

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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I would like to thank the Camden Avenue family for the wonderful support for the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program this past year. As always, the support we receive is second to none! Whatever your contribution to this effort it is greatly appreciated. We could not give our youth this opportunity without all the help we receive. Please come to our awards recognition after the PM services today. We will all be able to hear about the growth of our kids.

Todd Kirk

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Every day may not
be good,
but there's
something good in
every day!

Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Penny Eddy, Jim Henry, Lole Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Eli Clark, Markita Conner (Bill and Kay Mills' sister-in-law), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Tony Haid, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Judy Hughes (Melva Farris' sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Dorcas Stanley (Sally Hinzman's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)

Please inform the office of changes, updates and additions.



We extend our sympathy to Van Putnam and family in the passing of our sister, Nancy Putnam. She passed away Monday, April 16. There will be a memorial service Thursday, April 26 at 3:00 at the Smithville Community Building. A covered dish dinner will follow. Everyone is invited bring a covered dish item and join them.

Please keep Van in your prayers and remember him with cards.

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- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. They were appreciated. **Norma Vaught**
- ♥ I wish to thank those who sent cards and those who took the time to travel to St. Mary's to acknowledge the passing of my aunt - Jean Samples. Service was Monday, April 9 at Ingram Funeral Home. **Norma Vaught**
- ♥ Thanks once again for reminding us that we areeee another year older. **Mike and Teresa Wade**

News and Announcements

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

College Care Package items need to be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer this morning. If you would like to help assemble the care packages, meet today in the MP Room after morning worship and Bible classes.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES RECOGNITION

Everyone is invited to the LLL Recognition in the MP Room this evening after services. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Care Group leaders are asked to meet this evening after services in Room 109.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet April 30 in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner followed with a brief devo. then the "work" will begin around 6:30. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count, food items and team assignments. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to the sing at Love and Care next Monday evening at 7:00. There is a sign-up sheet since this will also be a MNFTM activity.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 28 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

CHURCH SECURITY WORKSHOP

There will be a Church Security Workshop here Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00PM. Sign-up sheet on the counter with details.

BIBLE CLASS PERFECT ATTENDANCE - CONGRATULATIONS!

Drew Hershman and Ben Haught had Perfect Attendance in the High School Sunday Bible class. Way to go!

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a Wedding Shower for Drake Logston and Alexandra Hinton Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 in the MP Room. Gift suggestions include Kohl's and Pier One gift cards. They will be married May 18 in Columbus, OH.

CD'S AVAILABLE

CD's of the presentation Wednesday evening (April 11) regarding World Christian Broadcasting by Andy Baker are available on the counter in the parking lot foyer.

Daily Bible Class Reading

April 23 - 2 Kings 4:1-17,

April 24 - 2 Kings 4:18-22, 32-35, 38-41

April 26 - 1 Kings 22:51-52, 2 Kings 1:1-4, 17

April 27 - 2 Kings 2:1-14

April 28 - 2 Kings 3:1-27



When you can't sleep at night, have you ever thought maybe it's God's way of saying "We need to talk and now you have time."

Daily Bible Reading

April 22 - Luke 14:15-35, Ruth 1-2

April 23 - Luke 15, Ruth 3-4

April 24 - Luke 16, I Samuel 1-3

April 25 - Luke 17:1-19, I Samuel 4-6

April 26 - Luke 17:20-37, I Samuel 7-9

April 27 - Luke 18:1-17, I Samuel 10-12

April 28 - Luke 18:18-43, I Samuel 13-14

April 29 - Luke 19:1-27, I Samuel 15-16



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Yes, we have music!

What is different about the Camden Ave. Church of Christ than any other “church”? Well the first thing many people seem to notice is that we do not use instruments in our praise and worship to God. When people see this, they think that we do not praise God or do not have any type of music. This is far from the truth, because the churches of Christ have the best music and the largest “chorus” in town (*everyone in the congregation participates*).

