

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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On Fire For The Lord

By: Ray Johnson

Are you on fire for the Lord; are you on fire for his word?
Or have you lost your desire; needing to relight the fire?
If you are feeling so low; you don't know which way to go;
Jesus is waiting for you, to help you start life anew.
On fire, on Fire, Let's get on fire for the Lord!

Are you on Fire for the Lord; do you go armed with his sword?
Telling the world of His plea; "come as a child, follow me."
He will be there if you fall; he will listen for your call!
He will soothe your every pain; He will make you whole again.
On fire, On Fire, Let's get on fire for the Lord!

Are you on fire for the Lord; are you high on His report?
Worship and praise give His name; He will always stay the same.
The world is all do's and don'ts; you choose the will's and the wont's.
Let the Lord be your life's guide, 'til you reach the other side.
On fire, On Fire, Let's get on fire for the Lord!

This song was written by our Brother Ray Johnson.
Please remember Brother Johnson in your prayers and with visits as he is a resident at
Worthington Care Center.

Ray and Phyllis are wonderful examples for us and we appreciate them so much.

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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
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Bill Hoover
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What would you do if
today was your last?
Would you love more,
pray more, tell others
about Jesus, be more
appreciative?

THANK YOU

— notes for you —

- ♥ Thank you for the wonderful birthday cards. I enjoyed each of them.
Stan Inman
- ♥ Your prayers and cards have meant so much to us, Jim's birthday, our anniversary and Dustin's illness. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers. Thanks again for all that you do for us to make things easier.
Jim, Sandy and Dustin
- ♥ I want to thank you all for the beautiful cards and birthday wishes. I have truly been blessed with wonderful friends and family. In Christian love,
Lenore Vaught
- ♥ Thanks for your thoughts, prayers and all acts of kindness at the passing of my sister, Linda Richards. **Billie Coe**
- ♥ Thanks to everyone for my beautiful birthday cards. They meant so much to me. **Dorothy Weaver**



*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.*

Romans 12:12

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Gloria Frazier, Diana Hesselrode, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patty Alton, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Elijah Clark, Alan Eaton (Lois Nulter's son), Tony Haid (Len's son), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Helen Ruble, David Smith (Billie Coe's nephew), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Merl White (Terry Hofmann's father), Susan Williams (Friend of Don and Brenda Dougherty), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

We extend our sympathy to Ira Kimes and family in the passing of his sister, Sheila Sams. Her service was Thursday in Ravenswood.

FAMILY WEEK

This is our Parent Week. Please be praying for our upcoming efforts as we try to strengthen families. Pictures are needed for our Parent Display. Details on page 6,

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, July 29 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet on the counter. Ephesians 5 will be discussed.

ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

A trip is planned August 3-4 to The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. The sign-up sheet on the counter with details. More information, see Mark or Dana.

TEACHERS/ELDERS/DEACONS WORKSHOP - AUGUST 5

The Teachers/Elders/Deacons Workshop will be held at Ohio Valley University August 5. The Elders believe this workshop would be very beneficial and have agreed to pay the registration fee for the attendees from Camden Avenue. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

Items needed include: 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, folders, children's scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper. Items need to be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer. Monetary donations may be given to any of the Elders or Scott Johnson. The School Supply Give-Away will be Thursday, August 10 at 6:00PM in the MP Room.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 14. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion for details.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO ROSCOE VILLAGE

The Golden Agers will be taking a trip to Roscoe Village Tuesday, August 15 for a horse-drawn canal boat ride, historical tour and lunch. Details are with the sign-up sheet or see Dwain.

BIBLE FIND-A-WORD PUZZLES

Jo Langler is now high tech with her Bible Find-A-Word puzzles! They are now being posted on our webpage so you can download and print them. Open our webpage www.cacoc.net, go to Youth Pages, hover your mouse over the word and click to see Find-A-Word. Thank you, Jo!

