

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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.

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*May you and your family be
blessed on Thanksgiving and
throughout the rest of the
year.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

For His love endures forever.

Psalms 107:1

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Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
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*Those who are
thankful for
little
enjoy much.*

**"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you."**

I Thessalonians 5:18



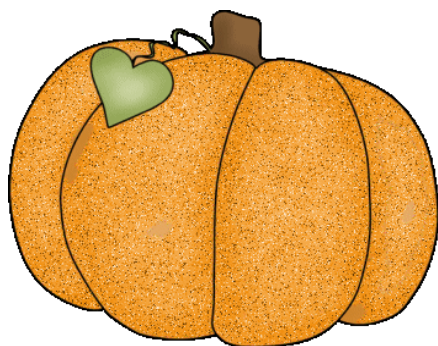
♥ I appreciate all the birthday cards and sweet notes. Love, **Kimberlee Shears**

♥ Thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls at the recent passing of my brother. In Christian love, **Gloria Frazier**

♥ I appreciate everyone who helped rake the leaves. In Christian love, **Colleen Ash**

What are you thankful for?

Faith Family Forgiveness God's Word Love
Prayer Church Family Blessings Friendships Health



**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by
prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,
let your requests be known to God.**

Philippians 4:6

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Colleen Ash, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Pat Barclay,
Peggy Cowdery, Patty Dawson, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Ray and Phyllis Johnson,
Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell,
Cotton Sayre, Bob Smith, Tammie Wilson

*Richard Cozad was undergoing tests last week. *Ron Riddle had eye surgery.

*Phyllis Johnson is to have tests this week in Morgantown. Keep her in your prayers.

Camden Clark Hospital - Pat Barclay (Room 163), Tammie Wilson (Room 127)

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Bill and Linda Butterfield, Cindy Cleninger, Judy Shutts Hughes (Sister to Melva Farris), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Tessie Rose (Gwen Lucas' niece), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Margaret Snider (Linda Hall's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)



MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING

The Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting today at 5:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be November 26 at 8:30 at Shoney's. John 5 will be discussed.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

A representative from Potter Children's Home will be here to collect the coin banks next week. Please leave banks on the counter in the office by next Sunday.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

The Ladies' Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 20 at the Parkersburg Country Club. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with details. Please give your payment to Gala Miller by Wednesday, November 30.

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS MEETING

Starting in January we will begin a new Bible class curriculum for the 2-3 years olds through Middle school. All teachers are asked to attend a workshop Sunday, December 18 at 3:30PM for about two hours to review new material. The teachers for the winter quarter will receive their material at that time. See Paul Inman or Mark Tonkery for details.

GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Our Golden Agers will be having lunch at North Bend State Park Tuesday, December 13. Leaving the building at 11:00. Cost will be \$20 each. Please sign the attendance count sheet on the counter by December 4. See Dwain for details.

This is a good time to show your appreciation to others.

- Let Dana and Mark know that we appreciate them and their families.
- Show your gratitude to our Elders as they shepherd the flock here at Camden Avenue. Pray for them.
- Let Wes know we appreciate all he does.
- Thank the deacons for their work.



Everyone likes to be appreciated....family, friends, co-workers.

Daily Bible Reading

November 20 - Hebrews 11, Ezekiel 12-13
November 21 - Hebrews 12, Ezekiel 14-16
November 22 - Hebrews 13, Ezekiel 17
November 23 - James 1, Ezekiel 18-20
November 24 - James 2, Ezekiel 21
November 25 - James 3, Ezekiel 22-23
November 26 - James 4, Ezekiel 24-26
November 27 - James 5, Ezekiel 27-28



DANA'S DIRECTION

How will you spend Thanksgiving?

At times, it seems like holidays exist solely for the purpose of selling merchandise. Greeting cards, toys, candy, decorations. It's no wonder that the Christmas displays appear the day after Halloween! But, lost in all this shuffle, Thanksgiving seems to be almost overlooked.

