

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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Life Is A Gift

Today before you say an unkind word - think of someone who can't speak.
Before you complain about the taste of your food - think of someone who has nothing to eat and is hungry.

Before you complain about your husband or wife - think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.

Today before you complain about life - think of someone who died too early.
Before you complain about your children - think of someone who desires children but are barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house that someone didn't clean or sweep - think of the people who are living on the streets.

Before whining about the distance your drive - think of someone who has to walk the same distance.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another - remember that not one of us is without sin and we all answer to one Maker.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and that things are as well with you as they are.

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Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
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YOU CAN'T HAVE A
GOOD DAY WITH A
BAD ATTITUDE, AND
YOU CAN'T HAVE A
BAD DAY WITH A
GOOD ATTITUDE.

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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), 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.

Dearll Vincent

Remember him in your prayers and with cards.

Norma Fought is a patient at The Willows Center. She would enjoy
receiving cards.

Address: Willows Center, 723 Summers Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

THANK YOU

- ♥ I enjoyed the beautiful birthday (90th) cards so very much. Thank you for all the pleasure I had in reading them. **Ray Sams**
- ♥ **Ruth Wells** would like everyone to know that she appreciates, very much, the cards, gifts, and many birthday wishes offered by everyone. She loved the time spent with those who came to celebrate with her. She was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

MEETINGS TODAY

Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting today at 4:00 with the Men's Meeting and Ladies meeting at 5:00.

CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION

Résumés for the church secretary position should be given to one of the Elders today.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER - SEPTEMBER 16

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

HAID'S ANNUAL SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan Haid invite everyone to the annual Bean Dinner at their cabin this Saturday at 4:00PM. Bring items to go with hamburgers and soup beans. Also, bring lawn chairs. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for the attendance count. Maps are also on the counter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS - SEPTEMBER 25

Everyone is encouraged to attend the 11:00 morning Bible study September 25. Following the class everyone is welcome to meet at Western Sizzlin for lunch. We will continue to have the 7:00PM Bible study.

BIBLE BOWL SCORE KEEPERS

Anyone willing to help keep score at the Bible Bowl September 28, let Rick Stanley know. Everyone is welcome to come support the teams September 28.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Photos will be taken **October 24, 25 and 26** for our new church directory. Sign-up sheets will be available on the counter. You will receive a free 8x10 photo, printed directory and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photos with each photo session. You must get your photo taken to receive a free directory. See Steve Gray for more information.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Our Friends and Family Day will be Sunday, November 10. A fellowship meal will follow morning worship and Bible classes. Invite your family and friends!

♥ A special thank you to Melva Farris for the coupons she distributes.

Daily Bible Reading

September 15 - 1 Corinthians 16, Proverbs 5-6
September 16 - 2 Corinthians 1, Proverbs 7-8
September 17 - 2 Corinthians 2, Proverbs 9-11
September 18 - 2 Corinthians 3, Proverbs 12-13
September 19 - 2 Corinthians 4, Proverbs 14-15
September 20 - 2 Corinthians 5, Proverbs 16-17
September 21 - 2 Corinthians 6, Proverbs 18-19
September 22 - 2 Corinthians 7, Proverbs 20-21

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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.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



One Night for The Master

“And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:27-28

A few years ago Monday Night for The Master (M.N.F.T.M.) was started as an opportunity for every member of the congregation here at Camden Ave. to carry out acts of service. It was designed to encourage every member to spend at least two hours of Christian service on select Monday nights; which is still its purpose today. Although encouraging Christian service is its main goal, it has also provided an opportunity for fellowship and building community among the members of the congregation.

This ministry called M.N.F.T.M. is designed for every member; there is something each one of us can do. As we think about M.N.F.T.M. it is not a “normal thing”. We do not usually take two hours out of our day to fellowship, pray, visit, encourage someone, or help with the church in some way; but with M.N.F.T.M. we have an opportunity to do these things. Maybe that is why so many of us are having a hard time in coming to M.N.F.T.M. because it is not a “normal thing.” I wonder if we are not coming to a two hour-long, concentrated effort to exercise our Christianity; then when do we exercise our Christianity?

M.N.F.T.M. is a great thing but in order for it to work it must have each member participate in it. How can one be encouraged if there is no one to do the encouraging? How can one have fellowship if there is no one to do the fellowshiping with? How can service to Christ take place, when no one is doing the serving? How can we visit, if members do not go out and visit?

M.N.F.T.M. allows us to do something, to give something, to spend something, to offer up something, or say something when many times we do not or will not in the “normal world.”

So will you plan to do something that is not “normal” to the rest of the world and come to M.N.F.T.M? Will you spend **one night with The Master**? The Christian service, fellowship, and the encouragement that you will provide is absolutely essential to helping the church of Christ to grow and is essential to you following the example of our Savior. Think about it! Mark T.

**** Remember to sign up for M.N.F.T.M in the foyer, and sign up for items to bring for the meal which starts at 5:45p.m. See you there! M.T.T. ****



Working together in the church family

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:11-16

I. The church family needs great _____ (Eph. 4:11).

A. _____

B. Eph. 6:10-12 – _____

C. _____

II. The church family needs great _____ (Eph. 4:12-13).

A. _____

B. Romans 12:4-8 - _____

C. _____

III. The church family needs great _____ (Eph. 4:14-16).

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Painful Accusations

Job was wealthy. Well, for a time he wasn't . . . his possessions were stolen and destroyed. But how did he get that wealth? And why did he lose it? Not being able to see behind the scenes like those who read the Bible can, those around Job came to the conclusion that he must have done something wrong. Their best guess is that it has something to do with his wealth. His "friend" Eliphaz claims: "You demanded security from your brothers for no reason; you stripped men of their clothing leaving them naked" (Job 34:6). Later Elihu piles on: "Do not long for the night, to drag people away from their homes" (Job 36:20). They are clearly implying that Job became rich off of the backs of the little guy. They say he took advantage of people to gain his great wealth. And they are wrong.

