

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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BLOOD
DRIVE



**Our Blood Drive
will be tomorrow
1:00 - 5:30 in the MP Room.**

Donors are still needed!

Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

(In appreciation for making time to donate, you will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.)

See Marion for more information.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
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Sometimes, I just sit back and realize how blessed I am.

God is great. I have amazing people in my life. I shouldn't complain.

God is great!



Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Sandy Graham, Len Haid, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed and Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), David Lawson, Ted Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)

We update our Prayer List periodically, removing names if we have no recent updates on that person. Update the office of any changes.

Remember Dearll Vincent in your prayers.

No visits, please. He enjoys receiving cards. Remember him and his family in your prayers.



- ♥ We appreciate the cards and well-wishes for our 31st wedding anniversary. Love, **Dwain and Kimberlee**
- ♥ Thank you for the visits, cards, food, flowers and all acts of kindness shown at the passing of Randy. **Jenny, Ashley and Megan Ware**
- ♥ Thank you all for loving me and supporting me throughout the last 18 years of my life. I will miss you all. **Haley Johnson** (Address: CPO 753, Berea, KY 40404)
- ♥ Thanks to all for the birthday cards. **John and Karen Life**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for prayers, visits, food, cards and flowers after the death of my brother. Everything was gratefully appreciated. Love to all. **Sallie and Jim**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Half-Marathon Water stop! You always make it so fun for everyone involved! **Kyle**

Thank you to **Tammy Kerns** for preparing the communion bread for August.



*Donors are needed at our
Blood Drive tomorrow.*

WEDDING SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go wedding shower for Josh Hall and Zoe Merrill today 3:00-5:00 in the MP Room. They are registered at JCPenney and Walmart.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Transportation will leave today at 5:50 to join the Traveling Youth Group at the Waverly congregation for a singing service. A fellowship meal will be provided following the service.

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LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

WEDNESDAY 11:00 MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mark invites everyone to the 11:00 morning Bible class this Wednesday. We will meet at Der Dog Haus on Seventh Street following the class for lunch. We will also have the 7:00 evening Bible study. Our Summer Series will conclude with Collin Morrison from the Beallsville, OH congregation speaking.

RUTH WELLS 100TH BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

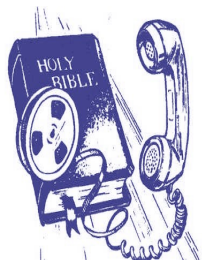
Everyone is invited to a celebration for Ruth Wells' 100th birthday Sunday, September 1. Cake and ice cream will be served in the MP Room after evening services. No gifts please, but she would love to receive cards.

HAIID'S ANNUAL SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan Haid invite everyone to their annual Bean Dinner at their cabin Saturday, September 21 at 4:00PM. Bring items to go with soup beans and hamburgers. Also, bring lawn chairs. There is an attendance sign-up sheet on the counter.

BIBLE BOWL SCORE KEEPERS

Anyone willing to help keep score at the Bible Bowl September 28, please see Rick Stanley.



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Keep up the good work of telling others about this program. Brochures are in the foyers.

Distribute them to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Daily Bible Reading

August 25 - Romans 15:22-33, Psalms 73-74

August 26 - Romans 16, Psalms 75-77

August 27 - 1 Corinthians 1, Psalms 78-79

August 28 - 1 Corinthians 2, Psalms 80-84

August 29 - 1 Corinthians 3, Psalms 85-88

August 30 - 1 Corinthians 4, Psalms 89-90

August 31 - 1 Corinthians 5, Psalms 91-94

September 1 - 1 Corinthians 6, Psalms 95-101



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Remember to be friendly and greet visitors and guest.

Many people know who Glenn Beck the conservative radio personality is. But did you know that Glenn was raised Catholic; but was not practicing anything when he decided his family needed to go to church. Glenn Beck is reported as saying his family tried all churches, "Unitarian, Episcopalian, Baptist, even a synagogue." His family ended up with the Church of Latter-day Saints, why? Because his daughter said, "this place makes us feel warm and welcome inside. Can we come back?" (USA Weekend Feb. 19-21, 2011 Don't judge Beck by his cover by Dennis McCafferty).

Glenn Beck and his family are Mormons today because a Mormon church showed them kindness and welcomed them. I wonder how many people have turned down the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ because a congregation of the Lord's church did not welcome them. Many individuals have either turned to or away from the Lord because of the welcome extended or neglected by the local congregation.

Now imagine yourself as a first-time visitor. Church buildings are often intimidating. Even though it is not a Biblical concept, some people have the feeling that church buildings are somewhat sacred. They often secretly, even unconsciously, feel that if they do or say the wrong thing, they will somehow desecrate this "Holy Place."

Of course, we know that this is not what the Bible teaches, but that does not calm the fears of our visitors. Imagine yourself as a visitor struggling with these feelings of intimidation but wanting to worship God and have fellowship with God's people. Would you feel comfortable visiting our congregation?

For those in the body of Christ who are accustomed to attending worship services, these things never come up. We may think of our congregation as warm and friendly because we enjoy it. However, many people find their first visit to any congregation unwelcoming.

Think of the impact that would be made upon guests if every member here were looking for guests to greet and welcome. The impact is enormous, yet the time investment minimal. The time before and after worship services are very important because so much fellowship and interaction takes place. Paul even expressed the idea of being friendly and greeting one another in Rom 16:16, "Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you."

All Christians should be concerned about greeting guests at every service. Here are some suggestions that may help each of us in greeting those who visit the services of the church:

- Go to our guests and do not wait for them to come to you.
- Introduce yourself.
- Welcome them to the assembly.
- Greet all age groups especially children.
- After you have met them, help introduce them to others.
- Especially if they have children show them their classroom, nursery and the restrooms.
- Make sure they received a bulletin and welcome packet.
- Ask them to sit beside you.
- Invite them back to services and to other church activities.
- Invite them to the potluck dinner if there is one after services or take them out to each.

