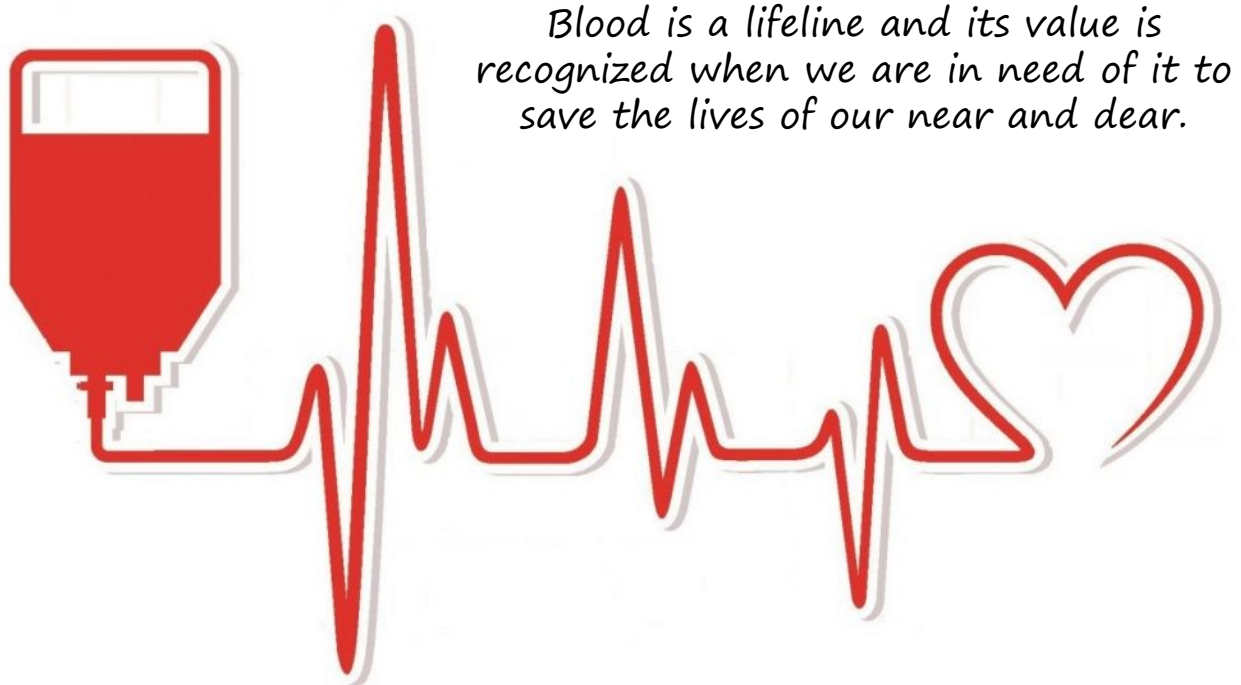


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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Blood is a lifeline and its value is recognized when we are in need of it to save the lives of our near and dear.

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

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Donors needed.

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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Blessed is the man
who is too busy too
worry in the
daytime, and too
tired to lie awake at
night.

Prayer List



- ♥ Remember Todd Kirk in your prayers as he will be undergoing medical treatments. We love and appreciate Todd. Keep him in your prayers.
- ♥ Gary Alton, Lois Nulter, Dustin Hughes and Eloise Smith are home recuperating.

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

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Gary Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Donnan, 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, Eloise 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, * Dave Philips (Laura Tonkery's uncle), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Anne Spokes (Gloria Frazier's sister), 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), Georgia Wilson (Kim Barclay's mother), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

- * Dave Philips received a heart transplant. He remains hospitalized and is showing signs of improvement.

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.

The Sunrise church of Christ is collecting monetary donations for this family.

The address is: 598 Turnpike Road, Parkersburg, WV 26104.

Please enclose a note that your donation is for the Clark family or on the memo line of your check.



