

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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¹ Timothy 2:1-3 says that we are to pray, intercede and give thanks for all men, kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.

Praying for godly leaders is productive toward God's plan and purpose for our nation.

Heavenly Father, We bring the needs of our government before You and ask Your blessings on our nation through godly leaders.

We pray for our president (Donald Trump), vice president (Mike Pence), all the Cabinet and the chief justices and associate justices of the Supreme Court to receive Your wisdom, to act in obedience to that wisdom and that they will look to You in all of their decisions.

We pray for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to find Your peace and direction, and for these men and women to lead according to Your will.

We ask for Your protection to cover all law enforcement officers and the men and women of the military. Asking for godly counsel and wisdom for the judges across this land.

Thank you for hearing our prayers that are in accordance to Your will. We want to be faithful servants to further Your kingdom and bring glory to You.

In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

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Kevin Cochran
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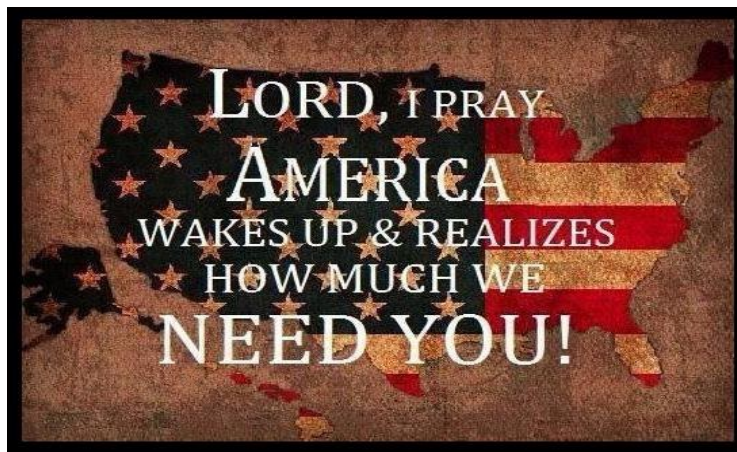
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WHEN WE PUT
OUR PROBLEMS IN
GOD'S HANDS-HE
PUTS HIS PEACE IN
OUR HEARTS.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Bob Smith, Tammie Wilson

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), Cindy Cleninger, Casey Osborne Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Dorothea Haught (Debbie Tallman's mother), Colleen Keister (John Rockhold's mother-in-law), Betty Miller, June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox), Georgia Wilson (Kim Barclay's mother), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

Please remember Todd Kirk and family in your prayers as he is experiencing health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep Elijah Clark in your prayers. He is the 12 year old son of Roy and Karen Clark of the Sunrise congregation.

He is a patient at Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He is facing serious health issues. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

John and Linda Hall's great-nephew, Dally Synder was born premature January 17. He is hospitalized in Columbus Hospital. He is the son of Zach and Samantha Synder.



♥ A big thanks for all the cards and gifts on my 90th birthday. You made a rainy cold day a beautiful warm one. Love you all. **Lucille Hardman**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Jason and Melanie McConnell are attending the Veto congregation. Doug, Shannan and Sarah Hinzman transferred their membership to the North End congregation.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

Anyone willing to help with VBS meet this evening after services in Room 112.

LADS TO LEADERS-LEADERETTES MEETING

Todd would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with the LLL coordinators and everyone planning to go to the convention.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 28 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Matthew 15 will be discussed. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to the monthly sing at Love and Care next Monday, January 30 at 7:00PM. This is a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER - GAME NIGHT

Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers soup bean dinner-game night Friday, February 17 at 5:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care group 4 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, February 19 at 2:30 and Thursday, February 23 at 7:00PM.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, February 20 in the MP Room 1:00-6:00PM.

Daily Reading for our Bible class studies

January 23 - Genesis 11:1-9

January 24 - Genesis 11:27-32, 12:1-3

January 25 - Genesis 12:4-9, James 2:23-24, Acts 7:2-4

January 26 - Genesis 12:10-20

January 27 - Hebrews 11:8-16

This is the texts that the Bible classes will study.

Daily Bible Reading

January 22 - Matthew 14, Genesis 45-46

January 23 - Matthew 15:1-20, Genesis 47-48

January 24 - Matthew 15:21-39, Genesis 49-50

January 25 - Matthew 16, Exodus 1-3

January 26 - Matthew 17, Exodus 4-5

January 27 - Matthew 18:1-14, Exodus 6-7

January 28 - Matthew 18:15-35, Exodus 8-9

January 29 - Matthew 19, Exodus 10-12



DANA'S DISCUSSION

"Fellowship in our Worship Assembly"

Usually when we think of having "fellowship," our thoughts turn to covered dish dinners or a trip to a state park. But fellowship, which is defined as "mutual participation," for the Christian means so much more. Fellowship means to share. Actually, when we assemble together, every act of worship involves fellowship. Fellowship with God and fellowship with one another. Consider the following:

Fellowship in Song. In the church we read of in the Bible, singing was mutual and congregational. They were to sing to one another, to "teach and admonish one another." (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16) When we all sing we are all involved in a joint effort to praise God and edify one another.

