

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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“Where you are always welcome”

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

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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 Ledsoe, 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, 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, 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), 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), 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:

- Charlie Tucker and Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephews) are in the hospital.
- Judy Haugwood (Steve Haugwood's mother) is in the hospital in South Carolina.
- Roy Clark's scan was clear. He is now cancer free!
- Lucille Hardeman tested positive for Covid last week.
- Dave Nulter underwent complete knee surgery last week and will be recovering at Mid Ohio Valley Healthcare.
- Justin (Cindy Huxley's brother) is making good progress and should be able to come home soon.
- Sonya Hescht had surgery last Thursday and is recovering.
- Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother) is waiting for a room at Ruby Memorial.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE - There are new opportunities to serve forms that can be found in the bulletin this week or 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.

BIBLE CLASSES - The new quarter of Bible Classes begins today. Please check the education board across from the office for a list of classes and teachers.

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.

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

CARD SHOWER - There will be a card shower for Mark and Laura at the fellowship meal next Sunday.

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

CYC MEETING - There will be a brief meeting tonight after evening worship for all families interested in going. Please plan to attend.

CYC DONATIONS - If anyone is interested in making a monetary donation to help offset the cost for CYC please see Kevin Chochran.

Thank You

♥ Thank you for being a blessing in my life. I enjoyed the cards, Facebook posts, and wishes for my Birthday. I read and appreciated each one. - Sherry Sponseller

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What Are You Making

While on a trip to Switzerland, an American businessman was watching a Swiss clockmaker carving the case of an ornate cuckoo clock. As the businessman watched the clockmaker carve out the case, he was astounded at his slow rate of progress.

The businessman finally said, “My good man, you’ll never make much money that way.”

“Sir,” The clockmaker replied, “I’m not making money, I’m making cuckoo clocks.”

It is easy at times to forget what our real task is. The world is so interested in the bottom line and efficiency that they forget the real value of workmanship and quality.

I am amazed, at times, with people’s desire for “church growth.” Some will compromise almost everything they believe if they can “reach” one more person. Some have replaced worship with entertainment, preaching with skits, and evangelism with testimonials.

There is really no substitute for genuine New Testament Christianity. You can swell any group, but true church growth takes love, truth, hard work, and patience.

Paul said, “But speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head - Christ - from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:15-16).

Let’s keep inviting, keep praying, keep teaching, and keep loving. That’s how the church grows.

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Today's Sermon Notes

AM Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Sermon Title: The Love of God

Scripture Reading: Malachi 1:2

"I have _____ you," says the Lord.
"Yet _____ say, 'In _____ way have You _____ us?'
Was not _____ Jacob's _____?"
Says the Lord.
"Yet Jacob I have _____;

- I. Do we _____ God's love? Mal. 1:2?

- II. Do we _____ God's love as father Mal. 1:6?

- III. Do we _____ God's name with reverence and love Mal. 1:12-13?

- IV. Do we love God _____ in all things Mal. 2:10-13?

PM Sermon: Doug Wells
Discouraged Vs. Courage
Joshua 1:9-10

Doug's Discussion

You Are the Man

There once was a rich man who had everything. He had a delicious triple cheeseburger with bacon whenever he felt like eating one. He had a beautiful home with rooms that he didn't even hardly use, filled with possessions that he had forgotten about. One day, while walking to the office he was bothered by a child who had nothing. A lowly beggar. She asked him if he had a dollar to spare . . . just a dollar. The man, who was disgusted by her dirty hand touching his clean suit, pushed her aside and then promptly pretended like she didn't exist.

Hearing this story, do you burn with anger at this man? Hmm . . . well, I suppose I wouldn't think much of him either. Hopefully a prophet doesn't come along to denounce us, proclaiming: "YOU are the man!" Something just like that happened to David in 2 Samuel 12. While a prophet spoke of a heartless man taking a poor man's beloved sheep for his dinner guests David had no idea what was really being talked about. At least, not until Nathan said those fateful words: "You are the man!" Sometimes, we're not very good at seeing our own behavior until someone formats it for us into a bedtime story. I guess that's what it takes to get perspective.