Daily Reading - Bible classes

July 17 - Leviticus 6:8-18
July 18 - Leviticus 8:1-13
July 19 - Leviticus 8:22-30
July 20 - Leviticus 9:1-7, 22-24
July 21 - Leviticus 10:1-11



Our

Summer Series

will continue this week at 7:00
with Brother Tom Butterfield.
Please join us!

Daily Bible Reading

July 16 - Acts 15:22-41, Nehemiah 8-9
July 17 - Acts 16:1-15, Nehemiah 10-11
July 18 - Acts 16:16-40, Nehemiah 12-13
July 19 - Acts 17:1-15, Esther 1-3
July 20 - Acts 17:16-34, Esther 4-6
July 21 - Acts 18, Esther 7-10
July 22 - Acts 19:1-20, Job 1-3
July 23 - Acts 19:21-41, Job 4-6

DANA'S DIRECTION

The Blessing of Christian Parents



This week we are paying tribute to our parents. David said that “children are a heritage from the Lord” (Psalm 127). I have been blessed by what I have inherited from mine.”

Since both of my parents are now gone, I have been experiencing many of those “precious memories that flood my soul.” I hear and see things that remind me of them every day. You could say, that they live within me.

Mom and Dad were my link to what has been called the “Greatest Generation.” They grew up during the Great Depression. My Grandfather Slingluff always had a job and my grandmother told of fixing a plate for men who jumped off the train, of course always finding them a little work to do so they could “maintain their dignity.” My mother was not as fortunate, her father died on her 13th birthday. Her mother remarried and it was not a good situation, so Mom went to stay with relatives. She was basically on her own from about 15, worked in a grocery store after school and got good grades. They knew one another in high school, but did not marry until my dad had finished a couple years in college on the “work your way through” plan.

During the war, my mother traveled with him when possible. They lived in several states as he received training until he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Air Force and assigned as the navigator on a B-17 crew. God blessed them as peace came soon after, and my dad never had to go on a mission. After finishing up at Ohio State, while my mom worked for the phone company in Columbus, Ohio, they finally set up housekeeping and set about raising their family in Massillon, Ohio.

Things soon happened that impacted my life forever. My parents met someone who invited them to church. They studied their way out of denominationalism. The Lord and His church became the center of our life and our family. We were Christians, first, foremost, and always. We went to every service. Our family’s friends were other Christians. We went over our Bible lessons on Saturday night, and then again on Sunday after church. My parents were wonderful, hospitable people. Guests were around our dinner table many Sundays. We had folks over for dessert and singing often on Sunday night. Visiting preachers stayed at our house.

Being a Christian was not just a social matter. It is the way we were taught to live. Being dishonest, talking back, being disrespectful or talking negatively about others was not tolerated. Learning to work and share the household chores was expected. My parents let us have fun, but it was always the right kind. My mom was a homeroom and den mother and my dad was a Boy Scout leader. When the scouts had a weekend campout, my dad took me and a carful of boys to the nearest congregation of the church.

As we grew up, my sister and I both followed their examples and have been faithful Christians all of our lives. My dad served as an elder in three different congregations. They were loved in every congregation to which they belonged. They were proud of us, and I was very proud of them. When I began preaching, they bought me a book for my library every month for several years. The most wonderful privilege I had was helping them out when they had to leave their home. It continued to be a blessing to get hugs from my mother at Love and Care for almost eight years. Thank God for wonderful parents who gave me a legacy of Christian faith, life and service.

Pray for your Children

(I Samuel 1:9-11, 26-28)



I. We should pray for our children before they are _____.

Then she made a vow and said, "O, Lord of hosts, if you indeed look on the affliction of Your maid-servant and _____ me... and give me a male _____, then I shall _____ him to the Lord" (I Samuel 1:11).

"And she said ... I am the woman who stood by you here, _____ to the Lord. For this child I _____ and the Lord has _____ me my _____ which I asked of Him. Therefore, I also have _____ him to the Lord; as long as he _____ he shall be _____ to the Lord" (I Samuel 1:26-28).

We should pray for their _____ needs.

We should pray for their _____.