The type of music that we use is very biblical and it is how the first century Christians also praised God. The type of music we use is called congregational singing or a cappella music, which means in the likeness of the church, vocal music, or without instrumental accompaniment. The meaning of a cappella comes from the historical way that the Christians in the New Testament sang to God. The church has not always had instrumental music. Although instruments of music have been around since Genesis 4:21, they were not brought into a church assembly until hundreds of years after Christ built His church (Mt.16:18). The year, bells were first known to have been used in a church was A.D. 560 and the approximate year an organ was first used was A.D. 730. Instrumental music was a new practice brought into the worship assembly by people, not because the Scriptures authorized them.

In reading the Bible we can see why the first century Christians were known for their a cappella music and why it is importance for us today to sing without instruments. The Bible tells us to sing without instruments because: It is the sacrifice of praise to God, which comes from the fruit of our lips (Heb. 13:15); it shows our spiritual emotion (James 5:13); it shows our unity (Rom. 15:5-6); it is not only done with the mouth but with our minds (1 Corinthians 14:15); it shows that the Holy Spirit dwells in us (Eph. 5:19-20); it is a way to encourage one another (1 Corinthians 14:26); shows that we are heart felt in our faith, and the way to teach one another the faith (Colossians 3:16-17). These verses teach us we are to honor God and show our faith in Him with thanksgiving and love.

Not only is a cappella music Biblical but the Bible says, God inhabits the praises of His people (Psalms 22:3). That means he lives in MY PRAISE, not in the instrument nor can someone else do my singing for me, just as others cannot be baptized for me, take the Lord’s Supper for me or any other act of worship. As I worship God I must give Him my heart, mind, and soul. And if we do not praise Him, the Bible says that the rocks will cry out in praise (Luke 19:37-40). God wants to hear us! One of the many problems with the instrument is that those who use the instrument in worship will let the instrument worship for them. You cannot do that with the voice because God inhabits the praises of His people. God wants us to praise him. Not sit there and let a piano do it while we mutter a few words in between. The Lord wants us as Christians to sing, with the fruits of our lips that Christ is our Lord and King! May we sing with the Spirit and the understanding as we worship the Lord.

SERMON NOTES

How to deal with the problems of life?

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9



How does Peter teach us to deal with life's problems?

- I. The problems we face are only _____.
 - A. 1 Peter 1:6, "In this you _____, though now for a _____ while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,"
 - B. Revelation 1:9 _____
 - C. Revelation 2:10 _____
 - D. Romans 8:18 _____
- II. The problems we face do not have to make us _____ (1 Peter 1:6).
 - A. Ecclesiastes 3:12-14; 22 _____
 - B. Habakkuk 3:17-18 _____
- III. The problems we face will help us to _____.
 - A. 1 Peter 1:7, "so that the _____ genuineness of your faith - _____ precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
 - B. When we _____ God, problems and trials work for us and not against us; but we must be sure our heart is wholly yielded to Him.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 - C. Romans 8:28 _____
- IV. The problems we face can be overcome because of the _____ of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3-6, 8-9)
 - A. Do you realize that _____ we do as Christians has its foundation and support in the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
 1. Our _____ of faith (Romans 10:9-10).
 2. Our _____ (Acts 17:30-31)
 3. Our _____ (Romans 6:3-6).
 4. The _____ (1 Corinthians 11:26)
 5. The _____ (John 20:1).
 6. _____ our faith is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ!
 - B. Notice 1 Peter 1:3-6. reminds us that we can _____ the trials or problems we face because of the _____ of Christ.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 - C. 1 Corinthians 15:20 it reads, "But Christ has indeed been _____ from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Finally,

Today are you triumphant or defeated because of your problems?

P.M. Sermon: What if God wrote us a letter?

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:11; 17-20



Missing Our Loved Ones

Not an hour fades from the clock that doesn't find us thinking about, missing, or longing to be with our friends, neighbors, family members, or spouse that has already passed away. We know the void we have is a result of the deep love we shared. We are confident in the expectation of comfort Scripture provides us for our mourning as we long for that great reunion!