- ♥ To my Christian Friends, I want to thank everyone for my Christmas cards and birthday cards. They were beautiful! I enjoyed all of them and my gifts and phone calls and to the ones that took me out. I sure had a good birthday, 89 years old. A special thank you to Cotton and Patty Sayre for calling from Florida to sing Happy Birthday to me. God sure blessed me. I had a Big Birthday. May God bless you all. In Christian love, **Betty Lamb**
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers and cards during my surgery and extended recovery. **Brian Haught**

Church News and Announcements



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room after worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

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 encouraged to attend.

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.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

Save the date! We will host the Ladies Inspiration Day April 29. All ladies are asked to attend the Ladies' meeting Sunday, February 19 to make plans for this special day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

COUPONS AND BOX TOPS

Melva Farris and Jo Langler appreciate the manufacturer coupons and box tops that you donate. If you would like to receive coupons, please let Melva or Jo know. Coupons and box tops may be given to them.

BIBLE BUSTERS

Bible Busters meet every Sunday evening at 5:30 in the front of the auditorium. Children of all ages welcome.

Daily Bible Reading

February 5 - Matthew 23:1-22, Exodus 26-27
February 6 - Matthew 23:23-39, Exodus 28-29
February 7 - Matthew 24:1-28, Exodus 30-31
February 8 - Matthew 24:29-51, Exodus 32-33
February 9 - Matthew 25:1-13, Exodus 34-35
February 10 - Matthew 25:14-46, Exodus 36-37
February 11 - Matthew 26:1-13, Exodus 38-39
February 12 - Matthew 26:14-35, Exodus 40

Daily Reading for our Bible class studies

February 6 - Genesis 15:1-18
February 7 - Genesis 16:1-15, 17:1-8
February 8 - Genesis 17:15-21; 18:1-3; 9-15
February 9 - Genesis 21:1-8
February 10 - Genesis 22:1-9, Hebrews 11:17-19

This is the texts that our Bible classes study.

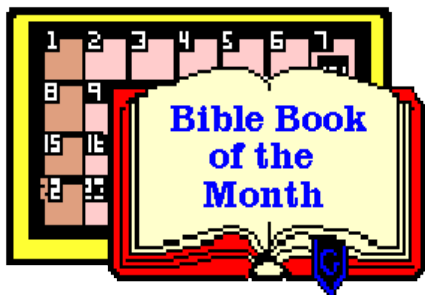
February “Book of the Month” Philippians

It is easy to see that the church in Philippi had a very special place in the Apostle Paul’s heart. Founded on Paul’s second missionary journey when he received a vision of a man of Macedonia pleading, “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). Eventually, their travels took them to the city of Philippi where they established the first church in Europe. The first converts were Lydia, a visitor from Thyatira (Acts 16:13-15), and the jailor who oversaw their imprisonment (Acts 16:22-34). Paul visited the church at Philippi again on his third missionary journey (Acts 20:3,6).

Paul wrote this letter to the Philippians when he was in prison at Rome (Acts 28:16,30-31), at about 61-63 A.D. He wrote this letter as a thank-you note for the help that they had sent to him by the hand of Epaphroditus (Philippians 4:10,18). He also told them of plans to send Timothy to them soon.

He also addresses an apparent conflict involving two women (Philippians 4:2-3). He stresses that the only way for there to be real unity and joy in Christian service we must look to Jesus and follow his example of humility and service. We must strive to have oneness of purpose, attitude, goals and labor.

Although this letter is short and very personal, the reoccurring theme is one of “joy”. The word for “joy” is found five times and “to rejoice” occurs eleven times. Philippians is truly Paul’s hymn of Joy”. The key verse is Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always. And again I say, rejoice”.