Fellowship in Prayer. When we pray as a congregation, we are turning our hearts and minds towards God in union. We are expressing common needs, common concerns. When we say 'Amen' at the end of that prayer, we are declaring that this common (public) prayer is our (personal) prayer as well.

Fellowship in Preaching. When Peter came to the house of Cornelius, he was told "we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God." (Acts 10:33) That is the same purpose of heart that should prevail when we as a church are instructed and admonished by God's word. Not only must the teachings from God's word be applied to our individual lives, we must also receive them as a congregation, working together to do God's will.

Fellowship in Giving. Fellowship in many cases is a contribution. (Philippians 4:14-16,18) It is the sharing of our blessings with those who are in need. (II Corinthians 8,9) Our individual resources may be limited, but when they are gathered together, we can meet many needs, support many good works, and be involved in taking the gospel into all the world. This is the fellowship of the gospel.

Fellowship in the Lord's Supper. "Communion"-Why do we call the Lord's supper "communion?" Because that is what it is: communion with the Lord and with one another. Fellowship is communion. We join together with Christians all over the world, who each first day of the week come together to break bread. Together, we contemplate the cross of Jesus and our mutual salvation that was purchased with His blood. We must never partake without "discerning the Lord's body," both His physical body which was broken for us, and His spiritual body, the church.

Worship is fellowship. Worship is personal - only you can offer your worship to God. But worship also involves the Family of God. The same things we do to draw closer to God, also draw us closer to one another. Do you want to enjoy more fellowship? Come and worship!



What Do I Still Lack? (Luke 18:18-27)

"And he said, " _____ these I have kept from my _____. Jesus said to him, "You still lack _____ thing. Sell all that you have and _____ to the poor, and you will have _____ in _____; and come _____ Me." But when he heard this, he became very _____, for he was very _____." (Luke 18:21-23)

Much good could be said about the Rich Young Ruler. He was a good _____. He was a _____ man. He asked the right _____. "Good Teacher, what shall I _____ to inherit _____ life?" (Luke 18:18)

#1) The RYR lacked a true _____ of Jesus. He believed Jesus to be a _____. He referred to Jesus as _____. "Do not be called _____; for One is your _____, the Christ, and you are all _____" (Matthew 23:8-10) "Why do you call Me _____? No one is _____ but One, that is _____." (Luke 18:19)

The RYR failed to understand that Jesus is _____. Jesus allowed the RYR to _____ before Him. Neither _____ (Acts 22:24-26), nor an _____ allowed men to worship them. (Revelation 19:10)

#2) The RYR lacked a true understanding of _____. He thought of himself as a _____, _____ man. Jesus said "You know the _____." He said " _____ of these I have kept from my _____." (Luke 18:20-21)

The Law did not _____. "But, that no one is _____ by the Law in the sight of God is evident, for the _____ shall live by _____." (Galatians 3:11)

We are not _____. "There is none _____, no, not one." (Romans 3:10-11) "For all have _____ and _____ short of the _____ of God." (Romans 3:23) The Good News: God _____ sinners.

#3) The RYR lacked understanding that we cannot _____ our _____. We are saved by the _____ of God. "Not by works of _____ which we have done, but according to His _____ He saved us." (Titus 3:5)

There is no _____ by which we are saved. We are not saved by _____ only. "He that _____ and is _____ shall be saved." (Mark 16:16) "Through the _____ of _____ and renewing of the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5) We must still _____ away from _____ thing that means more to us than _____. "Whoever desires to _____ after Me, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____, and _____ Me. For whoever desires to save his life will _____ it, but whoever _____ his life for My sake and the _____ will save it." (Mark 8:34-35)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What does the church do?

So many times, people think about church as just Sunday morning, Sunday evening worship, and Wednesday night Bible study. Although worship and Bible study are essential to the Christian, as we can see in Heb. 10:25 which teaches, “not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” However, the Bible does present “church” as more than just Sunday and Wednesday meetings.