We have pretty much developed a "tradition" for how to celebrate this day. We get together with family or friends and "pig out." We eat too much and then sit around watching football on T.V. until dinner settles enough so we can eat some cold turkey sandwiches. The next day we go out and battle the crowd at the mall on the heaviest shopping day for the next holiday - Christmas! While none of this is wrong, it has nothing to do with the intended purpose of Thanksgiving.

We have all heard the story of the first Thanksgiving when the pilgrims of the Plymouth Plantation gathered for a day of giving thanks in 1621. The previous year had been an extremely hard one. There had been bad weather, failed crops, disease. Many of the original founders of the colony had died. There was a growing feeling that they should give up and return to England. During this time they had designated many days of fasting and prayer. They determined to do so once more in late October 1621.

But an older, godly colonist challenged their thinking. He pointed out that even though times had been hard - God had blessed them! This year it looked like food was going to be plentiful. Many had died - but others had been blessed with children. And above all else, they now possessed that which was worth all the sacrifices they had made - their religious freedom. "The time" he said, "was not for fasting and mourning, but rather to celebrate and give thanks to God."

So that is the purpose for which the last Thursday of November has been set aside. To reflect on God's blessings and give thanks to Him. How much will "thanking God" be a part of Thanksgiving in America in 2016? Not as much as it should be - but I hope for all of us who are Christians, thanking God is a daily thing.

“Have you left your first love?”

(Revelation 2:1-7)



Introduction:

This letter was written to the _____ of the church at _____. Of Jesus it is said, “He who holds the seven _____ in His right _____, who _____ in the midst of the seven golden _____” (Revelation 2:1-2).

Things that Jesus commended.

He was pleased with their efforts. “I know your _____, your _____, your patience” (Revelation 2:2). “And you have _____ and have _____ and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become _____” (Revelation 2:3). **Jesus said** “I must _____ the works of Him who sent Me while it is _____; the _____ is coming when no man can _____” (John 9:4). “That He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own _____ people, zealous for good _____” (Titus 2:14).

He was pleased with their stand for the truth. “You cannot _____ those who are _____. And you have _____ those who say they are _____ and are not, and have found them _____” (Revelation 2:2). “But this you have, that you _____ the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also _____” (Revelation 2:6).

That which Jesus condemned.

“Nevertheless I have this _____ you, that you have _____ your first _____” (Revelation 2:4). “And you shall _____ the _____ your God with all your heart, with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). “And although I bestow all my goods to _____ the _____, and though I give my _____ to be burned, but have not _____, it _____ me nothing” (I Corinthians 13:3).

Jesus’ Instruction for their restoration.

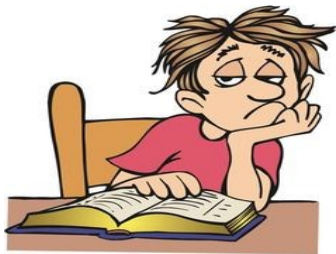
They were to _____. “Remember therefore from _____ you have _____” (Revelation 2:5).

They were to _____.

They were to _____ to the first _____.

The consequence of not returning to their first love. “Or else I will come to you _____ and _____ your lampstand from its place – unless you _____” (Revelation 2:5).

The blessing of restoration. “To him who _____ I will give to _____ from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the _____ of God” (Revelation 2:7).



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkøry

Boring Christianity?

I can remember one time when I was a boy; I made the mistake of stating to my mother, that I was bored. The next thing I know I was doing chores, carrying firewood, cleaning, and anything else my mother could think of on our small three and half acre farm. I learned two important lessons that day: First if you are bored don't broadcast it, and second if I am bored it probably means I am not doing anything.

Often I hear that church is boring, the worship service is boring, and the preaching is boring. Sometimes people do not state it with words, they show it with their feet, they do not show up for church services, and are uninvolved with the life of the church. My guess is that if one is saying that Christianity is boring they are either watching a Christian who is lukewarm, and is nominal in their faith or the person stating such is a lukewarm, nominal Christian. Nominal Christian is boring.