We know that Job was wealthy because he was blessed by God. We know he was in the habit of doing things the right way. We also know Job lost his possessions because he was being severely tempted by Satan. All of these accusations were false. Job did not steal clothing or drag people from their homes. So how much do you think it burdened him when people said that he did? How upsetting was it when Job was accused of something he knew he didn't do? Job protested that he was innocent but they didn't believe him. Later he basically said "God knows" and was silent.

Sometimes people say things because they are envious. Sometimes people attack because righteousness makes them angry – they don't like being shown they way they are supposed to live. So maybe you will face this someday, and say along with the Psalmist: "wicked and deceitful men have opened their mouths against me; they have spoken against me with lying tongues" (Psalm 109:2). What someone says about you isn't fair. It's not true. Like Job you told people you were innocent but your protests are getting you nowhere. I'm sure it will be frustrating, but remember what the Psalmist knew: "For [the Lord] stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save his life from those who condemn him" (Psalm 109:31). God restored Job's reputation and God can restore you. Even if everyone you know believes a lie about you put your trust in the One who knows the truth.

26th Wood County Life Chain

Sunday, October 6

2:00PM - 3:00PM

Grand Central Avenue

Transportation will leave here at 1:30 if you would like to meet at the church building and ride over together.

We will assemble at the Sam's - Lowe's curbside of the parking lot, along Grand Central Avenue from 2:00 -- 3:00.

* Signs are supplied. Also, umbrellas, lawn chairs and strollers are welcome. *

The Wood County Life Chain will always be a peaceful, quiet and prayerful witness that abortions kill children.

Please join us!

Youth Events

MEETING FOR 6-12 GRADE YOUTH

There will be a meeting today in Room 109 after Bible study for the 6th-12th grade youth to discuss CYC and the Bridgeport Youth Rally.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, September 29 we will be hosting the Traveling Youth Group at our evening service. Following services, a meal will be provided in the MP Room. Volunteers are requested to help prepare food and to clean-up afterwards. Let Doug Wells know if you can help.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have any questions or would like additional information (i.e. home Bible studies, Bible Correspondence Courses, etc.) please let us know. We want to share our faith!

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

To many a piece of broken pottery would be worthless. Yes, it once was beautiful. But now it is lying on the floor in pieces just waiting to be swept into the garbage. UNLESS this pottery happens to have the good fortune of being broken in Japan. There it may receive the benefit of a centuries old Japanese art known as Kintsugi, which is the process of putting the broken pieces back together using a metallic lacquer. Sometimes the repaired golden lined cracks create a work of art that is even more beautiful than the original.

Perhaps there are days when we can identify with David when he says in Psalm 31 "I have become like broken pottery." We just aren't sure what happened to the perfect life we thought we had yesterday. It fell off the shelf, and today we are broken. But I want to encourage you - God can do incredible things with broken pieces. He is better than any man at putting it all back together. Even though you are broken trust in God, and He can make your life even more beautiful than it was before.

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 22

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Doug Wells
 PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kody Inman
 Close - Dwain Shears
 6:00 PM - Todd Kirk
 Close - Jon Hesch

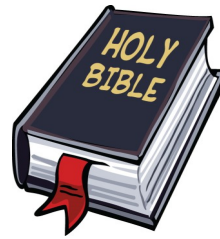
SCRIPTURE

AM - Jimmy Galloway
 PM - Brandon Sheppard

COMMUNION

AM - John Life
 PM - Donovan Walton
 Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber



Rules For Today

Do nothing that you would not want to be doing when
 Jesus comes.
 Go no place where you would not like to be found when
 Jesus comes
 Say nothing that you would not like to be saying when
 Jesus comes.

~ GOSPEL MEETINGS ~

September 22 - 26

Speaker: Phil Grear
 Crum Ridge Church of Christ

September 27

35th Annual Men's Leadership Retreat
 Held at:
 Round Lake
 114 St. Rt 3
 Lakeville, OH 44638

October 27 - 30

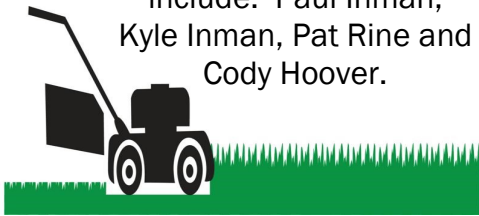
Harrisville Church of Christ
 Speaker: Terry Townsend

October 19

55th Ladies Inspiration Day
 National Road Church of Christ - Wheeling, WV

Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards

The Lawn Crew for this week will include: Paul Inman, Kyle Inman, Pat Rine and Cody Hoover.



Facts and Figures

September 8, 2019

AM Service.....256
 Bible Study.....161
 PM Service.....191
 Wednesday.....174
 Contribution.....\$5986.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2
 Restored or Requested Prayers...2
 Placed Membership.....1

Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....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.

September 22
 WHAT GOD CAN DO

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the Lower Paw Paw congregation.



Everyone welcome!