Reading Schedule of Philippians

February 1-4 (Philippians 1)

February 5-11 (Philippians 2)

February 12-16 (Philippians 3)

February 19-25 (Philippians 4)

Questions for Philippians Chapter 1

Who joined Paul in writing this epistle? To whom was it sent? (1)

What was the actual effect of Paul’s imprisonment? (12)

What was Paul’s attitude toward life and death? (21)

Between what two things was Paul hard pressed? (23-24)

What conduct did Paul consider worthy of the gospel? (27)

What had been granted to the Philippians on behalf of Christ? (29)

To live is Christ – To die is Gain (Philippians 1:19-24)



Paul could see positive if he lived or if he died. “For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a _____ to _____ and be with _____, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the _____ is more _____ for you” (Phil. 1:23-24). **In life or in death, Paul’s purpose would be the same.** “So now Christ will be _____ in my body, whether by _____ or by _____” (Philippians 1:20).

To live is Christ!

“I have been _____ with Christ; it is no longer _____ who live, but Christ _____ in me; and the life which I now _____ in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who _____ me and gave _____ for me” (Galatians 2:20).

Paul gave himself to Christ totally. Jesus expects the same of us.

“If anyone comes after Me, let him _____ himself, take up his _____ and follow Me” (Mark 8:34). “I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your _____, a living _____, holy and acceptable unto God which is your _____ service” (Romans 12:1).

We let Christ live in us when we become His _____. “If you _____ in My _____ you are My _____ indeed” (John 8:31).

We let Christ live in us when we _____ His _____. “For to this you were called, because Christ also _____ for us that we should _____ in His steps” (I Peter 2:21).

We let Christ live in us when we _____ like Jesus. “Let this _____ be in you which also was in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). **Jesus mind was one of humility, love and obedience.** “By this we know love, because He laid down His _____ for us, and we also ought to lay down our _____ for the _____” (I John 3:16)

We let Christ live in us when we do the _____ work.

To die is Gain!

In death, Paul would gain his _____ reward, a _____ in Heaven. “Having a desire to _____ and to be with _____ which is far _____” (Philippians 1:23).

In heaven Paul would no longer have to contend with the _____ or deal with _____. “There shall by no means enter it anything that _____ or causes an abomination or a _____” (Revelation 21:27).

In heaven, Paul would no longer be _____. He would no longer suffer sickness, sorrow or death. He would have “a _____ from God, a _____ not made with hands, _____ in the heavens” (II Corinthians 5:1)

In heaven, Paul would join angels and saints worshipping God, “saying blessing and _____, and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our _____ forever and ever” (Revelation 7:12).

In death, Paul had assurance of being saved. “There is _____ up for me a _____ of _____ which the Lord _____ give to me in that day” (II Timothy 4:8)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Let's Keep Reading the Bible

By Mark T. Tonkery

A book recently was released that utilized an interdenominational panel to determine the 25 books every Christian should read. Many books you would expect to be on the list were there: The Confessions of Augustine, The Imitation of Christ, Pilgrim's Progress, The Cost of Discipleship, Mere Christianity and Return of the Prodigal. One book was missing that should have been there — the Bible itself (Taken from Preaching <http://www.preaching.com/sermon-illustrations/11660636/>).

I confess I enjoy reading books, especially religious books and books about the Bible. (My office has bookshelves full of them). Although religious books and books about the Bible have some benefit, there is no one book that can take the place of the Bible and every Christian must make this the number one book on their list to read; for the Bible is the inspired word of God (2 Tim. 3:16).

Someone has said that, "Studying the Bible is like taking vitamins. You gulp down a couple of vitamins in the morning, but no wave of energy flows through your body. You take the vitamins because they build you up. They protect you against the diseases in the environment. In the long haul, they make you strong." Studying the Bible in one way is like taking vitamins it takes time to mature in the faith, but the work involved helps build one up in Christ and helps to protect one from the disease of sin and Satan.

