

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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Easter means many things to many people, for some it is the annual time to wear spring clothing. For children, it is a time for gifts, candy treats, pastel bunny rabbits and an egg hunt. For older youngsters, it is a time for a few days off from school. It is a time we gather as families for a meal and fellowship.

On this Sunday designated as Easter, churches of Christ will assemble for worship as we do every first day of the week. We will sing, pray, commune at the Lord's table, give of our means and hear a lesson from God's word as we do every Lord's Day. This is what we do every first day of every week of the year. This is how the early church celebrated the resurrection of Christ, as taught in the Scriptures. He was raised the first day (John 20:1) and on that day His disciples gathered to celebrate the events (Acts 20:7).

So, if you notice we have no pageants, plays or programs. This does not indicate a lack of faith in, gratitude for or lack of interest in the resurrection of our Lord. It is evidence of our commitment and respect to worship and serve God the same way as the church in the beginning. We do not incorporate anything into our faith or worship, no matter how popular it may be. We celebrate the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ everyday and at church services every first day of the week.

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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
 Jeff Taberner

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Be the
 reason
 someone
 smiles
 today!



Camden Clark

Kim Barclay (Rom 198)

Health South

Ray Johnson (Room 225)

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Gloria Frazier, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Rosie Knox, Bill Lemley, Dan McNemar, Paul Mullins, Myrtle Metz, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Eloise Smith, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Cathy Adkins (Kassi Adkins' mother-in-law), Patty Alton, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Steve Chapman (Colleen Ash's son-in-law), Elijah Clark, Scott Coffey, Kim Engalnd, Tony Haid (Len's son), Colleen Keister (John Rockhold's mother-in-law), Dan McAlarney (Friend of Dan McNemar), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Linda Richards (Billie Coe's sister), 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), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall), Bonnie Young (Harold Shank's sister)



THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ I thank you with love for the beautiful cards and gifts for my 89th birthday. Each was appreciated. **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ Thank you once again for reminding us that we are another year older. The cards were wonderful. **Mike and Teresa Wade**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the lovely birthday cards and well wishes. **Bev Rine**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards for Edwin. Each one made him smile! **Cody and Kristi Hoover**

Thank you Bre and Sami Tonkery for helping with attendance cards and pencils last Monday morning.



MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING
Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting today at 5:00.



DEACON'S MEETING
Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

BIBLE BUSTERS
Bible Busters will not meet today due to LLL activities. It will meet next Sunday at 5:30PM.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER
MNFTM will meet next week, April 24 in the MP Room at 5:45. Devotional and work assignments at 6:20. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

GOLDEN AGERS VETERANS MUSUEM TRIP
A Golden Agers trip is planned for Thursday, April 27 to the Veterans Museum. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. \$3.00 each for museum admission. Gary Farris will provide a tour. See Dwain for more details.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICE - THURSDAY, APRIL 27
Care Group 1 will conduct the service at Love and Care Thursday, April 27 at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome to attend this time of worship and fellowship.

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY
We will host the Ladies' Inspiration Day 9:00-Noon Saturday, April 29. Registration and breakfast 8:30, lunch at noon in the MP Room. Speakers: Sally Shank and Amy Games

MEN'S BREAKFAST
The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 29 at Shoney's at 8:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS
Bill Mills will be teaching an adult Bible Bowl class beginning Sunday, April 30 in Room 112. The first class will cover Luke chapter 1 (NKJV). Everyone invited.

CPR RERESHER COURSE
The CRP Refresher course is scheduled for Monday, May 15 the MP Room 6:00PM-9:00PM. Please sign sheet on the counter if you plan to attend. Marion needs an accurate class count. See him for more details.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL CAMP!
Bill was recently honored at Parkersburg South High School. He was presented the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award. It is wonderful to have Bill work with the youth and be such a Christian example to so many people.

Daily Bible Reading

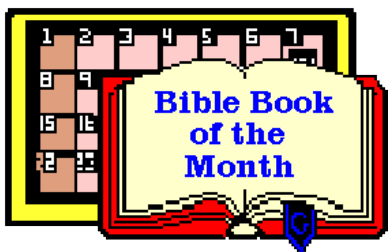
April 16 - Luke 12:1-21, Judges 7-8
April 17 - Luke 12:22-40, Judges 9-10
April 18 - Luke 12:41-59, Judges 11-13
April 19 - Luke 13:1-17, Judges 14-16
April 20 - Luke 13:18-35, Judges 17-19
April 21 - Luke 14:1-4, Judges 20-21
April 22 - Luke 14:15-35, Ruth 1-2
April 23 - Luke 15, Ruth 3-4



Daily Reading for our Bible class studies

April 13 - Exodus 3:7-17
April 14 - Exodus 4:1-17
April 16 - Exodus 5:1-4, 2-23
April 17 - Exodus 6:1-9
April 18 - Exodus 7:1-13

This is the texts that our Bible classes study.