Remember: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly..." (Proverbs 18:24).

Let's be the friendliest church in the Ohio Valley! By Mark T. Tonkery

Morning Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Finding the church Christ built

Text: Matthew 16:13-20



I. The church Christ built are _____.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

II. The church Christ built is a _____.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

III. The church Christ built will _____.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Evening Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

A BETTER CONGREGATION BEGINS WITH ME

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:20-26

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



For Such a Time as This

Esther could have died. Sure, all the Jews were scheduled to die anyway but Esther could have been the first one. She did something that was illegal and went, unsummoned, to the king. The punishment for doing so was a date with the royal executioner. And why would she do such a thing, take such a risk? Let's rewind a little bit. After finding out about an evil man's plot to kill all the Jews a man named Mordecai grieved so publicly that Esther (his cousin) heard about it. She asks what's up and he tells her they're all going to die. He then asks her to go doing something about it by talking to the king. Her reply is: I can't, that's illegal. Then Mordecai says: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:13-14). That was enough of a push for Esther so she risks her life.

That was a bold message to give to a queen! But what does money, title, or position matter before God? No matter who you are you cannot remain silent. Mordecai tells her: it is your job to speak up. Cowardice has consequences. God will punish those who live by fear and reward those who live by faith. Mordecai then asks: why do you think you are where you are? Was it just by chance that you became queen? "From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live" (Acts 17:26). You are queen because God put you there! And it wasn't just by chance, you were placed where you are for a purpose. You were called to be God's instrument of justice in such a time as this.

We live in uncertain times. It is usually a risk to speak up for or about the Lord. Doing so could cost us friendships, closeness to family, maybe even our employment. But who knows if we haven't been placed in our situation for such a time as this? Perhaps you have been elevated in the workplace so you would be in a position to speak to your boss or a fellow employee about Christ. Perhaps God put that friend in your life for more than just a golf partner. I imagine the Lord also hoped that you would speak to him about what would lead to his salvation. Could salvation come from another place? Sure – but has not God raised YOU up for this purpose? Boldness in Christ will surely be rewarded. Being ashamed of His name . . . not so much. In case you were wondering, Esther spoke up in her time and the Jews were saved. Will we speak up in ours, in such a time as this? I think people could be saved today also if we do.



We will be having new church directories printed with Lifetouch.

Photos will be taken **October 24, 25 and 26.**

Sign-up sheets will be available on the counter in the next few weeks.

Each photo session will receive a free 8x10 photo, printed directory and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photos.

Extra printed directories will be limited so you must get your photo taken to receive a directory.

See Steve Gray for details.

Kimberlee Shears has submitted her resignation as our church secretary. She has been our secretary for about 10 years.

She is resigning to accept a secretarial position with the Wood County Board of Education.

Résumés are being accepted through Sunday, September 15. Résumés need to be given to one the Elders.



Have a great week!

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Contrary to a well-known children's song, words really can hurt. The results of angry and cruel words said to the people around us are obvious. We've seen the tears, we've seen the heads hung low, so most of us have learned to make some attempt to control our tongues.

But what about when you're saying words to those who aren't around you? Quite a bit of our communication these days happen on-line. How well do you control what you say on Facebook or Twitter? When you disagree with someone's post how do you react? Even though the actual person isn't right in front of you do you still know sometimes it's best to say nothing at all? Do you still realize that kindness is important? So many don't, and need to hear James 3:8-10: "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human

beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth comes praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be."

Practice kindness in person, and practice it on-line too, and then we'd have less hurt people.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



Serving In Worship

Sunday, September 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover

Close - Brian Knotts

6:00 PM - Ryan Highman

Close - Kody Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dustin Hughes

PM - Bill Merrill

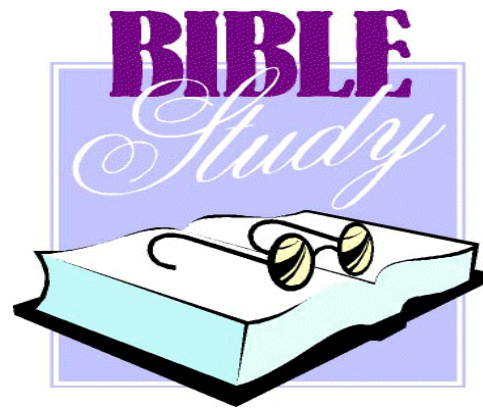
COMMUNION

AM - David Epler

PM - Chris Tallman

Dennis Keller

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES FOR THE UPCOMING QUARTER BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1

Auditorium Sunday: Mark Tonkery (Luke)

Wednesday: David Epler (Evangelism)

Room 109 Sunday: Rick Stanley (Biblical Studies)

Wednesday: Mark Tonkery (Beyond First Principles)

Room 253 Sunday: Stan Inman (Personal Evangelism)

MP Room Wednesday: Rick Stanley (Parenting)

Room 112 Sunday: Teresa Wade ~ Ladies Class (Uphill Both Ways by "Dolly" Leighton)

Join us for Bible study!

Our Summer Series will conclude this Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Speaker: Collin Morrison
Beallsville, OH congregation



Facts and Figures

August 18, 2019

AM Service.....255

Bible Study.....170

PM Service.....187

Wednesday.....185

Contribution.....\$6709.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...1

Placed Membership.....1

Service 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"

will air 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.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the Kaiser and Douglas congregation in Ravenswood.

Join us!