

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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Happy moments,
Praise God.

Difficult moments,
Seek God.

Quiet moments,
Worship God.

Painful moments,
Trust God.

Every moment,
Thank God.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
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When life gets too
hard to stand,
KNEEL!

Camden Clark - Breck Hesselrode (Room 512)

Parkersburg Care and Reb. (Gihon Road) - June Freels (Room 214)

♥ Lois Nulter is home recuperating following back surgery.

♥ Dustin Hughes is also home recuperating.

♥ Remember Todd Kirk in your prayers as he will be undergoing medical treatments.

Remember our church family in your prayers.

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

Prayers requested for family and friends:

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), Dave Marcum, 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)

PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue to 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.

Keep him and his family in your prayers.

→ Sunrise church of Christ is collecting monetary donations for this family.
The address is: 598 Turnpike Road, Parkersburg, WV 26104.



♥ We appreciate the anniversary cards and well-wishes. **Dearll and Carol Vincent**

♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards. **Keith Smith**

♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Gala Miller**

♥ Thank you so much for all the beautiful birthday and Christmas cards and all the pictures you sent of your families to me. That was so thoughtful. I enjoyed them so much. Love, **Donna McConnell**

♥ Thank each of you for the very nice cards that I received. **Merilee Morgan**

♥ Thanks so much for the many birthday cards and wishes. They made my day special. **Joyce Wright**

♥ Thank you so much for feeding our Team over Christmas Break! It was greatly appreciated! **Coach Snell and the OVU Men's Basketball Team**

Thank you to Gwen Johnson for preparing the communion bread this month.





BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Kyle and Brittany Knotts in the birth of their daughter, Madalynn Ann Knotts. Maddie arrived January 19 weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Brian and Ann Knotts.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

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. Everyone is invited to attend this time of worship and fellowship.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, February 20 in the MP Room 1:00-6:00PM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our VBS will be July 5-8 (Wednesday-Friday 6:30PM-8:30PM and Saturday 10:00AM-12:00PM with picnic to follow). Theme: WOW! Did Jesus Really Do That? If you would like to help with VBS in any way, see Mark Tonkery.



Each day is a gift from God.

Start each day thinking ***I Will Be The Best Me*** today!



Daily Bible Reading

January 29 - Matthew 19, Exodus 10-12
January 30 - Matthew 20:1-16, Exodus 13-14
January 31 - Matthew 20:17-34, Exodus 15-16
February 1 - Matthew 21:1-27, Exodus 17-19
February 2 - Matthew 21:28-46, Exodus 20-21
February 3 - Matthew 22:1-22, Exodus 22-23
February 4 - Matthew 22:23-46, Exodus 24-25
February 5 - Matthew 23:1-22, Exodus 26-27

Daily Reading for our Bible class studies

January 30 - Genesis 13:1-13,
January 31 - Genesis 13:14-18;14:17-23
February 1 - Genesis 18:16-33
February 2 - Genesis 19:1-22
February 3 - Genesis 19:23-29

This is the texts that our Bible classes will study.



DANA'S DIRECTION "SEMPER FI"

Some years ago I held a funeral service for a man who was a distinguished veteran. He and his two sons had all served in the Marines. As other former Marines offered their condolences to the family, they greeted one another with a heart-felt "SEMPER-FI".

I recognized SEMPER FI as the Marine Corps motto, but I didn't really know what it meant. By looking at the Marine Corp web page, I learned the following. SEMPER FI is a shortened version of Semper Fidelis, which is Latin for "always faithful." It has been the official motto of the Marine Corp since 1883. I further read "the Marine Corp is more than a team, it is a brotherhood that lasts a lifetime. SEMPER FI is the pledge to always be faithful - to our country, to our mission, to one another - no matter what."

Always faithful! What a tremendous pledge! My first thought was that Christians should be a brotherhood bound by a similar pledge.

