

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 Veterans Day!

Dear God,

We ask You to guide the leaders of this great country in all of their decisions. We ask that with Your infinite wisdom You guide them in the right decisions. Protect and guide our military, oh Lord; strengthen them in their trials; give them courage to face the peril that beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence.

We ask for strength and health for our veterans. Help us honor and respect them for the courage and boldness they displayed.

May we honor the memory of those who lost their lives defending our country.

Please be with us that we will each do our part to always look to You for guidance and help to turn this country back to You.

Through Jesus our Lord. Amen

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
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SERVICE

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S E R V E - U S



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, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Ron Riddle, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Eloise Smith, Valeria Sprout, Lenore Vaught

Prayers requested for family and friends

David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), 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), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nesselroad), 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), Dorcas Stanley (Sallie Hinzman's mother), Lucille Straight (Brian Haught's grandmother)



Let's remember Len Haid's brother, Charles (Bill) Haid in our prayers and with cards as he is experiencing health issues. His address: 224 Garrison Avenue, Charleston, WV 25302.

We extend our sympathy to Keith and Eloise Smith in the passing of their niece, Angel White.
Please keep this family in your prayers.

To my church family,
I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for choosing me to serve as a Shepherd. My faith has greatly been expanded through this work. It has made me more aware of the need to love each other.
I have enjoyed making relationships with you and have had many touching moments. I truly love each one of you and have tried my best to be here for you. Your kindness and encouragement have meant so much!
I believe it is time for me to step aside because of my health. I am concerned that I will not have the same level of energy and concentration to continue this great work.
I will step aside at the end of this month. Thank you all so very much!

In Christian Love,
Ron Riddle

PLACED MEMEBSHIP

We are so happy that Sharon Wilson has placed her membership with us. She will be in Care Group 2. We are glad to have her with us at Camden Avenue.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Care Group Leaders meeting this evening after services in Room 109.

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, VETERANS LUNCH

The Widow, Widowers, Veterans lunch will be tomorrow in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count.

RAKE AND RUN

Rake and Run will be tomorrow following the Widows, Widowers, Veterans lunch.

SECRET SISTER

If you would like to participate in Secret Sister, please see Laura or Kimberlee by next Sunday for a form. This is a great way to encourage and pray for one another. It does not require gifts.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

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

LADIES' ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

All ladies are invited to the 3rd annual ornament exchange Thursday, November 29 at 6:00PM in the MP Room. Bring an ornament for the exchange and a snack to share. See Laura for details.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Potter Children's Home coin banks should be left in the office Sunday, November 25. A representative will be here to collect them.

GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY DINNER

Golden Agers are invited to a Holiday Dinner Tuesday, December 4. Leaving here at 1:30. Dinner at Theo's in Cambridge, OH then we will visit the Dickens Victorian Village, light show and shops. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with details.

BIRTHDAY UPDATE

Happy Birthday November 29 to Betty Porter. Please update your church calendar.

FOUND

A calculator and pen in a black case was found. It is on the counter in the office.

Daily Bible Reading

November 11 - Hebrews 2, Jeremiah 49
November 12 - Hebrews 3, Jeremiah 50
November 13 - Hebrews 4, Jeremiah 51
November 14 - Hebrews 5, Jeremiah 52
November 15 - Hebrews 6, Lamentations 1-2
November 16 - Hebrews 7, Lamentations 3-5
November 17 - Hebrews 8, Ezekiel 1-3
November 18 - Hebrews 9, Ezekiel 4-7



Every waving flag, hand-covered heart, and deeply felt prayer asking God to bless America is a declaration of thanks to those who have served. You've shown by example what it truly means to belong to the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.
Philippians 1:3 NLT

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Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Continue Praying for 40 days and 40 nights for the Wells family

- Day 22 – Pray for Doug and his family that all may go well with him and that they stay in good health (3 Jn. 1:2).
- Day 23 – Pray that Doug and Mark teach what accords with sound doctrine (Titus 2:1).
- Day 24 – Pray that Doug and our deacons serve together to help the work of the Lord in this community.
- Day 25 – Pray that Doug, Kyle I. and Jeff T. work together to lead our young people to Christ and help them to grow in the faith.
- Day 26 – Pray that Doug as well as the whole congregation will strengthen and help our youth to stay faithful to the Lord and not leave the church.
- Day 27 – Pray that Doug and Mark will see the opportunities to study and visit with the lost and help them to obey the Gospel and keep them faithful.
- Day 28 – Pray that Doug and Mark will be devoted to prayer and ministering the Word of God (Acts 6:4).

The greatest thing you can do

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing. The great people of earth are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean those people who take the time to pray.

—S.D. Gordon

Praying moms

“Thomas Carlyle described the strongest spiritual influence of his youth was his mother’s praying. He wrote, “The highest woman I knew on earth, I saw bowed down to a Higher Power in heaven. Such things, especially in infancy, reach inward to the very core of your being.”

(p. 399 The Minister’s Manual for 2001).

A NEW HEART

Ezekiel 36:26-27



Eze. 36:26,27, "And I will give you a new _____, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the _____ of stone from your flesh and give you a _____ of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to _____ my rules."

The problem:

- I. A hard heart
 - A. What is hard heart? _____

 - B. Hard hearted people in the Bible:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. Matthew 13 _____
 - C. How to tell if you have a hard heart:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 - a. Mt. 15:8, "These people _____ me with their _____, but their _____ are far from me.

The Solution:

1. An new heart
 - A. What is a new heart?
 1. Mt. 5:8 _____
 2. Matthew 13: _____
 3. Pr. 4:23 _____
 4. 1 Sam. 16:7 _____
 5. Pr. 3:5, _____
 6. 2 Chr. 16:9, _____
 - B. How do we know if our hearts are right with God?
 1. We must be truly _____ to Christ:
 - a. Rom 2:28-29, _____
 - b. Col. 2:11-12 _____
 2. We guard our heart by controlling what we _____.
 - a. Luke 11:34-36 _____
 3. We guard our heart by controlling what we _____.
 - a. Proverbs 4:20-27 _____
 - b. Luke 6:45 _____

Conclusion

A. The heart is very important to God. It is the wellspring of life. We must guard our hearts against hardness, evil, discouragement and always have an open and healthy heart towards God.

Faith and Trust in God

Do You Trust God's Will?

Is God good? Of course, most people are going to say "yes" to this question. In fact, there is a popular saying going around that goes something like: "God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good!" But God's goodness gets questioned sometimes. In our moments of trial we may wonder. Sometimes we're not too excited to hear James 1:2: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds." But, even in the worst of times, is God good? To that question I say, "yes . . . all the time." And I think we have to have that answer in our hearts. We must believe God is good. We must believe that God can be trusted. We won't desire to find out what God wants unless we believe these things.

I challenge all who read this to find out what God wants. And not just me, I'm passing along a message from God: "find out what pleases the Lord" (Ephesians 5:10). And know this, from the bottom of your heart, what God desires is not our harm, but our good. When you really know that you WANT to know what pleases the Lord. God once told the Israelites: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'" (Jeremiah 29:11). At the time Israel was scattered. Their nation was defeated. I'm sure some doubted this message. I'm sure some asked, like Gideon once did, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us?" (Judges 6:13). But the truth was that God did look out for their good. He saved Gideon. He rescued Israel. And God desires to rescue and save us.

That doesn't mean that God wants everything we want. Sometimes we have things in our hearts that shouldn't be there. But when we see how much God loves us, when we see the wonderful things God has in mind for us, then we will care more about what God wants than what we want. Do you trust God's will? You should! His plan is to prosper you and give you a future.

Written by Doug Wells

Thank you notes

- ◆ Thank you for your encouragement shown at my baptism. Thank you for the cards and Bible. **Allen Coe**
- ◆ Thank you for our anniversary cards. We appreciated them so much. **Bill and Rosemary Merrill**
- ◆ I appreciate all those who sent the beautiful birthday cards. I appreciate each one. **Sue VanCamp**
- ◆ Thank you for the nice birthday cards. **Nina Cheuvront**
- ◆ **Rochel Young** thanks everyone for the birthday cards.

Items Needed

We will be collecting items for children removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. The supplies will also be used to help children in these situations in neighboring counties that might be unable to purchase supplies in a timely manner.

Items needed include: diapers (all sizes). Pull-ups, brushes/combs, writing journals, and small Bibles.

Items need to be left in the bin in the parking foyer by next Sunday.

For details, see Amanda Cochran.

Youth Events

November 12

- Widows, Widowers and Veterans lunch in the MP Room
Sign-up sheet on the counter.
See Todd Kirk for details.
- Rake and Run after the Widows, Widowers, Veterans lunch. Volunteers are still needed to help rake.

December 15

Children's Holiday Breakfast
9:00AM in the MP Room
Bring a wrapped gift for your child.

6th-12th Grade Girls Class

Girls are invited to a Bible study. The study will continue through the Lads to Leaders Pearls book.

Sessions will be: 9:00AM - 11:30AM
November 17, January 5, January 19.
Any questions, see Laura.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The story's told of an old Navajo man who had the good fortune to have oil discovered on his land. He became a very wealthy man as a result, but wealth did not change him. He went on living just as he was before.

But every now and then the old man would visit the bank and say to the banker, "Crops all dried up; sheep all dead; cattle all stolen."

The banker would smile and take the old man into the vault, he'd sit him at a table and place several bags of silver dollars in front of him and leave him alone for a while for the man to count his silver.

After a while the man would come out and say, "Crops fine, sheep all alive; cattle all back."

Occasionally, people need to be reminded of things. Throughout the Bible God's people are told to remember. 2 Timothy 2:8, we are told to, "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David..."

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

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, November 18

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Evan Fleak

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Rob Hoover

6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Jon Hesch

SCRIPTURE

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Bill Mills

COMMUNION

AM - Steve Moser

PM - Delmas Carr

Ben Haught

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Ron Riddle

2 - Rick Stanley

3 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Brandon & Calle Sheppard

2. Bill & Sherry Hoover

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Dennis & Sandy Keller

6. Rick & Kay Stanley



Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 1 - Jeff Taberner

December 2 - Bob Eddy

December 3 - *Chris and Debbie Tallman

December 4 - Sheri Gaston

December 5 - John (Bram) Mills

December 7 - Rhonda Barclay, Don Nesselroad

December 10 - *Jim and Sallie Hinzman, *Ira and Nancy Kimes,

*Mike and Teresa Wade

December 11 - Allen Coe, Kathy Hoover, Adeline Inman

December 12 - Barbara Saunders, *Gary and Melva Farris

December 13 - Haley Johnson, Hayden Kelly

December 14 - Mary Daniel, Darrell Vaught

December 15 - Janet Looney, Jean Martin

December 16 - Tammy Kerns, Amy Young, Eric Young,

*Ron and Linda Moncrief

December 17 - *Don and Sheri Gaston

December 19 - Jordan Kirk

December 20 - *Larry and Janet Plant, *Ray and Bonnie Sams

December 21 - Brian Haught, Patty Mullins

December 24 - Kim Ledsome, *Herb and Joyce Wright

December 25 - Josh Gray

December 26 - Annette Kirk, Dana Sponseller

December 27 - *Cotton and Patty Sayre

December 28 - Rosemary Merrill

December 29 - Mike Fleak, Jay Goldsmith

December 30 - Madison Taberner

December 31 - Jim Dailey

* Anniversary

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

Facts and Figures

November 4, 2018

AM Service.....270

Bible Study.....188

PM Service.....199

Wednesday.....200

Contribution.....\$11124.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers....4

Placed Membership.....6

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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

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

November 18 - *Remember*