

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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The Colors of Love

Purple was the robe,
the beaten Jesus wore (Matt. 27:28)

**Brown, the thorny crown
which in much pain He bore (Matt. 27:19)**

White, the sinlessness
from which He didn't shrink (Heb. 4:15)

Yellow, the bitter gall
that He'd refuse to drink (Matt. 27:34)

Green, the lovely plants
nearby Calvary's hill (John 19:41)

Red, the precious blood
that today heals us still (1 Peter 1:18-19)

Orange, the noon-day sun
before it was covered o'er (Luke 23:45)

Black, the darkened sky
as black as ne'er before (Luke 23:44)

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Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
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Pray without Ceasing

Our church family in need of prayers.

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

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Ron Coe, 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), Brandon Penn, 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.

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Wirt Cook.
His funeral was last week.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you to all that donated and helped to package the college care packages. Mark Tonkery
- ♥ Thank you all so much for the Veterans/Widow's dinner. Our ladies had a wonderful time there and it was a first trip for most of them! Your youth did such a great job and the food was delicious. Thanks for remembering us!! Christian Love, The Ladies of Love and Care

BIBLE CALL

304.420.2416

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.

*this is the day
the LORD has
made, we will
rejoice & be
glad in it*
PSALM
118:24

Announcements

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch. Today after morning worship and Bible class. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

We are collecting items for Community Resources, who shares with those in need in the community. Items requested are: Cleaning products, sanitizing spray, shampoo, conditioner, soap, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, ladies personal items, and diapers. Small packages (such as from Dollar Tree) are great for sharing. Any questions see Julie Taberner or Amanda Cochran. Items are needed by next Sunday, December 15 and can be placed in the front foyer.

AREA-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

January 12, 2020 at 2pm at North End church of Christ.

MEETINGS

- Care Group Leaders Tonight after worship in room 109
- Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting Sunday December 15 at 4pm.
- Men's meeting Sunday, December 15 at 5pm in room 109
- Ladies meeting Sunday, December 15 at 5pm in multipurpose room.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible study from the Lads to Leaders Pearls book is each Wednesday at 6pm in room 112. Feel free to join us.

December 25 Services

December 25 there will be a singing and devotional service at 7pm instead of regular classes. There will be no 11am class or Pearls Bible study.

CONGRATULATIONS

Grandparents Clayton & Verna Huber on the birth of their newest Granddaughter, Elsie Smith born Sunday December 1.



SACK-THE-PULPIT

The month of December. Shopping lists are available in the foyer. Items can be left on either side of the front of the auditorium.

LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Ladies Holiday Luncheon will be Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Parkersburg Country Club. Lunch will be served at noon doors open at 11:30. \$5 optional gift exchange. Information sheet on the counter. See Gala Miller for more information.

LADIES ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Has been moved to Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in MP room. Bring a snack to share and a wrapped ornament.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY

Read almost any business book, self-help book, or do a search on the internet on articles of how to be a better person and one will come across the word “integrity.”

The Bible is also full of examples of individuals who were people of integrity. People like Caleb, Ruth, Job, Paul, and many others lived their lives before God and were people with integrity.

Willard Tate described integrity this way, “The word comes from the mathematical term “integer”, a number that hasn’t been divided into fractions. It’s a whole number. And a person with integrity is a man or woman whose life is not divided against itself [by lying, immorality, cheating, gossiping, stealing, drinking, or dishonesty] someone who enjoys wholeness and completeness” (Habits of a Loving Heart p. 96).

In other words, integrity is more than just telling the truth, it is living the truth, being a truthful person all the time. It is being what we say we are, even when no one is looking; not being hypocritical, deceitful, or untrustworthy.

Proverbs 11:3, teaches that, “The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.”

Dennis Waitley, in an article entitled, "Your Absolute Bottom Line," published in *Priorities Magazine*, shared this story that well illustrates integrity.

In the operating room of a large, well-known hospital, it was the nurse's first day on the medical team. She was responsible that all instruments and materials were accounted for before completing the final steps of the operation. She said to the surgeon, "You've only removed 11 sponges. We used 12 sponges, and we need to find the last one."

"I removed them all," the doctor declared emphatically. "We'll close the incision now."

"No," the rookie nurse objected, "we used 12 sponges."

"I'll take the responsibility," the surgeon said grimly. "Suture."

"You can't do that, sir," blazed the nurse. "Think of the patient."

The surgeon smiled and lifted his foot, showing the nurse the twelfth sponge. "You'll do just fine in this or any other hospital."

Dishonest people and practices have plagued our society. Companies, government, families, schools, and sadly, even in the church; people have been cheated, lied to, used, and have been victims of dishonest practices; yet this seems to be the norm today. But integrity should be one of the characteristics of the Church. Above all, honesty and integrity should be a characteristic of each Christian.

Jesus put it this way “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?” (Luke 16:10-11). Think about it! In Christ, Mark T. Tonkery



INTEGRITY

AM Sermon, Doug Wells: Be Ready for the Banquet

Scripture Reading: Revelation 19:6-9

Discussion Guide:

What do you consider some of the biggest days of your life?

What will be the biggest?

Revelation 19:7

On a big day, you want everything to be _____? Ephesians 5:25-27, Matthew 5:48

What's a big day like if you aren't ready? Matthew 25:1-13

Why might someone not be prepared for the big day? 1 Peter 3:4, 9.