"So it was when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send (for his children) and _____ them, and he would rise _____ in the morning and offer burnt _____ according to the number of them all." For Job said "It may be that my sons have _____ and cursed God in their hearts. Thus Job did _____" (Job 1:5).

II. We should pray _____ our children.

"Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Lord, _____ us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Using the Lord's model prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), what elements should we teach our children are part of prayer?

Praise to _____.

Prayer for the _____.

Prayer for our physical _____.

Prayer for our _____ needs, which includes _____, and help in overcoming _____.

III. We should pray for ourselves in our _____ behalf. That they will grow in all ways.

"Jesus grew in _____, and _____, and in favor with _____ and _____" (Luke 2:52). The _____ is the spiritual leader in the home.

We must _____ praying.

"In _____ by prayer" (Philippians 4:6). "If any of you lack _____, ask of God" (James 1:5). "Come _____ to the throne of _____, that we may obtain _____ and find _____ to help in the time of _____" (Hebrews 4:16).



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Jesus never had an obituary

Many of us often make it a habit of reading the obituaries to see which one of our classmates, co-workers, friends, and family have gone on to meet their reward. Obituaries tell us about where a person was born, lived, one's immediate family history, one's occupation, hobbies, and many other things, as well as times of the funeral and burial location. These notices of death are a daily reminder that our life on earth is not permanent. Obituaries have a finality to them, they become a permanent record and reminder that a loved one is not present with us in this life any more.

Now as one reads the Bible it becomes very clear that Jesus never had an obituary. We read about His birth in Bethlehem (Mt. 1:18 - 2:6). We can learn about His family (Mt. 1:1-17). We can learn about much of His life and ministry in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We can also learn about the events leading up to His death and His actual death upon the cross in these same passages of the Bible. But the one thing no one can find in the Bible is Jesus' obituary.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, explains it this way, "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures..."

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 continues to teach, "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming."

Because Jesus, by the power of God, was raised from the dead, His death was not the end. The Bible also makes it clear that not only did Jesus raise from the dead but all people will be raised at Jesus' second coming, some to a resurrection of life; others to the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28-29). Those who obey Jesus' doctrine which "reenacts" the death, burial and resurrection of Christ through faith, repentance and baptism (Romans 6:1-4, 17) are cleansed from their sins, can continue to be faithful to Christ, have the hope of being raised at His second coming to be with Christ forever in heaven (1 Corinthians 15:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

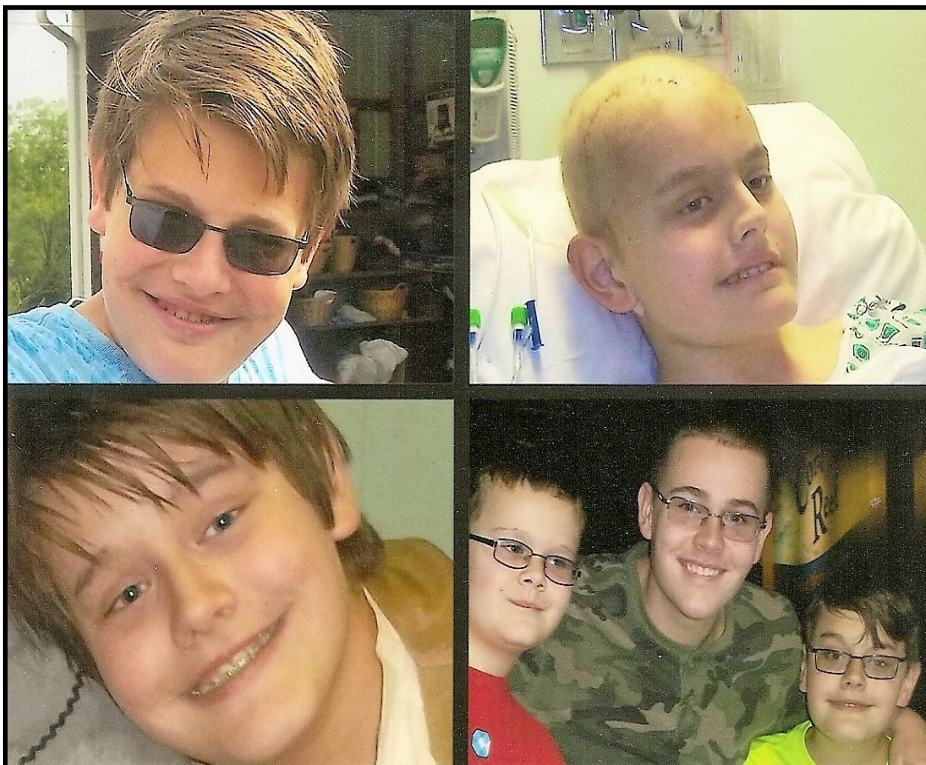
Jesus' death was not permanent; His grave was not final; the tomb was not Jesus' final resting place. Jesus does not have an obituary because Jesus did not remain in the grave. Jesus death, burial, and resurrection is the "good news" of the Bible. Jesus does not have an obituary. He came not to have an ending but bring a new beginning.

