

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.

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER *THANKSGIVING EDITION*

Monday at 5:45pm

Come and join us for this
special evening!

☞ Prayer List ☞

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
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Kevin Inman
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Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
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*Pray without
Ceasing*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Nina Cheuvront, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Jeff Fitcher, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Jill Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Larry Wigal

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Danny Guard (friend of Saunders) Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Breck Hesselrode, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), Parker Nulter (Grandson of Nulters), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), 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.

Pray for the lost & that we may have an open door to teach them.
Pray for more laborers and workers for God.
Pray for our Elders, Deacons and Ministers.

Continue to remember those that were in the hospital this past week with cards and prayers

Dearll Vincent	Len Haid	Tammie Wilson	Bill Camp
George Schultz	June Schultz	Peg Phillips	

☞ Thank you ☞

- ♥ Thank you to all that stayed for the dinner last Sunday. It went very smooth. Thanks for the help.
- ♥ Thanks to all who helped with our Friday Night sing. It was great. John Life
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and sweet notes. Love, Kimberlee

BIBLE CALL

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HEAR RECORDED INFORMATION ON HUNDREDS OF BIBLE SUBJECTS

24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK.

BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.

DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS.

☞ **Announcements** ☞

SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER

November 19 . The cost of the trip is \$20.00 per person. This includes everything except tip. We will leave at 3:30 for a buffet dinner at Theo's including Roasted Turkey, Honey Ham, many sides, and pie. After dinner we will walk around downtown Cambridge to enjoy the Dickens characters, the shops, and the lighted courthouse. Sign up if you plan on attending. See Dwain Shears for questions.

FOOD COLLECTION

The Latrobe St. church is providing thanksgiving baskets for their neighborhood and would like help. They would like help in collecting the food, canned green beans, canned corn, canned yams, canned pumpkin pie, and pie crust kits. Place these in the bucket in the front lobby by Sunday Nov. 24.

GLEANER CANS

Due to the office by December 1.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Monday, November 25 at 7pm. All are welcome.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items needed for college students. Sign up sheet on the counter in front foyer. Packages will be put together December 1 after evening services. Items can be left in the bin in the front foyer.

MEETINGS TODAY

- Elders, Deacons, Preachers at 4pm
- Men's meeting at 5pm

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible class that meets in room 112 will begin a study about Encouragement today.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays from 6-6:45pm. All ladies are invited. It will be based on the Lads to Leaders Pearls book. We will be meeting in room 112. Questions see Laura.

SECRET SISTERS

Sign up sheets can be picked up in either foyer. Return to Kimberlee S. or Laura T. today.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Why should I place membership with the local congregation?

The question has been asked of me, “Why should I place membership with the local congregation?”

This question can only be answered if one understands that they have obeyed what the Bible teaches on how one becomes a Christian. In Acts 2:38, we see that all those who repented of their sins and were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and received the Holy Spirit, were added to the church by God (Acts 2:41,47). This is where a person becomes a member of the church.

Now assume a person has obeyed the Gospel according to scriptures but then they move to a new area or maybe they obeyed the Gospel at church camp or while they were away at college. Why should they place membership with the local congregation?

First, it is biblical. Now the word “membership” is not found in the Bible, but the concept is there. Another word for membership is “partnership” which is found in Philippians 1:5.

In the New Testament, Christians are identified with the congregation they worshiped and worked with. In Romans 16 Phoebe, Priscilla, and Aquila, as well as many others were identified with local congregations. Paul was able to make a distinction from one congregation to another, as well as members because they had identified with the various local congregations. This could be said of each congregation in the New Testament; writers wrote to each congregation which were identified separately, and individual members were identified with one congregation or another.

Second, for involvement purposes. In Romans 12:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Paul uses the human body as an example of how each member of the Body of Christ is to function. So, when a person “places membership” the elders of the church should help direct the new member in areas they can best use their talents.

Membership in the church is not like in a civic organization where one just pays dues and shows up to meetings. Church members are expected to do something for God, to teach, serve, lead, give, encourage, or a variety of other activities. It is important that Christians be involved in the work of the church and not just “pew warmers.” When a Christian “places their membership” with a congregation it helps the elders know who they can depend on, and call on, to help with the work of the church.

Third, it helps in building relationships. Membership is about relationships. The churches in Thessalonica and Athens began by people obeying the gospel and joining (consorted, KJV) themselves to Paul and the faithful brethren with him (Acts 17:4; 17:34). Meaning they “associate” or began to congregate together as a body of believers.

Fourth, accountability. Nowhere in the New Testament do we see Christians being “church members at large” or not identifying with a congregation. In Acts 9:27-28 Saul later Paul was taken to Jerusalem and “identified” with the church in Jerusalem. Later in Acts 13:1-2 Paul “identified” with the church of Antioch. Even Paul who traveled greatly to carry out the gospel of Jesus Christ “identified” or “placed membership” with a congregation. Even in Acts 21:17-18 James is identified with the church in Jerusalem.

Also, how can a member “obey their leaders” and have them watch over you as we see instructed in Hebrews 13:17, if one has not placed membership.

Today many people visit and attend a congregation for a while before they “place membership.” If you are one of those individuals, and you have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ by repenting of your sins and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38). Then please go talk to one of the elders, they would enjoy talking to you more about you placing your membership.

