

# 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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# Welcome

Thank you to those who came from the Cox Blvd. church of Christ this weekend to speak on Evangelism.

Today, classes 6th grade and up will remain in the auditorium for class.



*"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'"*

**Mark 16:15**

### **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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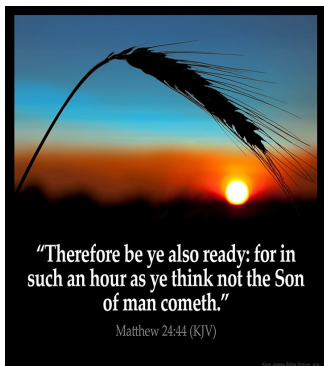
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## **In Our Prayers**

### **Our church family in need of prayers.**

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Bill Camp, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, 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 & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

### **Prayers requested for family and friends**

Dani Barclay, Mark Berry, Betty Blair (neighbor of Dorothy Stevens), Kelly Boyce, Ron Coe, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, Danny Guard (friend of Saunders) Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Norm & Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams

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

## **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Drew Sowards.

We extend our sympathy to Justin & Kassi Adkins on the passing of Justin's mother, Cindy Adkins.

## **Thank You**

- ♥ Thank you everyone for the cards. I love my church family. Phyllis Johnson
- ♥ Thank you for all the beautiful cards for my birthday. Lucille Hardman
- ♥ Thank you for all the cards. Richard Cozad

COUNT YOUR MANY  
**BLESSINGS**  
NAME THEM  
**ONE BY ONE**  
COUNT YOUR MANY  
BLESSINGS SEE WHAT  
**GOD HAS DONE**

# Announcements

## **NOT ANOTHER HOLIDAY DINNER**

Tomorrow, January 20 at 6pm at Western Sizzlin. Singing by the Love's Quartet. Please give any donations to help with the cost of the singers to Mark T. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

## **CLOTHING ROOM**

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for anyone willing to help work in the clothing room for one month this year.

## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

The January book of the month is Matthew. Read and then sign up on the sheet on the bulletin boards in either foyer.

## **SING AT LOVE AND CARE**

Monday, January 27 at 7pm. All are invited.

## **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

The Ladies Pearls Bible study is continuing for the next few weeks. If you have not attended before we would still love to have you. It is Wednesdays from 6-6:45pm.

## **VBS MEETING**

After evening worship Sunday, February 9 in room 109.

## **TEACHER NEEDED**

There is a teacher needed for the Cradle Roll class on Wednesday nights. See Doug Wells if you can help.

## **SENIOR SOUP BEAN DINNER**

Annual soup bean dinner and game night. February 21 at 5:30pm.

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, Feb. 17 1pm-5:30pm.

## **SCIENCE VS. EVOLUTION SEMINAR**

March 27-29 with Dr. Jeff Miller of Apologetics Press.

## **BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PETITION**

This bill will protect infants born alive following an attempted abortion. It would require hospitals to perform the same degree of care for the baby born alive as a result of a failed abortion. There is a petition on the counter in the foyer to sign.

## **BEARWALLOW CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING**

Feb. 2 The Bearwallow church of Christ will be presenting a series of messages on "To Him Two by Too". Bible study will be at 9:30am, Worship at 10:30am, and then a special ladies message at 2pm.

## **Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery**

Due to a very full bulletin Mark has allowed me to use his Minute of Meditation for the article this week. Thank you!

### **Removing the Stop Signs**

A news account told several years ago of three young people who were accused of murdering three innocent citizens. When the three were apprehended, they had no weapon and no blood on their clothes. In fact, they were not even present when the victims were slaughtered. As a prank, it was said they had removed the stop sign at a four-way intersection. The driver kept driving when a stop would have been made, resulting in a fiery collision that cost three teenagers their lives.



Today we live in a world in which the stop signs are quietly being removed. While those removing the stop signs may be only attempting to have some fun, the results are as catastrophic as a fiery automobile crash. The Bible contains some stop signs that are vital for those who seek to master the art of living well.

Read the Bible . It could save your life. Think about it! I am Mark T. Tonkery and this has been a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

### **BIBLE CALL**

**304.420.2416**

**WWW.BIBLECALL.INFO**

**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.**

**UPDATE:**

We had 194 calls in December with 20 hours of Bible teaching over the phone. Our high days were Dec. 3 with 19 calls, Dec. 9 with 16 calls, and Dec. 30 with 13 calls. Topics with top interest were 117 Strengthening Our Faith, 212 Christians Under Persecution, 524 The Old Testament, 605 Church Organization, and 801 Making the Most of Life.

Are you calling daily and telling others about this good work that can bless our lives? Let us receive with meekness the engrafted word that is able to save our souls.

Congregations that are set to mail in January include, Salem, WV, Harmer Hill, and Camden Avenue.

Pray that God will bless all these efforts and tell a friend about Bible call.