Book of the Month: Ephesians

April 16-22 (Ephesians 4)

April 23-29 (Ephesians 5)

Questions: Ephesians 4

How does Paul admonish us to walk as a Christian? (1)

The attitudes of unity: "With all _____ and _____, with longsuffering, _____ with one another in _____" (2)

Seven "ones" upon which unity stands: "There is one _____ and one _____, just as you were called with one _____ of your calling; one _____, one _____, one _____; one God and Father of all, who is _____ all, and through all, and in you all" (4-6)

What has each one of us been given by Christ? (7)

What are the roles that Christ established for the strengthening of the church? "And He Himself gave some to be _____, some _____, some _____, some pastors and _____" (11)

What is the work of those who have been given these roles? (12-13)

How is the truth to be spoken? (15)

How is the church to grow? "From whom the whole _____, joined and _____ together by what every joint _____, according to the effective working by which every part does its _____, causes _____ of the body for the edifying of itself in _____" (16)

The Christian is to become a "new man". To do this, what must he put off? (22)

What must he put on? (23)

"Therefore, putting away _____, let each one of you speak _____" (25)

"Be angry, and do not _____" (26)

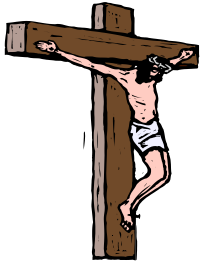
"Let him who stole, _____ no longer" (28)

"Let no _____ word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary _____, that it may impart _____ to the hearers" (29)

"Let all _____, wrath, _____, clamor, and _____ speaking be put away from you... and be _____ to one another, tenderhearted, _____ one another, as God in Christ _____ you" (32)

“Grace – Faith – Works”

Ephesians 2:8-10



“For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that not of yourselves; it is the _____ of God, not of _____, lest anyone should boast. For we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for good _____, which God prepared beforehand that we should _____ in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

I. **Man Cannot _____ himself. We will not be saved by our own _____.** “For all have _____ and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) “O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in _____; it is not in _____ that walks to direct his own _____.” (Jeremiah 10:23) **If man could save himself – God would be _____ to man.** “Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as _____ but as _____.” (Romans 4:4)

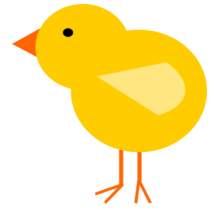
II. **We are saved by _____.** All we have is by the _____ of God. God gives what we need to _____ life. God’s _____ for us is undeserved. By His grace, God sent Jesus to _____ the penalty for our sins. “God demonstrated His love toward us, in that while we were still _____, Christ _____ for us.” (Romans 5:8) **By His grace, God made a plan for our _____.** “He chose us in Him before the _____ of the world.” (Eph. 1:4) “Being justified freely by his _____ through the _____ that is in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 3:24)

We are not saved by grace _____. “For by grace you have been saved through _____.” (Eph. 2:8) **God’s grace makes salvation possible. Salvation is a gift – but like any gift – it is _____.** “Not everyone who says to Me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the _____ of My father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

III. **We are saved to _____.** “For we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for _____ works, which God prepared beforehand that we should _____ in them.” (Ephesians 2:10) “Thus also, _____ by itself, if it does not have _____, is dead.” (James 2:17) **Good works is part of the Christian _____.** **Jesus set the example.** “I must _____ the works of Him who sent me.” (John 9:4) **The apostles spoke of work in the _____.** “Who gave Himself for us, that He might _____ us from every lawless deed, and purify for Himself His own _____ people, zealous for good _____.” (Titus 2:14)

If Saved by grace – Why work? We work not to _____ saved, but because we have _____ saved. We work because that is what God has _____ us to do. We work because we want the Lord to find us _____. “That you might walk _____ of the Lord, fully _____ Him, being fruitful in every good _____.” (Colossians 1:10)

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



The day called Easter

By Mark T. Tonkery

The past few hundred years many people have associated Easter and the resurrection of Christ as the same thing. It is true we can date Christ's resurrection because we know of it taking place during the Passover. The Bible also tells us that Christ arose from the grave on the first day of the week after the Passover (John 20:1). But the New Testament never refers to the resurrection of Christ as Easter. The term Easter is derived from the Spring-goddess of pagans and did not come into use for the resurrection of Christ until about the 8th century.^[i]

Today Easter has become a holiday made up from different cultures. Some activities and words associated with the present season (like "Easter" and "Bunnies") are not things that automatically carry with them religious connotations in our day. At one time many of the things done at Easter had its origins in paganism. But today most people don't associate any of these things to paganism or any religion for that matter.

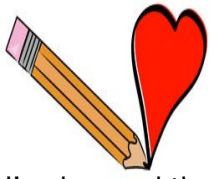
The question that often is asked is: "Do I sin when I refer to the anniversary of the resurrection of Christ as "Easter"?" The same question could be asked of the first day of the week, "the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10). "Do I sin when I refer to the Lord's Day as "Sunday," since it too has its origins in paganism in which people worshiped the sun? "Thursday" was called that originally to honor the false god "Thor." Do I sin when I call the fifth day of the week "Thursday?" Or when I study the planets Mars or Venus both are names of false gods. Certainly not, because the current usage of those terms does not imply that the user is worshiping the sun or Thor or Mars or Venus, the same is true of Easter.

