there will be a card shower for Mark and Laura. Please come and take this opportunity to say goodbye and to wish them well in their next ministry.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH** - The September book of the month is Zephaniah. 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.

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



# Thank You

Thank you for the phone calls, cards, and food while I was recovering from my surgeries, also the Birthday Cards, and most of all the many prayers. Keith and I would also like to thank all who sent us anniversary cards. May God bless you all.

In Christian Love, Eloise Smith

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## ***Mizpah (May the Lord watch over you and me)***

In Genesis 31 we read about Jacob and Laban separating and going their different ways. It is not one of the best farewell events in scripture. Jacob finally decided he had enough of Laban changing his wages and cheating him. Gen. 31:2, states, "...Jacob saw that Laban did not regard him with favor as before." So, with this turn of events Jacob left, without telling Laban he was leaving. Genesis 31 continues to tell us that when Laban found out Jacob and his family had left, he was not happy and pursued Jacob. As Laban pursued Jacob God warned him in a dream not to harm Jacob or his family.

It is an intense situation but once Jacob and Laban meet, they had a discussion and then made a covenant. They marked the spot where they made their covenant with a heap of stones (Gen. 31:45 -46). Then they called the heap of stones Galeed or Mizpah. Once the heap of stones was built, Laban states in Gen 31:49, "and Mizpah, for he said, "The LORD watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight."

Now I am not sure how Laban meant for this to come across to Jacob, whether he meant it as a warning to Jacob like "God is going to hurt you if you hurt my daughters" or he meant it as a blessing like, "I really want God to take care of you and me while we are apart?" However, Laban meant it, I understand his words as a blessing and a very beautiful way to depart from one another.

As my ministry concludes here at Camden Ave. it is my prayer for the Camden Ave. church family that "The LORD does watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight." I hope and pray that each one of you will continue to stay faithful to the Lord and His church, keep reading and studying your Bibles, and keep worshiping and obeying the Lord. I long to hear good things about the congregation as time goes on.

Thank you for taking care of our family, and loving our children while they were here, thank you for the precious memories, and the hard work you have done in ministry, and thank you for allowing me to teach, preach, and minister to you over the almost six years I have been here. I do pray that the Lord will watch over you and me as we depart from one another.

May God Bless you, and we love you very much! Mark, Laura, Breanna, and Samantha Tonkery

### **If you would like to stay in contact with us:**

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You can follow Laura on **Facebook**.

I use the **YouVersion** Bible app, and you can connect with me there.

I will be preaching and working with the Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, Ohio starting next Sunday (Sept. 18) you can check out their web page: <https://www.norvalparkcoc.com/> and check out their Facebook page.

# Today's Sermon Notes

AM Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

**Sermon Title: Farewell Sermon**

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17-24

I. Paul's final words:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

F. \_\_\_\_\_

G. \_\_\_\_\_

II. My final words to the congregation:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

Finally,

Num. 6:24-26, "The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ you and keep you; the LORD make his \_\_\_\_\_ to shine upon you and be \_\_\_\_\_ to you; the LORD lift up his \_\_\_\_\_ upon you and give you \_\_\_\_\_."

PM Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

**Sermon Title: Be There!**

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:10-12

# *Doug's Discussion*

## **Minute of Meditation**

Heard on FM 96.9

There was once a young Christian lady who was being asked out on a date by someone who wasn't a Christian. After being turned down several times for activities the girl wasn't comfortable with, the frustrated young man asked, "You don't dance, you don't drink, you won't go to the concerts I like... what DO you do for fun?" The young lady responds, "For fun, I get up in the morning without feeling embarrassed, ashamed, and guilty about what I did the night before." Quite the answer!

That young lady grew up and married a man who she trusts completely. He doesn't flirt with other women. She knows he won't come home drunk or high and that her kids will never have to see that. The man guides and encourages his family toward love and toward heaven. To his wife that is much more fun than the kind of parties she once turned down.

If you're not a Christian, my idea of fun might be a little different than yours. But I'm content. If you can't say the same, maybe you should change what you do for fun.

