

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 Thanksgiving!

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.

Unknown Unknown



What if you woke today with only what you thanked God for yesterday?

Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Sheila Deems, June Freels, Marion Goldsmith, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Betty Porter, Jane Pralley, Van and Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Marion Goldsmith is home recuperating.

Remember him with prayers and cards.

Address: 1342 Meldahl Road, Washington, WV 26181

Let him know he is missed and loved at Camden Avenue.

Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Luann Ayers (Shelley Todd's cousin), 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), Casey Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Tony Haid (Len's son), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), John Knotts (Billie Coe's co-worker), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Helen Ruble, Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Travis (Jerry Todd'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)

Eli Clark

499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180

Please keep Eli and family in your prayers.

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good:
His love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1*

- ♥ Truly appreciate your thoughtfulness for my birthday cards, gifts, kind words and hugs! Love to all, **Peggy Riddle**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards for Parker. He really enjoyed them! **Cody and Kristi Hoover**
- ♥ I appreciate the Rake and Run group that raked my leaves and walnuts. **Mary Daniel**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes for our 50th anniversary. **Bill and Sherry Hoover**
- ♥ WOW! I truly appreciate all the cards, sweet notes and kindness shown for my birthday. A special thank you to my secret sister for the GIFTS. Love, **Kimberlee**

Elders:

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

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Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Health Family Home
Church Family Bible Friends



BE KIND
be thoughtful
be genuine
but most of all
BE THANKFUL

MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING

Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting today at 5:00.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday 5:00

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME BANKS

A representative from Potter Children's Home will be here to collect the coin banks next week. Please leave the banks in the office by next Sunday.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly sing at Love and Care next Monday evening, November 27 at 7:00.

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS MEETING

Mark would like meet Sunday, December 3 in Room 109 at 5:00PM with all teachers

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items are needed to make Care Packages for OVU college students and the students from here. The sign-up sheets are on the counter with requested items listed. Items need to be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer by December 3. There is also a sheet for anyone willing to help assemble the packages December 3 after evening services.

GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY LUNCH

The Golden Agers Holiday annual holiday lunch will be Tuesday, December 12 at North Bend State Park. We will leave the building at 11:15 and have lunch at noonish. The buffet will include baked steak and turkey. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. The cost will be \$20 each. See Dwain for details.

LADIES' HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to the Ladies' Holiday luncheon at the Parkersburg Country Club Tuesday, December 19. The menu information, prices and other details are with the sign-up sheet. The deadline to sign-up has been extended to Wednesday, December 6. Checks need to be made payable to Gala Miller and given to her by December 6.

Daily Bible Reading

November 19 - Hebrews 10, Ezekiel 8-11
November 20 - Hebrews 11, Ezekiel 12-13
November 21 - Hebrews 12, Ezekiel 14-16
November 22 - Hebrews 13 - Ezekiel 17
November 23 - James 1, Ezekiel 18-20
November 24 - James 2, Ezekiel 21
November 25 - James 3, Ezekiel 22-23
November 26 - James 4, Ezekiel 24-26

**Give thanks for
a little and you
will find a lot!**

Daily Reading - Bible classes

November 20 - Joshua 23:1-3
November 21 - Joshua 24:14-33
November 23 - Joshua 18:1-10
November 24 - Joshua 20:1-9
November 25 - Joshua 21:1-3, 41-45

DANA'S DIRECTION

HOW DO YOU SAY "THANK YOU" TO GOD?

Most of us were taught the importance of saying "thank you" when people did good things for us or said nice things to us.

Remember the song for children about "two little magic words" that would "open any door with ease"? One of the words was "thanks" and the other little word was "Please."

Some insensitive people or some ungrateful people may not think to say thanks. However, one attribute of noble character is the awareness of responding to goodness with an expression of appreciation.

But how does one say "thank you" to God? I can't call Him on the telephone and say, "thank you." I can't write Him a letter or send Him a thank-you card. So how do I get the message of my gratitude to a gracious God? There are basically two ways thank God: **thanksgiving** and **thanksgiving**. These are complimentary.

The Bible is very plain in instructing God's people to give thanks in prayer. In Philippians, an inspired apostle said, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

God created meats "to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth" because "every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving" (I Timothy 4:3-4).

So how do we say "thank you" to God? We say "thank you" in prayer and hymns of gratitude to Him.

And we live a life pleasing to God, so that our very behavior shows our thanksgiving in response to what He does for us, day by day.

Tom Holland, Nashville, TN



Thank You, LORD!

“Neglecting our Salvation”

(Hebrews 2:1-4)



“Therefore we must give the more _____ heed to the things that we have _____, lest they _____ away... How shall we _____ if we _____ so great a _____.” (Hebrews 2:1,3)

SALVATION IS GREAT:

“For if the word was spoken through _____ proved _____, and every _____ and _____ received a _____ reward.” (Hebrews 2:2)

“which at first began to be spoken by the _____, and was _____ to us by those who _____ Him.” (Hebrews 2:3)

Salvation is great for _____. “And the grace of our Lord was _____ abundant with _____ and _____ which are in Christ Jesus. This is a _____ saying and worthy of all _____, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save _____, of whom I am _____.” (I Timothy 1:14-15)

SALVATION CAN BE _____.