Now I am not one who likes to call our Lord's Resurrection Day, Easter. But to label such special holiday and activities (like Easter, decorating eggs, eating chocolate bunnies, gathering with family, or having egg hunts etc.) as wrong just because they share a pagan name and are done near or on the Sunday after Passover is, in my opinion, inconsistent and unnecessary. Yet, if one cannot with clear conscience involve himself in these kinds of holiday activities, they should be avoided (Rom. 14:23).

So however you view Easter, each Christian must keep in mind that this day called "Easter" falls on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day. Just as Christians have from the very first Lord's Day in Acts 2; Christians will celebrate the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ by taking part in the Lord's Supper, singing praises unto God, fellowshiping with one another, giving of our means to help the work of the church, praying, and preaching the Gospel on this day. As Christians we will continue to do this every first day of the week until Jesus Christ comes back (1 Cor. 11:26).

Christ's resurrection is so wonderful that we as Christians should strive to observe and celebrate it each day of our lives and every Sunday as we meet together to worship Him! We are glad you have come today to celebrate the resurrection of Christ! We invite you to come back next week and every week after that to remember the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ!

Acts 12:4 "Easter" should be translated Passover. (No translation other than the KJV uses the word Easter in this passage).



LIFE'S LESSONS

- I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. (Age 7)
- I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they're doing and wave back. (Age 9)
- I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. (Age 14)
- I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. (Age 15)
- I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advise. (Age 24)
- I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. (Age 39)
- I've learned that the greater a person's guilt, the greater the need to cast blame on others. (Age 46)
- I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours. (Age 49)
- I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled holiday lights. (Age 52)
- I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. (Age 53)
- I've learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, try to improve your marriage. (Age 61)
- I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. (Age 62)
- I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, the need of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. (Age 65)
- I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision, (Age 66)
- I've learned that everyone can use a prayer. (Age 72)
- I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. (Age 82)
- I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. (Age 85)
- I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. (Age 92)

Bulletin Digest

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

George Washington Carver grew up at the close of the Civil War, and overcame great obstacles to become one of the most influential men in the history of the United States.

He made 300 marketable discoveries for peanuts and 100 for sweet potatoes. He gave God the credit for helping him make all these discoveries. These new products created a demand for peanuts and sweet potatoes, and they were major contributors to rejuvenating the South's economy.

Carver never became successful monetarily, but he overcame great rejection during his lifetime for being black. He was offered six-figure income opportunities from Henry Ford, and he became friends with presidents of his day, yet he knew what God had called him to do. His epitaph reads:

"He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world."

What will be written on your epitaph? How do you want people to remember you? What type of legacy will your life leave behind?

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



Opportunities To Serve Sunday, April 23

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman
PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Clayton Huber
Close - Bill Camp
6:00 PM - Paul Inman
Close - Ryan Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM - Mike Fleak
PM - John Hall

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Rick Stanley
PM - Todd Kirk
Bill Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Ron Riddle
2 - Josh Hall
4 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Kevin & Becky Inman
2. Ron & Peggy Riddle
3. Paul & Barbara Saunders
4. Scott & Gwen Johnson
5. Sonya Hescht & Betty Lamb
6. Paul & Nancy Inman

May Birthdays and Anniversaries



May 2 - Calvin Martin
May 3 - Susan Anderson, Kristi Hoover
May 5 - Belinda Buckley
May 7 - Don Gaston, Jim Hlnzman, Madonna Smith,
*John & Karen Life
May 10 - Dwain Shears
May 11 - Austin Hennen, Herb Wright
May 12 - Kiley Goldsmith, Jenny Ware, *Chris & Terri Cox
May 14 - Braden Hesselrode, Bill Pralley, *Bob & Gala Miller
May 15 - Dave Nulter, Brady Sheppard
May 16 - Len Haid, Paul Mullins
May 19 - *Gene & Peggy Phillips
May 20 - Jay Chevront, Rick Stanley
May 22 - *Mike & Kelly Fleak
May 23 - Cindy Huxley, Bre Tonkery
May 24 - Cameron Moore
May 26 - Kaleb Cochran, Klay Cochran, *Demas & Naomi Carr
May 29 - John Rockhold III
May 30 - *Mark & Laura Tonkery
May 31 - Lewis Lee

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please notify the office this week.

April 23 - 26

North End congregation
Speaker: Dan Jenkins

April 23 - 26

OVU Lectureship

April 23 - 27

Mineral Wells congregation
Speaker: Rick Tincher

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

Facts and Figures

April 9, 2017

AM Service.....275
Bible Study.....191
PM Service.....201
Wednesday.....177
Contribution\$17053.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....1
Placed Membership....0



Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00

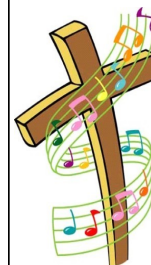
Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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

April 23
WORSHIP IN SONG

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the South Logan, OH congregation.

Everyone welcome!