WE SHOULD PLEDGE TO ALWAYS BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD. Following Jesus requires commitment. We cannot view the Lord as one of our interests, He must always be the primary focus of our lives. We must love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and mind. (Matthew 22:37) Jesus must be our Lord and our leader. Following Jesus calls upon us to submit, sacrifice, and serve. Jesus said "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24). Following Jesus requires both loyalty and love. A faithful Christian would never be ashamed of Jesus or of His word. (Matthew 10:33) As any military leader would, Jesus, the Captain of our faith, requires complete, unquestioning obedience. He asks "but why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15) **SEMPER FI!**

WE SHOULD PLEDGE TO ALWAYS BE FAITHFUL TO THE CHURCH. The church is important to Jesus - He purchased it with His blood! (Acts 20:28) If we love the Lord, we will love His church. We are not loyal to the Lord unless we are loyal to His church. Again the kingdom of God (the church) must have priority over the things of this world. Jesus tells us to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Matthew 6:33). No faithful Christian would want to neglect the times when the church comes together for worship and Bible study. (Hebrews 10:25) Faithful Christians lovingly commit their talents, time, and material resources to strengthen the church and accomplish its mission of seeking the lost. The church is the bride of Christ. No faithful Christian would speak negatively or run down the church any more than a loving husband would show such disrespect for his wife. **SEMPER FI!**

WE SHOULD PLEDGE TO ALWAYS BE FAITHFUL TO ONE ANOTHER. When our soldiers are in combat they pledge to "leave no man behind." We must make a similar commitment to those who serve in the Lord's army. We are here to help one another get to heaven, but there are so many Christians who fall by the wayside. They are our responsibility. We are accountable. That is why we are told to "exhort one another." (Hebrews 10:25) When a brother falls away we must try to restore him." (Galatians 6:1) We are not just people who happen to go to the same church, we are a brotherhood that lasts not just for a lifetime, but for eternity. "In sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently." (I Peter 1:22) We are not faithful to the Lord when we are not faithful to our brother. His needs are our needs. We weep when he weeps and rejoice when he rejoices. "Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:2-4) **SEMPER FI!**

Keeping the Unity

(Ephesians 4:1-6,11-13)



Jesus' Prayer and Plan for the church was unity. "That they all may be _____, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they may be _____ just as _____ are one" (John 17:20-22).

Unity is the true mark of _____. "By this all will know that you are My _____, if you have _____ for one another" (John 13:34-35). **Unity is not just God's _____ - it is the _____.** "How _____ and how _____ it is for brethren to dwell together in _____" (Psalm 133:1).

Unity has a Goal.

"That in all things _____ may be _____ through Christ Jesus" (I Peter 4:11).

Unity has a Foundation.

"If anyone _____, let him speak as the _____ of God" (I Peter 4:11). **There is no basis for unity other than the truth of God's word.** "Can two walk _____ unless they be _____" (Amos 3:3)? **The doctrinal truths upon which we must stand:** "There is one _____ and one _____, just as you are called in one _____ of your calling; one _____, one _____, one _____; one _____ and Father of all, who is _____ all, and _____ all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). "Whoever _____ and does not abide in the _____ of Christ does not have _____. He who abides in the doctrine of _____ has both the Father and the Son" (II John 9).

Unity has an Attitude - _____.

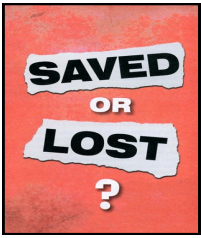
"And above all things have _____ for one another: (I Peter 4:8). "Bearing with one _____ in _____, endeavor to keep the _____ of the Spirit in the bond of _____" (Ephesians 4:2-3). "Let each esteem _____ better than himself. Let each of you look out not _____ for his _____ interests, but also for the interests of _____" (Philippians 2:3-4).

Love has a Responsibility – to _____ one another.

"As each one has received a _____ to one another" (I Peter 4:10-11).

Unity has an objective – To do the _____ that God has given us to do.

"The whole _____ joined and knit together according to the effective _____ by which every _____ does its _____" (Ephesians 4:16).



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Saved or Lost

The story of the Titanic is one of the most compelling and fascinating historical events of modern times. On a tragic night in April 1912 the ship struck an iceberg and sank. 1,503 people died, including passengers and crew. It was reported that the scene outside the White Star office in Liverpool, England; A great crowd of relatives of those who had taken passage on that ill-fated vessel packed the street. On either side of the main entrance a large board had been placed. At the top of board was printed, KNOWN TO BE SAVED. The other, KNOWN TO BE LOST.