How can a church, especially the leaders, help prepare you for the biggest day of your life? Colossians 1:28-29, Ephesians 4:11-12.

What affects the clothing that we will be wearing on our biggest day? Revelation 19:7-8, Isaiah 59:6, Matthew 22:12, Galatians 3:27

How important is it to be at a church that helps prepare you for this day?

Have YOU made preparations for the day Jesus comes back?

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery: Jesus the Good Shepherd

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-5

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

The Wet Log is Worth It

My teenage son went hunting with his grandfather last week – an event that both of them were really looking forward to. It was his first time going. When my son got back I asked him how it went. He said “I spent twelve hours sitting on a wet log. We saw a deer once but it ran away before we could get it.” Do you know what really blows my mind? He wants to go again. To get his first deer my son is willing to sit on a wet log for another full day. I’m not a hunter myself so I don’t get it . . . but I admire the dedication.

Such is to be our dedication for reaching out to the lost! Once Jesus used fishing as an analogy for evangelism. He was speaking to men who knew all about sitting for hours with little success. But that wasn’t going to stop them, even when they went all night without catching anything. They were fishermen – and I fully believe they were going to go out and fish the next night too anyway. Jesus talks to men with that kind of mindset and tells them: “Come, follow me . . . and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19).

One truth about evangelism is that it’s not easy. Most people are not going to experience standing on a stage, proclaiming the gospel, and seeing hundreds obey. God be praised if you do! Thus far God has worked through me in a different way. Sometimes, despite considerable effort, I don’t “catch” anything at all. I may get to know someone, spend hours talking to them on the phone, bring up spiritual matters time and time again and STILL not see that person come to Christ. But here’s the thing about fishing: if you keep going out there eventually you’re going to catch something. Skills will improve with practice. Knowledge will grow. Eventually a fish comes along that is hungry enough to bite.

I want to encourage all the “hunters” out there. There are deer in the forest. There are fish in the stream. There are people who are interested in spiritual things. However, if you give up after your first twelve hours of no visible results you’ll never know the truth of this. You won’t experience the joy that happens when someone you have been talking to finally comes to the Lord. That’s worth sitting on a wet log. Every minute of it.



Youth News

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

December 14, 9am in the MP Room. Bring a wrapped gift for your child. Sign-up sheet is on the counter if you plan on attending, to help at the breakfast and for items needed.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

All boys 12th grade and under are invited to a holiday get-together Today, Dec. 8 from 2pm-5pm in the MP room. Bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift for a gift exchange. See Kyle for more details.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Sunday December 29 at Rosemar church of Christ. The bus will leave at 3:30pm.

NEW YEARS EVE

December 31 at 7pm. There will be a fellowship for all interested. Bring money for pizza and your favorite games.

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The movie *Hacksaw Ridge* tells the story of a man named Desmond Doss. During World War Two Doss saved seventy-five dying soldiers in the battle of Okinawa, without even carrying a gun to protect himself. That's incredibly heroic, but what I'm really inspired by is his prayer while he was saving the men. He said over and over again: "Please Lord, help me get one more."

May every Christian pray that prayer! There is a lot of pain and suffering in this world and only one place where we can truly be healed. May every Christian desire to bring people to Jesus, who said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We go out in to the battlefield and we find someone who is hurt and weary, and we bring that person to the Savior. There this person finds rest for their soul! And that's wonderful! But we can't stop there, we must keep praying until Jesus comes: "Please Lord, help me get one more."

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, December 15



ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Stan Inman

Close - Marion Goldsmith

6:00 PM - Len Haid

Close - Cody Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Brandon Sheppard

PM - Ron Riddle

COMMUNION

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Paul Inman

Bill Mills

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Inman

2 - Doug Hershman

3 - Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Kody & Chelsea Inman

2. John & Karen Life

5. Bill & Rosemary Merrill

6. Pat & Bev Rine

December- Sack-The-Pulpit

December 14- Pancake Breakfast

December 15- Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting

December 15- Men's & Ladies Meetings

December 15- Community Resource items due to building

December 17- Ladies lunch at Country Club

December 29- Traveling Youth Group at Rosemar

December 31- New Years Eve Fellowship

January 4, 2020- Annual Open House at the Tonkery's

January 12, 2020- Area Wide Service at North End

January 20, 2020- Not just another holiday dinner at Western Sizzlin'

February 28-March 1, 2020- Challenge Youth Conference

March 27-29, 2020- Science vs. Evolution Seminar at Camden Avenue

Facts and Figures

December 1, 2019

AM Service.....264

Bible Study.....168

PM Service.....188

Wednesday.....179

Contribution.....\$7526.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...4

Placed Membership.....8

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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

Sentence Sermons

- A bad attitude is like a flat tire - You can't go anywhere until you change it.
- A grudge is too heavy a load for any Christian to carry.
- An apology can repair many mistakes.
- You are the only person on this earth who can use your ability.

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.

December 15

The Devil's Schemes

Daily Bible Reading

Dec. 9- 1 John 4; Dan. 5-6

Dec. 10- 1 John 5; Dan. 7-9

Dec. 11- 2 John-3 John ; Dan. 10-12

Dec. 12- Jude; Hos. 1-3

Dec. 13- Rev. 1; Hos. 4-7

Dec. 14- Rev. 2; Hos. 8-11

Dec. 15- Rev. 3; Hos. 12-14