As I think about my 20 plus years of ministry and the six years of my Christian life before I became a preacher, it has been anything but boring. I have preached in several states, two foreign countries, met many wonderful Christians, I have served the Lord in the inner city, in rural areas and in a third world country. I have been in hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, orphans homes, and have been on several mission trips. I have not experienced boring Christianity.

The book of Acts gives the history of the church and it is not boring. Christians worshiped together, prayed for each other, helped those who were needy (Acts 2:41-47), fed the hungry (Acts 6:1-6), went on mission trips (Acts 13:1-4), and they made a difference in the world for the cause of Christ by converting the lost and helping Christians on their journey to Heaven. Christianity as described in the New Testament is anything but boring.

The story is told of a young woman who was once given a book to read. She tried reading it and found it to be quite dull and boring. Later, she fell in love with a young man who was a writer. In a conversation with him, she found out that he was the author of that book. She could then hardly wait to get to her room so that she might read it again. This time she found it to be a very interesting and fascinating book. What was the difference? She knew and loved the author. (Author unknown)

Some think the Bible is dull and dry. But if they would read it with the idea in mind that here is a book written by their God and Creator, they would find it to be a challenging message. They need to come to love God. When they do, they will find His book and the life it calls us to live to be both interesting and meaningful. Think about it!



Thank you to the youth and adults for their help with the Widow-Widows-Veterans' lunch.

Also, thank you to Pam Bayer for preparing desserts with the girls.



Rake and Run last Saturday

Thanks to everyone who helped.



Travelling Youth Group

Our youth will join the traveling youth group next Sunday evening at the Newport congregation.

Transportation will leave at 5:30.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember...

Noah was a drunk.

Isaac was a daydreamer.

Jacob was a liar.

Leah was not wanted.

Joseph was ill-treated by his brothers.

Moses had a public speaking problem.

Samson had long hair and was a womanizer.

Timothy was too young.

David had an affair and was a murderer.

Elijah was suicidal.

Jonah ran from God.

Peter denied Christ.

The Disciples fell asleep while Jesus was praying.

Martha worried about everything.

The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once.

Zaccheus was too small.

Paul was too religious.

Timothy had a stomach problem....AND

Lazarus was dead!

And don't forget that God and Jesus helped them all and used them for His good work!!!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, November 27

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - To be announced

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle

Close - Keith Smith

6:00 PM - Kody Inman

Close - Rick Stanley

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Camp

PM - Doug Hinzman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Steve Moser

PM - Clayton Huber

Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Dustin Hughes

2—Kyle Inman

4—Sarah Inman

PM

1. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard

2. Kevin & Becky Inman

3. Denny & Sandy Keller

4. Sami & Bre Tonkery

5. Bob & Gala Miller

6. Betty Lamb & Addie Miller

Facts and Figures

November 13, 2016

AM Service.....293

Bible Study.....215

PM Service.....225

Wednesday.....205

Contribution\$7955.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....9

Placed Membership....13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11AM & 7PM



A Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank thee, God for blessings -

The big ones and the small -

Thy tender love and mercy

That guards and keeps us all.

The fresh awakening of joy

That comes with morning light,

Sunlit hours to fill the day

And restful sleep at night.

The hope, the beauty, and the love

That brightens each days living -

We praise thee, and our hearts are filled

With joy, and with thanksgiving.

The pride that's found in work well done,

The love of those who care,

The peace of mind, the sweet content

That comes with quiet prayer.

Author unknown



Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, WCWP
local Sunday at 7:30AM, Dish Channel 239,
Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV Channel 307 Sunday
7:00AM, Local cable Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM,
GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday
5:00PM, Tuesday 7PM on Dish Channel 267 and
Direct channel 376.

UPCOMING TOPIC

November 27
CONVERSION