Every now and then, a man would appear from the office bearing a large piece of cardboard on which was written the name of one of the passengers. As he held up the name, a deathly stillness swept over the crowd; it watched to see to which of the boards he would pin the name. (Taken from The Speaker Quote Book by Roy B. Zuck)

The day after Titanic sank there were only two categories of people - the saved and the lost. The Holy Scriptures teaches us a similar thing; we are either saved or lost spiritually.

Mt. 25:31-46 Jesus gives a parable describing what the Day of Judgment will be like, all people will be divided into two groups, like the sheep and the goats or the saved or the lost. Once judgment is given, Jesus states in Mt. 25:46, "And these [the wicked] will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Two categories. Two eternal destinations. Which category are you in?

Acts 2:38 teaches how one comes in a saved condition. By repenting of their sins and being baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. The Bible goes on to say in 1 John 1:7 that Christians must continue to walk faithfully with Christ all the days of our life, so they can continue to be saved.

Question: If the Lord was to come back tonight which category would you find yourself in? The Saved or the Lost? If you say of the saved, praise God, and let me encourage you to remain faithful and obedient to Christ always. But if you look at your life and find yourself in the lost category will you repent of your sins and be baptized today and begin your journey with Christ?

Only those who are found in Christ will be able to be saved from this evil world. Think about it and make the necessary changes now before you are lost for eternity. Be God's
Mark T. Tonkery



Thank you to everyone that came to our open house last week and for the house warming gifts. We enjoyed getting to know each of you a little better. We look forward to our future here at Camden Avenue and many more times of fellowship to come.

The Tonkerys



YOUTH EVENTS

January 29

Transportation will leave here today 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

Howard Rutledge, a US Air Force pilot, was shot down over North Vietnam during the early stages of the war. He spent several miserable years in the hands of his captors before being released at the war's conclusion. Here is what he had to say:

“During those long periods of confinement, it became so much easier to separate the important from the trivial, the worthwhile from the waste. Before being a prisoner, my wife had encouraged me to join the family at church. She never nagged or scolded - she just kept hoping. But I was too busy, too preoccupied, to spend one or two hours a week thinking about the really important things. But in Heartbreak solitary confinement (which is the name POW's gave this prison camp), there was no preacher, no Bible, no group of Christians to guide me or sustain me. It took prison to show me how empty life is without God!”

We all need to learn from Rutledge's experience. Read and remember Solomon's words, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

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, February 5

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Jim Hinzman

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Steve Gray

SCRIPTURE

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Josh Gray

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Ryan Gaston

Kevin Cochran

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Paul Inman

2—Rick Stanley

4—Dennis Keller

PM

1. Chris & Terry Hofmann

2. Bob & Gala Miller

3. Ira Kimes & Ron Holleron

4. Brandon & Calle Sheppard

5. Patrick & Bev Rine

6. Leon & Judy Hupp

The Perfect Church

I think that I shall never see

A church that's all it ought to be.

A church whose members never stray

Beyond the straight and narrow way.

A church that has no empty pews

Whose preacher never has the blues.

A church whose deacons always "deak". *

And none are proud, all are meek.

Where gossip never peddles lies,

Or make complaints, or criticize.

Where all are always sweet and kind.

To all of others faults are blind.

Such perfect churches, there may be.

But none of them are known to me.

But still we'll work and pray and plan

To make our own the best we can.



By: Effie Sprout
September 1, 1964

* deak is a Greek work meaning servant, variant of the name deacon.

(Effie was the mother of Lois Nulter and Lenore Vaught
also grandmother to Marion Goldsmith and Steve Sprout.)

Facts and Figures

January 22, 2017

AM Service.....293

Bible Study.....225

PM Service.....205

Wednesday.....227

Contribution\$7910.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....9

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....10

Placed Membership....13



6th Annual

West Virginia Marriage Getaway

February 17-18, 2017

Charleston Civic Center (Charleston, WV)

Sponsored by the churches of Christ at Alum Creek and Belle

Flyer on foyer bulletin boards with details.

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

February 5 - AT YOUR WORD