Written by Mark T. Tonkery

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” Phil. 1:4-5

The Suffering Servant

part 1

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4

My Servant is foretelling about _____. Isaiah says Jesus will:

I. Jesus will have the Lord's _____ upon Him Is. 42:1

a. Luke 3:22 -

II. Jesus will not _____ Is. 42:3

a. Matthew 12:15-21-

III. Jesus will give _____ Is. 42:4

a. Hebrews 8:7-13-

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Practice Makes Skillfulness

As a kid I fell completely in love with ping-pong. (Or table tennis if you want to make it sound like less of a nerd game). I practiced every chance I got. Any free time at summer camp and you could find me at the ping-pong table. In high school I would eat my lunch as fast as I could so I could go to . . . you guessed it . . . the ping-pong table. In college . . . okay, never mind, you get the point. I played a lot of ping-pong. And, over time, this funny thing happened. I got really good at ping-pong. Could you see that coming? Would you believe that when you practice something over and over you become more skilled at it? It's true for many things.

In Jeremiah's day the Israelites had become really good at doing evil. "My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good" (Jeremiah 4:22). Not the best choice in something to be good at. But that's what happens when you practice! They became more and more skilled at not getting caught. Their justifications became more and more sophisticated. They had graduated from dipping their toes in the kiddie pool of evil and were now diving into the deep end. On the other hand, their "doing good skills" had atrophied from lack of use. Maybe they never developed in the first place.

"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15). Is what you're doing something you want to be good at? Do something enough and you will be. And may this be encouragement to those who have hesitated to do some good deed because "I'm just not good at it." Of course you're not! You haven't practiced. The first time a young man goes up to preach he might (due to nerves) talk so fast that no one understands what he's saying. But if he keeps on trying those skills will improve. The first time you try to share the gospel with a friend may not come out as smoothly as you hoped it would. It might feel very awkward. But keep trying at every opportunity and I suspect a funny thing will happen. I think you'll get good at it. Let's become a people who stink at doing evil but are extremely skilled at doing what is good.

**"Be very careful, then, how you live-not
as unwise but as wise..."**

Ephesians 5:15





☞ Youth Events ☞

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

November 24 at Newport church of Christ. Leave Camden at 5:40pm.

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Many of my prayers are only a few minutes long. In fact, I have been complemented on my brevity a couple of times when praying for dinner at a family get together. When the smell of mashed potatoes are in the air, many people appreciate a shorter prayer. However-we need to have a willingness to pray for as long as is necessary.

When is the last time you prayed for an hour? How about a half-hour? Did you know that Jesus sometimes prayed all night? The Savior found prayer so important that he was willing to trade sleep to get more prayer. No wonder he once fell asleep in the middle of the storm! If we're going to be more like the Savior we're going to have to spend more time in prayer than just thirty seconds before meal time and the couple of minutes we have left over at the end of the day.

According to Acts 6:4 the apostles made sacrifices so they could "give their attention to prayer." Do we? The mashed potatoes can wait.

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, November 24

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
 PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders
 Close - Doug Hershman
 6:00 PM - Walter Morgan
 Close - Josh Hall

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ira Kimes
 PM - Jeff Taberner

COMMUNION

AM - Kyle Inman
 PM - Bill Camp
 Jon Hescht

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber
 2 - Verna Huber
 3 - Josh Hall

PM

1. Amy Young & Nina Cheuvront
 2. Jennifer Thomas & Jenny Ware
 5. Brian & Ann Knotts
 6. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

Facts and Figures

November 10, 2019

AM Service.....305
 Bible Study.....202
 PM Service.....187
 Wednesday.....191
 Contribution.....\$24548.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

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

Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11am & 7:00pm

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

1- Jeff Taberner	16-Eric Young
2-Bob Eddy	16-Ron & Linda Moncrief*
3-Chris & Debbie Tallman*	17-Don & Sheri Gaston*
4-Sheri Gaston	19-Jordan Kirk
5-John (Bram) Mills	20-Larry & Janet Plant*
6-Don Nesselroad	20-Ray & Bonnie Sams
10-Jim & Sallie Hinzman*	21-Brian Haught
10-Mike & Teresa Wade*	21-Tori Plant-Stevens
11-Allen Coe	24-Kim Ledsome
11-Kathy Hoover	24-Herb & Joyce Wright*
11-Addie Inman	25-Josh Gray
12-Barbara Saunders	26-Annette Kirk
12:Gary & Melva Farris*	26-Dana Sponseller
13-Haley Johnson	27-Cotton & Patty Sayre*
13-Hayden Kelly	28-Rosemary Merrill
14-Mary Daniel	29-Mike Fleak
14-Darrell Vaught	29-Jay Goldsmith
15-Janet Looney	30-Madison Taberner
15-Jean Martin	31-Jim Dailey
16-Tammy Kerns	31-Ty Inman
16-Amy Young	

Notify the office of any changes or updates

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week please have all announcements to the office by noon on Wednesday 11/27.

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.

November 24

"Giving Thanks"

Daily Bible Reading

November 18:Hebrews 9; Eze.4-7
 November 19:Hebrews10; Eze.8-11
 November 20:Hebrews 11; Eze.12-13
 November 21:Hebrews 12; Eze.14-16
 November 22:Hebrews 13; Eze.17
 November 23:James 1; Eze.18-20
 November 24:James 2; Eze.21