For any questions see David Epler

# **Today's Sermon Notes:**

## **The Challenge of Evangelism**

Doug Wells PM Sermon: Worship Comes from What God Has Done  
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:28

# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## The Sacrifice of Fools

There is no doubt that all of our lives can be worship to God. However, I also believe that when believers assemble together this is a special time of worship. A time that should be approached thoughtfully. It is no small thing to come into the presence of the living God! That's why Solomon advises: "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong" (Ecclesiastes 5:1). In other words, give thought to your ways. Don't offer the sacrifice of fools – who enter into the worship so carelessly they don't realize God is not pleased with what they are doing.

There are many ways we can "guard our steps" and avoid being foolish in worship. For one, we can be thoughtful about our prayers. There are some who are skilled in offering very lengthy and pious sounding prayers. After the 20+ minutes are over most forget everything that was said since they tuned out after the same topics started to get repeated over and over. Don't look at me like that . . . you know it's true. Prayers that are for show are the sacrifice of fools. We would be wise to reflect on this verse: "God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few" (Eccl. 5:2).

We can guard our steps by meaning what we say to God. Ever made God a promise during the heights of worship that you didn't keep? That is the sacrifice of fools. "When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it" (Eccl. 5:4). It is also unwise to sing praises that you don't really mean. Words that are sung on Sunday should be reflected in our lives the rest of the week. Enthusiasm is no substitute for devotion. Have you given thought to your ways? Could you be singing and promising lies without even realizing it? This is not hard to do when we're careless about worship.

Jesus tells a parable in Luke 18 about two men who go to the temple to worship. One is all show, a self-righteous Pharisee. The other man reflects on some of his poor choices and humbles himself before God. One left worship justified and the other did not. If we want God to be pleased with our services we need to be worshiping truthfully, thoughtfully, and out of a pure heart that promotes God over self. Otherwise we are just offering the sacrifice of fools.

**“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him  
must worship in spirit and truth.”**

John 4:24

# Youth News

## TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

January 26 at Little Hocking

## MONDAY NIGHT MERGE

Monday nights beginning February 3rd at 7pm.

## CYC

February 28-March 1

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

April 9-12

## NORTH END YOUTH RALLY

March 13-14 with Ben Hayes. See the bulletin board for more information.

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

## Placing Membership

Jordan & Grace Smith

20975 Jeffery Rd. Dexter City, Ohio 45727

Jordan: 740-434-7952 Grace: 740-517-1142

They will be in Care Group 1.

Be sure to meet them and get to know them.

## Baptism

We rejoice that Carly Tabener was baptized Wednesday Evening!

Be sure and welcome her to the family.



## Serving In Worship Sunday, January 26

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Clayton Huber  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Kevin Cochran

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Scott Smith

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Ryan Highman

Close - Kyle Inman

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Bill Merrill

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Dylan Muncy

PM - Steve Gray

### **COMMUNION**

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Todd Kirk

Dwain Shears

**PA SYSTEM** - Jim Galloway

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1 - Allen Coe  
2 - Dave Nulter  
3 - Lois Nulter

### **PM**

1. Bill & Sherry Hoover  
2. Tammy Kerns & Sonya Hescht  
5. Kevin & Becky Inman  
6. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb. 2- Sonya Hescht  
Feb. 4- Addie Miller  
Feb. 4- Doris Newberry  
Feb. 4- Patrick Rine  
Feb. 5- Nancy Proffitt  
Feb. 5- Bret Wilcoxon  
Feb. 7- Paul Inman  
Feb. 9- Daniel & Tabetha Rich\*  
Feb. 11- Mildred Gault  
Feb. 11- Marion Goldsmith  
Feb. 14- Sandy Hughes  
Feb. 14- Russ & Patty Alton\*  
Feb. 14- Dennis & Sandy Keller\*  
Feb. 15- Mark Tonkery  
Feb. 20- Sandy Sheppard  
Feb. 21- Kyla Barnes  
Feb. 22- Brenda Guthrie  
Feb. 25- Payton Knotts  
Feb. 26- Kody Inman  
Feb. 26- Ira Kimes  
Feb. 26- Mike & Gwen Lucas\*  
Feb. 27- Charlotte Galloway  
Feb. 27- Doug Hershman



For any additions or corrections please let the office know.

## Facts and Figures

January 12, 2020

AM Service.....244  
Bible Study.....169  
PM Service.....191  
Wednesday.....195  
Contribution.....\$7019.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020**

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

## Service Times

### **Sunday**

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

### **Wednesday**

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

### **"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.

**January 26**

**"God With Us"**



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## Daily Bible Reading

Jan. 20: Mt. 13:24-46, Ge. 41-42  
Jan. 21: Mt. 13:47-58, Ge. 43-44  
Jan. 22: Mt. 14, Ge. 45-46  
Jan. 23: Mt. 15:1-20, Ge.47-48  
Jan. 24: Mt. 15:21-39, Ge. 49-50  
Jan. 25: Mt. 16, Ex. 1-3  
Jan.26: Mt. 17, Ex. 4-5