Our commitment to Christ should be _____ and _____.

“They continued _____ in the apostles’ _____, and in _____, in the breaking of _____, and _____.” (Acts 2:42)

- **Many Christians neglect the _____.** “_____ to show yourself _____ unto God, a workman that need not be _____, rightly dividing the _____ of truth.” (II Timothy 2:15)

- **Many Christians neglect the _____ that goes with the word.** “_____ yourselves as to whether you are in the _____.” (II. Corinthians 13:5)

- **Many Christians neglect _____.** “If any of you lack _____, let him ask of God, who gives to all _____ and without _____, and it will be _____ to him.” (James 1:5)

- **Many Christians neglect the _____ of the _____.** “And let us _____ one another to stir up _____ and good _____, not _____ the _____ of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but _____ one another.” (Heb. 10:24-25)

“If we sin _____ after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a _____ for _____.” (Hebrews 10:26-27)

- **Many Christians neglect to _____.** “For even the _____ of _____ did not come to be served, but to _____.” (Mark 10:45)

“When every part does its share - causes the _____ of the body for the _____ of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:16)

THE RESULT OF NEGLECTING OUR SALVATION:

By _____ our salvation it is possible to _____ so far that we cannot _____.” “Of how much worse _____, do you suppose will he be thought worthy who has _____ the Son of God _____, counted the blood of the covenant... an _____ a common thing, and _____ the Spirit of grace? (Hebrews 10:28-29)

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



How Rich Are You?

They huddled inside the storm door—two children in ragged, outgrown coats. "Any old papers, Lady?" they asked a passerby.

She was very busy; she wanted to say no, until she looked down at their feet wrapped only in thin little sandals, sopped with sleet. "Come on in and I will make you a cup of cocoa," she said. There was no conversation. Their soggy sandals left marks on the clean hearthstone.

Cocoa and cake would fortify against the chill outside. After serving them, she went back to the kitchen and started on her household budget as they sat enjoying the warmth.

After a few minutes, the silence in the front room struck through to her. She looked in.

The girl held her empty cup in her hands, looking at it. The boy asked in a flat voice, "Lady, are you rich?"

"Am I rich? Mercy no!" She looked at her shabby slipcovers.

The girl put her cup back in its saucer carefully. "Your cups match your saucers." Her voice was old with a hunger that was not of the stomach.

They left then, holding their bundles of papers against the wind. They had not said thank you. They did not need to. They had done more than that. Plain blue pottery cups and saucers—but they matched. She tested the potatoes and stirred the gravy. "Potatoes and brown gravy, a roof over our heads, my husband with a good, steady job—these things matched, too," she mused.

She moved the chairs back from the fire and tidied the living room. The muddy prints of small sandals were still set upon the hearth, and she let them be. "I want them there in case I ever forget how very rich I am," she told herself.

(Author unknown)



Thanksgiving

As we approach Thanksgiving, I'm reminded of what the late Matthew Henry once wrote in his daily journal as he reflected upon being robbed. Here are his words:

"Let me be thankful. First, I was never robbed before. Second, although they took my purse, they didn't take my life. Third, although they took my all, it was not much. Fourth, let me be thankful because it was I who was robbed and not I who did the robbing."

We have so much to be thankful for! Let's give God our thanks for all the blessings He has given us! Happy Thanksgiving from the Tonkery's!

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving." (Ps. 69:30)

Widow, Widowers and Veteran's Luncheon and Rake and Run Pictures

Thank you to all that participated.



Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

I Timothy 4:12

Youth Section

Transportation will leave next Sunday at 5:45 to join the traveling youth group at the Newport congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

Youth Holiday Breakfast

The Youth Holiday Breakfast will be Saturday, December 16 at 9:00AM in the MP Room. Details are with the sign-up sheet.



John Life says a BIG THANKS to all who helped with the Friday Night sing.

He thanks everyone for making it a great end of the season sing.

Thankful

*Do not be anxious about anything
but in EVERYTHING by prayer and
petition*

with THANKSGIVING

Present your requests to God.

*Happy Thanksgiving to you and your
family!*

Thanksgiving
to be truly thanksgiving
first **thanks**
then **giving.**



Happy Birthday tomorrow to Wes Cochran!
We appreciate him and all that he does for
us at Camden Avenue!

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.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, November 26

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Dana Slingluff

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Highman

Close - Rick Stanley

6:00 PM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Ron Riddle

SCRIPTURE

AM - John Hall

PM - Josh Hall

COMMUNION

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Patrick Rine

Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade

2 - Patrick Rine

4 - Delmas Carr

PM

1. Kody & Chelsea Inman

2. Ryan & Cheryl Logston

3. Herb & Joyce Wright

4. Delmas Carr & Russ Alton

5. Keith & Eloise Smith

6. Rick & Kay Stanley

Facts and Figures

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AM Service.....263

Bible Study.....188

PM Service.....199

Wednesday.....206

Contribution\$7182.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership.....2

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study....11:00AM & 7:00PM