

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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Poem of Life

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.

We all have different journey's,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know,
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.

Author Unknown

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“Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.”



Prayer Requests

Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Jim Henry, Gwen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Dennis Keller, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Eloise Smith, Valeria Sprout, Lenore Vaught

Prayers requested for family and friends

Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Casey Freeman (Don and Brenda Dougherty’s friend), Paula Garner (Julie Moser’s mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd’s friend), Tony Haid, Jean Huber (Clayton’s mother), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nessleroad), Sue Nelson (Chris Hofmann’s aunt), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards’ father-in-law), Leonard Shears, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith’s brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre’s daughter), Angel White (Eloise Smith’s niece)



We extend our sympathy to Ruth Wells in the passing of her brother, Roy Hartman. His service will be at Parks Funeral Home, 130 W. 1st North Street, Summerville, SC 29483 tomorrow with viewing 10:00-11:00 and funeral 11:00-12:00.

Please keep Ruth and family in your prayers.



- ♥ We truly appreciate all acts of kindness shown at the passing of my dear mother. We cannot thank you enough for the cards, phone calls, texts, flowers, food and hugs. Your kindness has meant so much to us at this very difficult time. In Christian love, **The Family of Mary Edwards** (Dwain, Kimberlee and Hannah)

Church News and Announcements

BAPTISM

We rejoice that Allen Coe was baptized Monday afternoon by Dwain Shears. He will be in Care Group 3. We are so happy for him and Billie. Let's all welcome him into the Camden Avenue family.

PLANNING MEETING TODAY

There will be a Widow, Widowers and Veterans lunch planning meeting today in Room 109 after Bible study.

MEETINGS TODAY

Elders, Deacons, Preacher meeting at 4:00, Men's meeting, and Ladies' meeting at 5:00 today.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner and 6:30 devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

Our Secret Sister Reveal will be this Thursday in the MP Room at 6:00. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. For details see Laura or Kimberlee.

RAKE AND RUN

Rake and Run will be Saturday, November 3. Two sign-up sheets are on the counter. (1) If you would like your leaves raked. (2) If you would like to volunteer to rake.

11:00 WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS

The Wednesday morning class will begin November 7 at 11:00. Mark will be teaching this Bible study. Everyone is welcome. We will continue to have the Wednesday evening service at 7:00.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

We will host the Friday Night Sing November 9 at 7:00. Please bring snacks to be served in the MP Room following the sing. This will be the final sing for 2018.

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, VETERANS LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be in the MP Room Monday, November 12. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

Banks should be left in the office November 25. A representative will be here to collect them that week.

Daily Bible Reading

October 21 - 1 Thessalonians 3, Isaiah 59-63

October 22 - 1 Thessalonians 4, Isaiah 64-66

October 23 - 1 Thessalonians 5, Jeremiah 1-2

October 24 - 2 Thessalonians 1, Jeremiah 3-4

October 25 - 2 Thessalonians 2, Jeremiah 5-6

October 26 - 2 Thessalonians 3, Jeremiah 7-8

October 27 - 1 Timothy 1, Jeremiah 9-10

October 28 - 1 Timothy 2, Jeremiah 11-13

Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

We offer informative tracts and Bible Correspondence Courses at no charge. We would also be happy to have a Bible study at your convenience.

Len Haid has made packets available on the counter in the parking lot foyer. They contain CD's and tracts. Feel free to help yourself to a packet or give one to a friend.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Praying for 40 days and 40 nights

A couple of weeks ago our elders announced the hiring of Doug Wells to the ministry staff here at Camden Ave. As Camden Ave. begins a new chapter in our work for the Lord; I believe it is important that we should spend time in prayer for our new minister and his family. After all, in Act 13:3, we are taught that the elders fasted and prayed for Paul and Barnabas before they sent them off on their first missionary journey. Then throughout the Bible when God was getting ready to do something new we see Moses, Elijah, and Jesus each prayed for 40 days and 40 nights.

So, with that in mind I am asking each member in their private prayers to spend at least five minutes each day in pray for the next 40 days for the Doug Wells family and the congregation here at Camden Avenue. Following is a list of the first seven days of things that we each can pray for. Each week I will include the list of items to be prayed for until we reach 40 days and I hope we will continue to pray even after that.

Remember James 5:16, "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." Thank you for your prayers.

- Day 1 – Pray that Doug and his family will be able sell their house and find a home in a timely manner.
- Day 2 – Pray for Doug as he prepares to leave his current congregation and begins his work at Camden Ave.
- Day 3 – Pray for Raeanne, Doug's wife as she helps prepare her family for the move.
- Day 4 – Pray for Levi, Doug's son and oldest child. Pray that he will find new friends as he leaves his old friends.
- Day 5 – Pray for Liberty, Doug's daughter and second child. Pray that she will find new friends as she leaves her old friends.
- Day 6 – Pray for Ayla, Doug's youngest child. Pray that she will find new friends as she leaves her old friends.
- Day 7 – Pray for Doug and Mark as they learn to work together in the ministry here at Camden Ave.

"To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power." (2 Thessalonians 1:11)

How to stay faithful to your spouse

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 5:15-23



I. Commitment is _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

1. Gen. 2:24 _____

2. Matthew 19:5-6 _____

3. Mark 10:7 _____

4. Ruth 1:16-17 _____

II. Commitment in the _____.

A. Matthew 19:1-9 _____

B. Gen. 2:24 _____

C. Eph. 5:21-33 _____

D. Hosea _____

III. Commitment enhanced in marriage.

A. Remember your _____.

1. Ecc. 5:2 _____

2. Ecc. 5:4-5 _____

3. Mal. 2:14-16 _____

4. Mat 5:37 _____

a. _____ several goals for the next few years, even for life. Philippians 3:14.

b. _____ with each other regularly that you are committed to the marriage.

c. _____ never to go to sleep at night without forgiving each other as needed. Eph 4:26.

d. _____ in the love of Christ 1 Cor. 13:8-9.