Revelation 21:4 says, "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. Knowing our Father will calm us, eliminate dying, and stopping all suffering should motivate us to submit now so we can live eternally with Him. God will reverse the curse that entered the world through human sin.

Revelation 14:13 says, "Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works follow them." This earthly life is filled with valleys and mountains. Our loved ones toiled daily and we face our trials in their absence. We must take comfort that Saints who heed God's call to endurance, keeping God's commandments and their faith in Jesus, are blessed at death with rest from their labors.

Philippians 1:21 says, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Seeking to be with those who departed this earth requires us not to be concerned with comfort and advancement of this life. We are to focus on living each day for Christ. Death allowed Paul to be freed from his trouble-filled life and rejoice in a Christ's presence.

God's comfort and promise will get us through today. Will you reflect the commitment that was made to us so we all can live with Him forever?

Allen Jones

Before you assume,
learn the facts.
Before you judge,
understand why.
Before you hurt someone,
feel.
Before you speak,
think.



(Remember....you just might find yourself walking in that person's shoes someday.)

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. Matthew 7:1-2

Youth News

NORVAL PARK YOUTH RALLY

(6th Grade and above)

- * Transportation will leave here this Saturday at 7:15AM for the Norval Park Youth Rally. Mark Tonkery will be one of the speakers.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

- * Transportation will leave at 6:00 next Sunday evening to join the Traveling Youth Group at the Little Hocking congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go to these events.



Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Several years ago, a submarine was being tested and had to remain submerged for many hours. When it returned to the harbor, the captain was asked, “How did the terrible storm last night affect you?” The officer looked at him in surprise and exclaimed, “Storm? We didn’t even know there was one!”

The sub had been so far beneath the surface that it had reached the area known to sailors as “the cushion of the sea.” Although the ocean may be whipped into huge waves by high winds, the waters below are never stirred. (Taken from Adrian Dieleman, Sermon: “Receive the Holy Spirit.”)

Being a Christian doesn’t deliver us from the trials and troubles of life because we live in a broken world where it rains on the just as well as the unjust. However, our faith in Christ gives us an anchor in the storm. Even though the waves of the world surround us each day, for the Christian, they can remain calm and secure in the cushion of Jesus.

Jesus states, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28)

I am Mark T. Tonkery with a minute of mediation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, April 29

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Merrill

Close - Ira Kimes

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Marion Goldsmith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Walter Morgan

PM - Cody Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - Dennis Keller

PM - Jeff Taberner

Kevin Cochran

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Cotton Sayre

3 - Patty Sayre

PM

1. Jenny Ware & Connie Hickman

2. Clayton & Verna Huber

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Dearll & Carol Vincent

6. Jennifer Thomas & Amy Young

Facts and Figures

April 15, 2018

AM Service.....268
Bible Study.....181
PM Service.....190
Wednesday.....192
Contribution\$6537.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....2

Placed Membership.....2

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM



Happy 72nd Wedding Anniversary to Gilbert and Lucille Hardman April 27!

Thank you for the wonderful Christian example
you are to all of us.

Congratulations!

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 22 - 25 - North End congregation

Speaker: Ralph Gilmore

April 22 - 25 - Lancaster congregation

Speaker: Willie Franklin

OTHER EVENTS

April 27 - 28 - Youth Rally - Lubeck church of Christ

April 29 - Friends and Family Day
Sixth & Washington Street congregation in Marietta

April 29 - Gospel Sing at Crum Ridge

May 1 - Senior Saints' Day - Lubeck congregation

LADIES' EVENTS

April 28 - Ladies Tea - Sixth & Washington Street congregation

April 28 - 59th Annual Stepping Stone Convention at OVU

Flyers on foyer bulletin boards for these events

Friday Night Sing



The sing this week will be at the
Sunrise congregation at 7:00.

Everyone is 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.

UPCOMING TOPIC

April 29 - *THE CALL OF THE CROSS*