George Muller, who established many orphanages throughout England in the 1800's, once said... "I believe that the one chief reason that I have been kept in happy useful service is that I have been a lover of Holy Scripture. It has been my habit to read the Bible through four times a year; in a prayerful spirit, to apply it to my heart, and practice what I find there. I have been for sixty-nine years a happy man; happy, happy, happy."

Have you been reading and studying your Bible? If you think about it most sport fans read sports magazines. Political minded people read political news magazines. Carpenters read house plans or blue prints. Doctors read medical journals. Yet, there are millions of people in the world who claim to be Christians and never pick up a Bible and read it. I guess it never made their top 25 list of books to read?

Maybe you made a resolution at New Years to start reading the Bible. But now as we are moving into the year we have allowed the Bible to start collecting dust again. Let's start reading it again, and let's keep reading the Bible. *What if we would try to get up early in the morning and spend time with the Lord reading His Word? Do it for seven days and see if it makes a positive difference in your life?*

The best way to study the Bible is to set a certain time each day and spend time studying and praying. Just reading only 30 minutes a day will allow you to read the New Testament in 40 days! It is also essential for our spiritual well being that we come to Worship, Sunday school and Wednesday Night Bible class where the teaching of the Bible takes places weekly (Heb. 10:25). Daily Bible study and being involved regularly in worship will help us draw closer to God and help us become the people God needs us to be in our day and time. Try it!!

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

(Romans 10:17)

In Christ,
Mark T. Tonkery

Youth Events

February 5

CYC meeting after Bible Study in Room 109 for anyone 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.

March 5

Transportation will leave here at 3:35 for our youth to join the traveling youth group at the 36th Street congregation.

March 6

Transportation will leave at 6:35 for the youth devo. at OVU.

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

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A very sick man turned to his country doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know! You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with great joy. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He has never been allowed into this room until now. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing. I know my Master is there and that is enough."



God is our father in heaven and He is waiting for us. He has promised us eternal life if we keep His commandments. I think that IS enough, don't you!?

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



mis·sion·ary, {noun}

someone who leaves their family for a short time, so others may be with their families for

ETERNITY

Please remember the missionaries we support in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.

- 1) **Joe Worndle** - Mail may be sent to: 8346 NW 118 Way, Parkland, FL 33076 (Mission work in Haiti.)
- 2) **Jon Galloway** - 4 Broughton, Valleyfield, East Kilbride, G75oJU (Mission work in Scotland)
- 3) **Joe Galloway** - 130 Regent Lane, Florence, AL 35630
- 4) **John Davis** - 108 Snell Drive, Florence, AL 35630 (Mission work in Thailand.)
- 5) **Trevor Major** - 11 Olive Crescent, Papatoetoe, Auckland 2025 (Mission work in New Zealand)
- 6) **Gene Clemons** - PO Box 04, Hardy KY 41501 (Mission work in China.)
- 7) **Ryan, Sarah and Luke Davis** - Mail may be sent to: Estes church of Christ, 3505 Highway 45 South, Henderson, TN 38340 or email DavisCuscoMission@gmail.com (Mission work in Cusco, Peru.)
- 8) **Ed Jones** - PO Box 454, Benton, KY 42025 (Mission work in Benin, South Africa.)

Information detailing their work is on the bulletin board in the parking lot foyer.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Your presence has been a blessing!

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 12 -OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, February 12

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ben Haught

PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Ira Kimes

6:00 PM - Bill Merrill

Close - Brian Haught

SCRIPTURE

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Chris Tallman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Camp

PM - Mike Wade

Braden Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Dave Nulter

2—Josh Hall

4—Lois Nulter

PM

1. Clayton & Verna Huber

2. Bill & Sherry Hoover

3. Steve & Linda Gray

4. Bill Camp & Jimmy Galloway

5. Rick & Kay Stanley

6. Todd & Annette Kirk

Facts and Figures

January 29, 2017

AM Service.....256

Bible Study.....189

PM Service.....190

Wednesday.....197

Contribution\$6044.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....9

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....10

Placed Membership....13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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