Notice the book of Acts, we learn that as soon as Christ’s church began, in Acts 2 with 3,000 people repenting of their sins and being baptized (Acts 2:38-41). The church immediately “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:41-47, Acts 20:7). The church continued to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and convert lost people (Acts 8:4,12; 16:15; 16:30-33). They continued to give to those in need (Acts 4:34; 11:29). Elders were appointed in the local congregations (Acts 14:23) and the leadership delegated certain responsibilities to reliable men (Acts 6:2). Christians continued to meet for prayer (Acts 4:31; 12:12). They sent out missionaries so that the gospel of Christ would continue to be spread beyond their communities (Acts 13:2). Although there were many good things taking place, there were also problems in the church; but they worked through them as we see in Acts 6 and 15. Once the church began it continued to reach out and grow. This was done in large part because the early Christians understood that being the church was not just limited to what was done on Sundays and Wednesdays.

In reading the book of Acts we see that the church continued to function and work outside of the regular gatherings of Christians. These Christians were continually devoting themselves to the purpose and will of God. They looked for opportunities to teach the lost, help those in need, pray together, and continued to be faithful to God in between meetings.

So, what is the church doing today? What are we doing today once we leave the assembly? Do we look for opportunities to teach, to help, and are we continuing to be faithful to the Lord once we leave the assembly?

I have seen over the entrance of one church building the phrase, “Enter to worship. Leave to serve.” How true! As we gather each week to worship, will we leave to serve and be the Lord’s church where ever we go? Think about it! Written by Mark T. Tonkery

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery title: “Nonsense Skyscrapers,”
Scripture reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Youth Events

January 29

Transportation will leave here at 4:30 for our youth to join the traveling youth group at the Little Hocking congregation. Refreshments will be provided prior to services.

January 30

Transportation will leave here at 6:40 for the devotional at the Sunrise congregation.

February 5

CYC meeting after Bible Study in Room 109 for anyone that has registered.

6th grade and above Super Bowl get-together in the MP Room after evening services.

February 6

Transportation will leave here at 6:30 for the devotional at the Rockport congregation.

February 13

Transportation will leave here at 6:40 for the devotional at the Mineral Wells congregation.

February 20

Transportation will leave at 6:45 for the devotional at the Lubeck congregation.

February 24

Challenge Youth Conference

February 27

Transportation will leave here at 6:35 for the devotional at the 36th Street congregation.

Prior to these events, let Jeff know if you plan to attend.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Recently while walking through a college campus a young man approached a student wearing a T-shirt. The message on the T-shirt said, "It doesn't matter what you think, just think!" Well, if that isn't a reflection of the prevailing philosophy of the time in which we live!

In the eyes of some, arriving at truth isn't nearly as important as the pursuit of it. But let me tell you something, anyone believing an idea such as this is simply misguided. While there is some virtue in hungering for knowledge, the greater virtue is in arriving at truth. Paul spoke disparagingly of some who were "always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7). You know, the message on the T-shirt was only half right. Think! We all need to do this, But according to God's Word, it certainly does matter what we think! The apostle John had it right when he said, "you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

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, January 29

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - 5th Sunday Service

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Chris Hofmann

Close - Kyle Inman

6:00 PM - 5th Sunday Service

Close - 5th Sunday Service

SCRIPTURE

AM - Cody Young

PM - 5th Sunday Service

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Mike Fleak

PM - Walter Morgan

Josh Hall

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Ron Riddle
2—Linda Moncrief
4—Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Tammy Kerns & Jennifer Thomas
2. Kevin & Becky Inman
3. Doug & Alisha Hershman
4. Dan Rich & Bill Camp
5. Bill & Rosemary Merrill
6. Cody & Kristi Hoover



Ten Ways to Build Up Our Congregation

1. Ignite the spiritual fires of your own soul.
2. Study your Bible. Good resource material is available as additional study aids.
3. Remember that people are the church; the place where you worship is a building.
4. Support your congregation with regular attendance. We need you.
5. Pray for your church leaders. Show your appreciation to our elders and preachers.
6. Look for ways to encourage others in Christ.
7. Discover your unique way of sharing your faith with others, and do it often.
8. Give generously of your time, talents, money and prayers.
9. Believe in your congregation and speak highly of its' possibilities.
10. Invite others to attend church with you.

Facts and Figures

January 15, 2017

AM Service.....281

Bible Study.....223

PM Service.....234

Wednesday.....202

Contribution\$6812.00

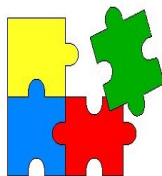
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....9

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....10

Placed Membership....13



Save the Date

We will host the Ladies' Inspiration Day.
Saturday, April 29

Speakers: Sally Shank and Amy Games

Theme: You Are a Piece of God's Plan
Jeremiah 29:11

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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

Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, 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

UPCOMING TOPIC

January 29 - CHRISTIAN MORALITY