What will your obituary say? Will it tell how you lived because you followed the One who arose from the grave and never had an obituary? Have you been saved? You can be, if you'll respond to Jesus on His terms. Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery

VBS note: We had a great VBS this year our attendance record was: Wed. 185, Thur. 177, Fri. 156, and Saturday 85. Not bad with dealing with the rain and power outages.

Thank you for everyone who helped support VBS.

VBS teachers: Please turn in class attendances, registration cards, and any other VBS material that you will not use again to Mark T. Tonkery. Thank you!



*there are no words to
express our gratitude.
our prayer is that God will
bless you as you have
blessed us*

*from our family to yours
the family of Elijah Clark*

(This is a card we received from the Clark family. Submitted by Jim Galloway)

Eli Clark - Nationwide Children's Hospital (Room 12B029), 700 Children's Drive,
Columbus, OH 43205

(He is home for a brief period before resuming treatments. The hospital will keep his cards
and packages until he returns.)

Keep Eli and family in your prayers.

He is the 13 year old son of Roy and Karen Clark of the Sunrise congregation.

5th GRADE AND UNDER AGE DEVOTIONAL

There will be a devo. this evening after services for the 5th grade and under age children and
their families at the fire pit on the church lawn. Bring a roasting stick for your hotdogs.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Parent Pictures Requested

For Parent Week you are reminded to
bring pictures of your parents to
Paul Inman or the office (include your
name, parents name and date).

We will copy, display and return them.



Secret Sisters

All ladies are invited to participate in
Secret Sisters. This is a great way to
encourage each other. Gifts are not
necessary.

It's nice to know your Secret Sister is
daily praying for you.

See Laura or Kimberlee.

A PARENT'S PRAYER

Thank You for my children,
LORD; I Know they are a gift
from You. Daily I need Your
strength and wisdom to train
them in the way they should go.
Give me patience and a joyful
heart; let me be an example of
Your love and forgiveness.
Thank You, Father, for the honor
of being a parent. Amen.

Love your parents.

We are so busy growing up
that we often forget that
they too are growing old.

happy
birthday

Happy 96th Birthday July 18 to Harold Stanley!

We love and appreciate you!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

We have informative tracts, Correspondence Courses and home
Bible studies available at no charge.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday
at 515 for the sing at the
Spencer congregation.

Everyone welcome!

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

In Search of the Lord's Way
program will air July 23 at 6:30AM
due to a program change.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 23

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Dana Slingluff

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman

Close - Cody Hoover

6:00 PM - Len Haid

Close - Walter Morgan

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dearll Vincent

PM - Jim Merrill

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Mills

PM - Bill Merrill

Ryan Highman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Inman

2 - Rick Stanley

4 - Dennis Keller

PM

1. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

2. Chris & Terry Hofmann

3. Connie Hickman & Jenny Ware

4. Herb & Joyce Wright

5. Don & Brenda Dougherty

6. Dearll & Carol Vincent

Facts and Figures

July 9, 2017

AM Service.....282

Bible Study.....187

PM Service.....236

Wednesday.....183

Contribution\$9336.00

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