Sunday Evening Sermons God's Design for the family

How to deal with temptation?

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:22



(The following article is written by Doug Wells, who has recently been hired to work with the congregation here. To help get to know him a little better his articles will be featured in the bulletin. Please keep Doug and his family in your prayers as they make this transition.)

Bring Them Near, Not Far

As a Christian person I don't fear many things. The One who is in me is greater than the one in the world. However, being a preacher of the Word is a responsibility I try to approach with a healthy level of respect. I fear saying something that isn't biblically true because I didn't study enough. I also fear saying something that turns someone away from the faith. Perhaps this is something that is true but is said in an unloving way, convincing some seeker of truth this isn't the place to be. What a terrible thought! My Lord has made it abundantly clear to me that being the cause of someone turning away from the faith is a bad thing. "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!" (Matthew 18:7).

It is not lost on me that the people Jesus had the strongest words for were religious leaders. God has never been fond of shepherds who drive the sheep away instead of bringing them near. "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord (Jeremiah 23:1). Instead, a shepherd is called to show the flock good pasture and to bring lost sheep back into the fold. The shepherds of Jeremiah's day were doing the opposite of that. I don't want to join them. I don't want my actions or my words to drive anyone away. I do believe than an unloving conversation with someone can be one "of the things that cause people to sin." If someone is driven from the Lord sin is what fills the vacuum.

Let this be my prayer: "O Lord, help me be someone who brings people near you, not someone who drives them away." Will you join me in this goal? We are all leaders (or will be leaders) to somebody. So I encourage you to "make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way" (Romans 14:13). God's way is already narrow. What do you think happens when you put a block in the way? A hard way becomes harder. So let us put it into our hearts that every sheep is precious. And let us pray to God that all our words and actions reflect His love.

Written by Doug Wells

Youth Events

October 26-27

Bridgeport Youth Rally
Transportation will leave Friday at 4:30PM.

October 29

Transportation will leave at 5:45 to join the
Traveling Youth Group at the Lower Paw Paw
congregation

November 3

Rake and Run
Meet at the building at 9:00AM
Sign-up sheets on the counter

November 12

Widows, Widowers and Veteran's Lunch in
the MP Room
Sign-up sheet on the counter



LADIES CLASS

The Ladies class will begin
Sunday, November 4 in Room 112.
The first lesson will be
Keeping Your Balance
by Nancy Eichman.

Please see the sign-up sheet on the counter
if you would like a book for the class.

6TH -12TH GRADE GIRLS CLASS

Girls (6th - 12th grade) are invited to join us as we continue to study through the
Lads to Leaders Pearls book.

Sessions will be 9:00AM - 11:30 ~ November 17, January 5 and January 19.
(Please note the date change.)
Any questions, see Laura.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

One of the greatest gifts we as humans have is the ability to encourage and bless others. Even though we often have ample opportunities to bless others, we tend to withhold our blessings for some reason or another. Today, would you please try something for me? I am asking you to bless at least two people today by doing an act of kindness. I don't mean telling someone they look good or that they have a nice dress. I am asking that you tell someone that they have blessed you and that you are appreciative of them or do something nice for someone. Maybe wash their dishes, fix a meal for them, or maybe buy their groceries.

We can begin to make a difference in the world today by just encouraging one another. This is not only a good thing to do but it is also applying the Bible to our lives. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 states, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up..." I can do that. Can't you?

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

A red rectangular graphic with the text 'ENCOURAGE SOMEONE TODAY' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text is arranged in three lines: 'ENCOURAGE' on the top line, 'SOMEONE' on the middle line, and 'TODAY' on the bottom line. The background of the graphic is a solid red color.



Just a Weaver

My life is but a weaving,
 between my God and me,
 I do not choose the colors,
 He worketh steadily,
 Of times He weaveth sorrow,
 and I in foolish pride
 forget He sees the upper,
 and I the underside.
 Not till the loom is silent,
 and the shuttles cease to fly,
 will God unroll the canvas,
 and explain the reasons why.
 The dark threads are as needful
 in the skillful weaver's hand
 as threads of gold and silver
 in the pattern He has planned.

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2018 Round Robin Gospel Meetings Theme: God Is (Hebrews 11:6)

	<u>Church of Christ</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
October 22	Veto	Dan Plum
October 29	Hickory Hill	Mike Moore
November 5	Bearwallow	Mark T. Tonkery

Starts each Monday evening at 7:00

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, October 28

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
 PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders
 Close - Mike Fleak
 6:00 PM - Keith Smith
 Close - Bill Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ben Haught
 PM - Brandon Sheppard

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade
 PM - Paul Inman
 Russ Alton

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Herb Wright
 2 - Dwain Shears
 3 - Joyce Wright

PM

1. Scott & Gwen Johnson
2. Steve & Julie Moser
- * Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *
5. Patrick & Bev Rine
6. Cotton & Patty Sayre

Facts and Figures

October 14, 2018

AM Service.....266
 Bible Study.....191
 PM Service.....192
 Wednesday.....201
 Contribution.....\$6975.33

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....2
 Restored or Requested Prayers....4
 Placed Membership.....5

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

October 28 - *Authoritative*

Friday Night Sing



Everyone welcome!

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Rockport congregation.

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
 Bible Study...15 min. after worship
 PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM