

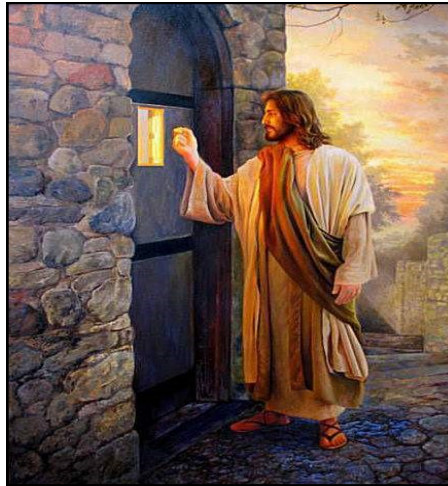
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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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If He came to your house

Would you meet Him at the door with arms outstretched in welcome?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?

Or hide some magazines, and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder - if the Savior spent a day or two with you,

Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the things you always say?

Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?

Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?

Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?

Or would you sigh with great relief when he at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,

If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

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Jim Galloway
Stan Inman
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
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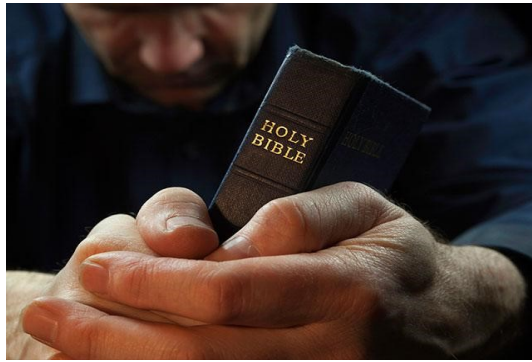
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When you see this
take a minute - pray
for someone you
know who is going
through a hard time
or hurting.
Love them in prayer!



Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Jim Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Annette Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peg Phillips, Bill Porter, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Valeria Sprout, Sue VanCamp, Lenore Vaught

Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), Patty Alton, David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Ann Duley (Niece of Gilbert and Lucille Hardman), Paul DuVall (Terry Hofmann's cousin), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Bennet Haught (Brian Haught's father), Blaine Hescht, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nesselroad), David Lawson, Carolyn Sue Miller, Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), John Rockhold, Leonard Shears, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter)

Sue VanCamp is recuperating from a medical procedure. Remember her with prayers and cards.

We extend our sympathy to Carolyn Henry in the passing of Jim Henry. There will be a private service. Remember her in your prayers.



- ♥ Thanks to all of you for the cards, prayers, encouraging words and offers to help after my knee surgery. The cards from the 3rd grade Wednesday evening class were very special and made my day. And special thanks to Teresa for treating me like a king during my ongoing recovery. **Mike Wade**
- ♥ Thanks for the many beautiful birthday cards. I love you all. **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ Thanks everyone who came to the viewing and funeral of my sister and all who sent cards and the kindness of the words spoken meant very much to me. **Lucille Hardman**



Remember to spring your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening before bedtime.
Daylight Saving Time begins March 10.

LADIES TEA

An invitation to all women at Camden Avenue. Our Ladies Tea will be held March 30 at 12:00 in the MP Room. Our theme *Tied with Love* has been selected and all are encouraged to wear an apron, your favorite one, special family one or whatever you choose. Mark your calendar, find an apron and plan to come.

NEW BIBLE CLASS QUARTER

Just a reminder - Adult Bible Classes for the new quarter will begin this Wednesday evening. *Sunday mornings will remain the same.* Mark Tonkery will be in the auditorium, Rick Stanley in Room 109, and David Epler in the MP Room.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet March 18 at 5:45 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for dinner attendance count and food items.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send students to the convention, see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

Vacation Bible School ~ July 8-10 ~ 6:30-8:00 each evening

Bible Call ~ 304.420.2416



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24 hours a day - 7 days a week
Brochures are available in the foyers
with details.
Feel free to distribute to family,
friends, and co-workers.*

Daily Bible Reading

March 3 - Mark 7:24-37, Numbers 8
March 4 - Mark 8:1-21, Numbers 9-10
March 5 - Mark 8:22-38, Numbers 11-13
March 6 - Mark 9:1-29, Numbers 14
March 7 - Mark 9:30-50, Numbers 15-16
March 8 - Mark 10:1-31, Numbers 17, 18
March 9 - Mark 10:32-52, Numbers 19-20
March 10 - Mark 11:1-14, Numbers 21-22

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

C.Y.C. 2019

Last weekend our youth and some of our adults, about 48 in total, had a great opportunity to travel to Pigeon Forge, TN and enjoy a time of fellowship, worship, and spiritual renewal at the Challenge Youth Conference (C.Y.C.). This was C.Y.C.'s twentieth anniversary and in that time C.Y.C. has grown to two sessions were approximately 6,000 – 7,000 people attend each session. This year's theme was "Unashamed", and the Bible lessons centered around how we as Christians are to live out our faith for Christ in our everyday life and not be ashamed of Him. The lessons were powerful, the singing was excellent, and the fellowship was great.

This was only my third year to attend C.Y.C. and I believe this was probably the best year I experienced so far. I appreciate so much our elders, allowing me and our congregation to participate in this event and really appreciate Jeff and Julie Taberner, Scott and Gwen Johnson, Bill Mills, and the so many others who organized, drove, provided, and helped cook meals, provided funds, and chaperoned this trip. Our group would not be able to experience C.Y.C. without these individuals' hard work and dedication to our youth and congregation. Thank you!

Events like C.Y.C. need to take place from time to time in the life of the congregation, not just to hear excellent sermons and great singing, but to bond with each other and to fellowship with other Christians. One thing that gets overlooked in events like this is what takes place during the journey to and from the C.Y.C. as well as what happens at C.Y.C. There is fellowshiping with each other, bonding, and getting to know one another. It is meeting challenges such as we had with the rain and wind and what do you do when you must change your schedule; as we did this past weekend. It is sharing meals together and eating together. It is praying together and having devotionals in the hotel. All this is a part of C.Y.C. and the faith building that takes place during this trip.

C.Y.C. is most definitely a spiritually encouraging trip, it is a spiritual mountain top moment. Yet, as I am reminded with physical mountains; as awe inspiring as they are; one cannot live on the mountain peaks. They are just places to visit, observe, and enjoy for a moment. The trees, grass, flowers, and animals live in the valleys. Spiritual growth happens when it is lived in the valleys; the day to day responsibilities as we choose to make decisions based on our faith in Christ.

Don't get me wrong, we need a C.Y.C. mountain top experience, they help keep us going, but we must remember living for Christ, is choosing to live for Christ each day, unashamed, in the valley. We can always live better for Christ when we have had a "taste" of the joy of the Lord as we did at C.Y.C. but let us remember to live each day for Christ, and not be ashamed of Him wherever we may be found. Think about it!

SERMON NOTES

Who is Your Shepherd?

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:25

AM Sermon by Doug Wells



I. Is your shepherd more like David (1 Samuel 17:35) or more like the hired hand (John 10:12)?

II: Is the Lord your shepherd? _____

III. Is it possible to follow nobody? _____

IV. To what kind of places does your shepherd lead you?

V. Are there any dark or challenging places on the right path? If so, are you afraid of these places? Why or why not? Romans 8:35, Psalm 23:4.

VI. We are not just sheep to God. We are His _____ and _____.

VII. What kind of blessings has following God brought you?

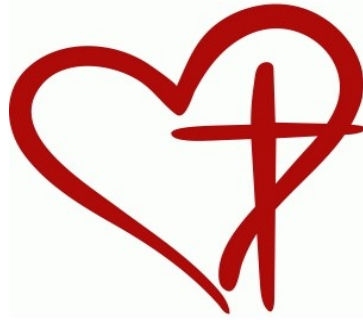
VIII. How long will these blessings continue to flow for those who follow God? Psalm 23:6, John 10:27-28.

My Shepherd is _____!

PM Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Things that no one can find in their Bible
Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:18-19

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Unashamed of Jesus

Almost fifty people from Camden Avenue attended Challenge Youth Conference last weekend. We heard a lot about being unashamed. That message is certainly relevant in a world that does not approve of passionate Christianity. A faith that you keep confined within the church walls is fine. You can get away with a faith that you never talk about or act upon at school or at work. But then we have to ask: is that really faith at all? “Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead” (James 2:17). True, living faith will cost you something. You cannot have the world and God – living faith demands that you choose.

I’m sure that there are plenty of people across America willing to admit that there is something to this Jesus guy. The evidence for Him is pretty overwhelming after all. This admission may lead some of these people to church. Perhaps their thoughts are something like “Well, this is probably true, so I better do something to make sure I’m okay with God.” One pew after another gets filled with those who have made a commitment for two hours on Sunday morning because they know enough to admit that Jesus came and died for them. But, as one of the CYC speakers proclaimed on Saturday: “We don’t need people who ADMIT Jesus is the Son of God, we need people who CONFESS Jesus is the Son of God.” Or, as Jesus says, “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my father in heaven” (Matthew 10:32).

There should be no question in people’s minds about whether or not we are a Christian. Our willingness to speak about Church, the Bible, God, and many other spiritual topics should be a light that shines into the darkness. Our excellent moral conduct and good deeds should be another powerful clue. Just admitting our faith is true implies a reluctance. “Yeah, all-right God, you got me. I can’t deny it. What’s the minimum I have to do to keep you happy?” Instead, we boldly confess our love for the Lord with our words and with our life. Will it cost us some worldly things? I’m sure it will. But what price is not worth it if it means gaining Jesus? I pray that I always proclaim for all to hear: “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).

YOUTH SECTION

The Traveling Youth Group will be at the Rosemar congregation today at 4:00 for a singing service. Fellowship meal following services.

Camden Avenue will host the Monday Night Merge session tomorrow evening at 7:00. We will have hotdogs and chips in the MP Room afterwards. Desserts are needed, such as cookies and brownies. Let Jeff or Julie know if you would like to provide a dessert.

2019 YOUTH RALLY

March 8 -9

North End Church of Christ
Keynote Speaker: Lonnie Jones
Friday 6:30PM, Saturday 8:45AM

LUBECK YOUTH RALLY

April 5-6

Friday 6:30PM, Saturday Breakfast 8:00,
Welcome 8:45, Noon Lunch, Dismissal 2:00

Speakers include: Charles Pugh, Hunter
Mellot, Andrew Beasley, Rick Kelley

*** Sign-up sheet on the counter, ***

Need count by March 8.

Flyer on bulletin board with details



When your parents might not be rich, but still afford to give you a beautiful life. Appreciate their sacrifices.

Be thankful that they care enough to lead you to Christ.
How blessed to have godly parents that bring you to church and care for your soul.

THANK YOU, LORD FOR GODLY PARENTS!

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Longyearbyen, Norway, is a small remote town with many strange laws. For instance, it has been claimed that it is illegal to die there. That is not exactly true, but it is close. You are not allowed to be buried there, so the terminally ill are transported out of town.

There is actually a good reason for this. Officials began to notice that bodies were not decaying in the permafrost of the town graveyard. There were fears that people who had diseases, like the 1918 "Spanish flu", would cause a reemergence of disease.

I do suppose we would like to be able to outlaw death, make it illegal, we can't do that. It will come to all. Yet the Bible has some good news it tells us that Christ has, "...abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Timothy 1:10).

What we can do is triumph over death by the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

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, March 10

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - David Epler

PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Life

Close - Jimmy Galloway

6:00 PM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Scott Smith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Chris Hofmann

PM - Brian Haught

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Kody Inman

Kyle Inman

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dwain Shears

2 - Jeff Taberner

3 - Julie Taberner

PM

1. Susan Anderson & Robin Anthony

2. Doug & Alisha Hershman

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Rick & Kay Stanley

6. Mark & Laura Tonkery

Facts and Figures

February 24, 2019

AM Service.....207

Bible Study.....151

PM Service.....136

Wednesday.....208

Contribution.....\$6013.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....1

Services Times

Sunday

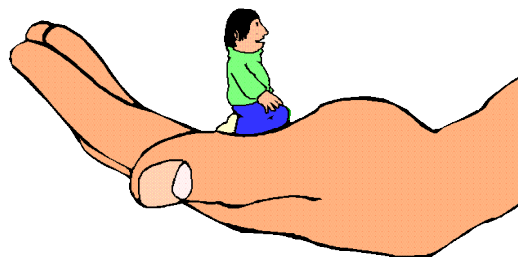
AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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



GOD IS POSITIVE

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves,
God has a positive answer for it.

You say, "It's impossible."

God says: "All things are possible." (Luke 18:27)

You say, "I'm too tired."

God says: "I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30)

You say, "I can't do it."

God says: "You can do all things in Me." (Philippians 4:13)

You say, "I can't forgive myself."

God says: "I forgive you." (I John 1:9; Romans 8:1)

You say, "I can't manage."

God says: "I will supply all your needs." (Philippians 4:19)

You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated."

God says: "Cast all your cares on Me." (I Peter 5:7)

You say, "I feel all alone."

God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

Bulletin Digest

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the Sissonville congregation.

Everyone welcome!

Sign schedules and bus schedules are available in the foyers.

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

March 10 - *IN CHRIST*