# *Bible Education from Home*

## **Tri-Cities School of Preaching Online Classes**

Tri-Cities School of Preaching is offering free classes in person or online through their Christian Development program. The next quarter begins the week of October 24. If you would like to enroll in one of these classes, email [tcsopchristiandevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:tcsopchristiandevelopment@gmail.com).

Denominational Doctrines

Time: Thursdays 7-9pm

Instructor: Daniel Koen

Open to All

Mormonism

Time: Tuesdays 1-4pm

Instructor: Ethan Tate

Requirements:

- Graduate of a School of Preaching
- (or) Graduate from a Bible College with Bible major

Ladies Class

The Book of Esther

Time: Tuesdays 7-9pm

Instructor: Vicky Manuel



# *Book of the Month*

Congratulations to all those that read Habakkuk during the month of August. Great job!

Robin Anthony

Delmas Carr

Naomi Carr

Barbara Cramlet

Mary Daniel

Bill Davis

Charlotte Deem

Charlene Donahue

Christine Epler

David Epler

Charlotte Galloway

Linda Gray

Steve Gray

Sonya Hescht

Leon Hupp

Judy Hupp

Aiden Klingler

Michaela Miller

Bill Mills

Kay Mills

Dave Nulter

Carol Peters

Eloise Smith

Keith Smith

Rick Stanley

Dorothy Stevens

Donna Tice

Mark Tonkery

Mike Wade

Randy White

Joyce Wright



The book of the month for September is Zephaniah. Please sign the sheet on the Announcements board when you have completed the reading. Happy reading!

# *Gospel Meetings*

More information can be found on the Announcements bulletin boards

## September Meetings:

**11-14** - Sunrise church of Christ, David Lipe Speaking

**25-28** - Bridgeport church of Christ, Clinton Rowand speaking on Lessons from New Testament Congregations

September

## October Meetings :

**2-5** - Bridge Street Church of Christ, Charles Pugh III Speaking

**9-12** - Lubeck church of Christ, Allen Webster speaking

**9-14** - Harrisville church of Christ with Ed Melott

October

**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!

# Serving In Worship September 18, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

## SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life  
PM - Gary Alton

## PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders  
Close - Rob Hoover  
6:00 PM - Jeff Taberner  
Close - Marion Goldsmith

## SCRIPTURE

AM - Chris Hoffman  
PM - Bill Merrill

## COMMUNION

AM - Ron Riddle  
PM - Mike Wade



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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

September 4, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....201  
Sunday Bible Class.....159  
Sunday PM Service.....148  
Wednesday PM Service.....140  
Contribution..... \$8,613

## MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....4  
Restored or Requested Prayers.....1  
Placed Membership.....3



## Mowing Group for September 15-17

### Team 4

1-Kevin Cochran  
2-Brian Haught  
3-Bill Merrill  
4-Glenn Snider

## Men's Retreat

Sponsored by the Richland  
Road church of Christ  
Round Lake, Lakeville, OH  
September 23 & 24.

## Ladies' Inspiration Day

Norval Park church of Christ  
Saturday, October 1  
Speaker: Erin Hittle-Smith  
Please register by Sep. 28

## Love and Care Position

Currently, we are starting a search to find a new Administrator. Please pray for this effort. If you are interested, please send your resume to Clayton Huber.

The deadline for submitting a resume is October 18, 2022. Applicants must have an AA degree or higher in a related field or its equivalent. Also, the individual needs to be a baptized member of the church of Christ. Other qualifications and information are included in the mailing available in the front lobby.

We are grateful for your continued support of the work at Love & Care. It is our pleasure to work with you to provide the residents with the best care.

Sincerely Yours,

Charles Hill, President, Love & Care Board of Directors

## Daily Bible Reading

September 12: 1 Cor 14:26-40 & Ps 145-150

September 13: 1 Cor 15: 1-35 & Pro 1-2

September 14: 1 Cor 15: 35-58 & Pro 3-4

September 15: 1 Cor 16 & Pro 5-6

September 16: 2 Cor 1 & Pro 7-8

September 17: 2 Cor 2 & Pro 9-11

September 18: 2 Cor 3 & Pro 12-13

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings  
at 7:30 on WTAP

September 18  
**Do You Know Christ?**



*"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."*