So, are we that man? "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress" (James 1:27). Because of the way our society is set up, I imagine you don't see children begging in the streets very often. But that's not the point. Maybe one day, through a mutual friend perhaps, you learned about a home where the two children miss a meal sometimes. The opportunity came up – you could invite them to dinner. But . . . it's inconvenient. You have plenty of food, yes, but the kids are a little rough around the edges and you're not sure about having them around your expensive things. Besides that, you're so very busy. It was a neat idea you had for a moment that never came to be.

Upcoming Local Events

More information can be found on the Announcements bulletin boards

GOSPEL MEETING - Sunrise church of Christ, September 11-14, David Lipe Speaking

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

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

Bible Call Report July 2022

We had OVER 15 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in July with 148 calls. Some of the most called topics this month were:

- (4) 110 Overcoming Worry (7) 125 Depressed? Life can be Meaningful
(5) 115 Overcoming Depression (10) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About It
(11) 126 The Secret of Contentment
(3) 225 Worry, 313 Is Obedience Necessary? , 655 The Judgment Day,
854 Peanut Butter, 950 Exorcism and Demon Possession
14 times people listened to the same lesson again.

THE HIGH DAYS WERE JULY 11 WITH 18 CALLS AND JULY 20 WITH 11 CALLS. We have individuals that have completed several studies and are now on some of Joe Galloway's lessons on Romans. I usually start requests with the 25 lesson Topical Study by Freeman, then the Survey of The Bible 30 lessons, next a Study of Acts by David Pharr, and then some of Joe's lessons. We have some who are on their 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th courses. If you are interested in what is available, talk to me or Christine or other members who are encouraging this good work.

We have mailed 2 routes in Parkersburg recently. Pray about this work and think about areas you might want to fund a mailing to or a congregation you want me to talk with. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world ... Let us help each other to keep this work effective.

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COULD YOU GIVE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
FOR BIBLE CALL TO MAIL A MISSION AREA
IN WEST VIRGINIA?



Local Events Cont.

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!

Serving In Worship September 11, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman
PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Stan Inman
Close - Jon Hescht
6:00 PM - Todd Kirk
Close - Cody Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jim Galloway
PM - Klay Cochran

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Hoover
PM - Dennis Keller



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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

August 28, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....194
Sunday Bible Class.....228
Sunday PM Service.....158
Wednesday PM Service.....159
Contribution..... \$7,532

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

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



Mowing Group for September 1-3

Team 3

Ken Barnes
Doug Hershman
Ryan Highman
Glenn Snider

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on FM 96.9

I think the human need for a purpose is obvious. I'm told that one of the ways the Nazis used to torture people was to make them do pointless tasks like moving rocks from one pile to another pile, only to later make them move the rocks all back to where they were. The goal was despair - and that goal was often achieved.

And I fear that kind of despair is in our future if our nation turns away from God. We need purpose, but there is no purpose without the Lord. This is something the atheist community admits. Richard Dawkins said that in the "universe we observe" there "is no purpose." The writer of the *Young Atheist's Handbook* says, "Yes, of course I know that life is ultimately without meaning or purpose, but the trick is not to wake up every morning and feel that way."

That is the trick - to avoid despair while living a life that ultimately doesn't matter. While moving rocks from one pile to another. OR, you can turn to God and find all the meaning and purpose your heart desires.

Daily Bible Reading

September 5: 1 Cor. 9 & Ps. 107-109

September 6: 1 Cor. 10 & Ps. 110-114

September 7: 1 Cor. 11:1-16 & Ps. 115-118

September 8: 1 Cor. 11:17-34 & Ps. 119

September 9: 1 Cor. 12 & Ps. 120-132

September 10: 1 Cor. 13 & Ps. 133-139

September 11: 1 Cor. 14:1-25 & Ps. 140-144

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP
September 11
"Peace, Perfect Peace"



"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."