

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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God
BLESS
IN THE
New Year
You

For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11



In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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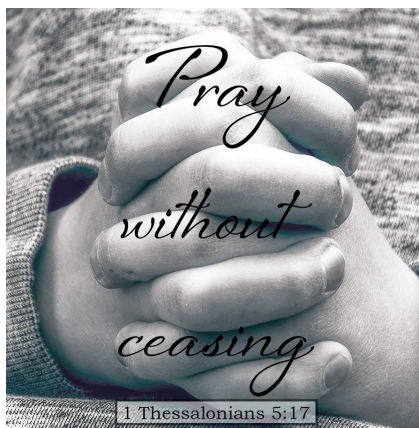
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Our church family in need of prayers.

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

Mark Berry, 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), Brandon Penn, Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Seth Waggoner

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

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards. Lucille Hardman
- ♥ Thank you Gene Dulaney, Scott Johnson & Doug Wells for the work on the New Years Eve party.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone that came to our open house. It was wonderful to have everyone there!

Announcements

COMMUNION BREAD

Many thanks to the ladies who faithfully volunteer to prepare the communion bread each week. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you would like to sign up to make communion bread in 2020. Thank you!

NOT ANOTHER HOLIDAY DINNER

January 20 at 6pm at Western Sizzlin. Singing by the Love's Quartet.

AREA-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

CLOTHING ROOM

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

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch after morning worship and Bible class on January 12.

SING AT LOVE AND CARE

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Dewey Avenue church of Christ, St. Marys WV

Winter Training Series Thursdays 7-8pm January 9th-30th.

Bridgeport church of Christ, Bridgeport WV

One Day Lectureship 2020 Vision, Sunday January 12.

Fishinger & Kenny church of Christ, Columbus Ohio

Teen Ohio Winter Lectures, January 24-25

Ohio Winter Lectures Raising Up a New Generation, January 24-25

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

“State of the Church Address”

It is common about this time of year to hear the state of union address from our President. This speech is to give an update of the state of the nation, and it is also an opportunity to share accomplishments, vision and goals for the New Year. We see a similar thing done in scripture when Paul would return from his missionary trips in the book of Acts. So, I believe it is appropriate to communicate to the congregation the accomplishments, works of ministry, and goals for the New Year. Although it is true one can not measure all the spiritual efforts that God’s people do, the following are some of those things we can measure.

Our largest attendance was 305 on 11/10/19 (Our family and friends day).

The average Sunday A.M. attendance was 252 in 2018 it was 257.

The average Sunday P.M. attendance was 184 in 2018 it was 193.

The average Sunday Bible Class attendance 176 in 2018 it was 177.

The average Wednesday evening attendance 158 in 2018 it was 165.

We had 9 deaths this year associated with the congregation.

We had 8 people placed membership.

We had 3 babies born this year associated with the congregation.

We had 5 restorations and 2 baptisms.

We also accomplished some things such as: We had a Parenting Seminar, with Lonnie Jones, from CYC. We had a great VBS and are already planning another one for 2020, the date is to be announced. We sent out the House to House, Heart to Heart paper to two mail routes in South Parkersburg; which is over 1,000 addresses. We also continued to send mailers out about Bible Call.

We continued our work with Love and Care assisted living; Doug and I had a weekly Bible study on Fridays along with the congregation hosting the worship services and Thursday night Bible study in rotation with other congregations.

We had several of our youth participate in the area youth events such as Traveling Youth Group, Monday Night devotionals, North End’s Youth Rally, Norval Park, Zanesville, Ohio Youth Rally, Bridgeport, WV Youth Rally, CYC and Lads to Leaders, as well as OVCYC and WVCYC church camp. The youth also hosted the Veteran’s, Widows, and Widowers dinner. We once again helped support Potter’s Children Home with the Gleaner Can campaign, and held Pack the Pulpit, and supported the U.S. Postal Service food drive. We also hosted the Red Cross Blood Drive, a CPR training class, and a Stop the Bleed class.

Monday Night for the Master was once again held, and we hope to continue this good work in 2020. Doug and I continued to bring the Minute of Meditation radio spot each week. The congregation once again hosted an area wide sing as well as took the bus to many of the area wide sings. The congregation hosted the Bible Bowl in September, which many of our members also participated in and the 2020 Bible Bowl is planned for Saturday, Oct. 3. Several from the congregation were involved with leading and conducting a weekend Vacation Bible School at the Northeast Church of Christ in Galena, Ohio and a group went and helped with the cleanup efforts in Florida. The congregation once again participated in the Pro-Life Rally. The congregation also hosted its annual school supplies give away, clothing give away, and coat give away. We also sent out care packages to our college students, collected items for Community Resources, and OVCYC. The congregation also had many good fellowship dinners each month as wells a very nice picnic at Dupont Park.

I continued teaching at Ohio Valley University, and plan to teach one class this semester, Introduction to the Bible, starting January 14. I also had the opportunity to attend the Freed Hardeman Lectureships, speak at the Dewey Ave. Church of Christ’s Winter Series, as well speak at several congregation for their Summer Sermon Series.

These are just several of the many works that the congregation was involved in this past year, space will not allow for us to mention the various missions, benevolence visitation, and other good works the congregation is doing and has been involved in.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lord’s work in 2019. Keep up the good work and may we strive to reach out to the lost and help people get to Heaven. God will cause the increase if we plant and water (1 Cor.

3:6).

Thank you, Mark T.~

The proper response to the preaching of the Gospel is to believe and be baptized in order to be saved according to what Jesus taught in Mark 16:15-16.

I. What do people say?

A. Some do not _____.

1. _____
2. Mt. 7:13-14 - _____
3. Eph. 5:5-6 _____

B. Baptized → _____ → Believe.

1. _____
 - a. First of all baptism is always an _____.
 - b. Second, those who believe in infant baptism indicate that _____ is not essential to salvation.
 - i. Acts 8:35-37 - _____
 - ii. Rom. 10:9-10 - _____
 - c. Third baptizing infants is _____ found in _____.

C. Believe → _____ → Baptized or _____ → Saved

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

II. What does God say?

A. Mark 16:16, "Whoever _____ and is _____ will be _____, but whoever does not _____ will be _____."

1. So, what did God say? What did Jesus teach?
 - a. _____ → _____ → _____
2. Is this the only time in scripture we read that a person believed and was baptized the way Jesus stated here in Mark 16:16? No. Look at the following verses:
 - a. Acts 2:41, "So those who _____ his word were _____, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."
 - b. Acts 8:12, "But when they _____ Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were _____, both men and women."
 - c. Acts 8:13, "Even Simon himself _____, and after being _____ he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed."
 - d. Acts 8:36-38, "And as they went on *their way*, they came unto a certain _____: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be _____? And Philip said, If thou _____ with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I _____ that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both _____ the _____, both Philip and the eunuch; and he _____ him."
 - e. Acts 18:8, "Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, _____ in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul _____ and were _____."
 - f. Gal 3:26-27, "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through _____. For as many of you as were _____ into Christ have put on Christ."

Finally

A. Now, whom shall we believe God or Man?

B. Acts 22:16, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Go Visit With Visitors

I've read that some churches have a "secret visitor" program. Here's the basic idea: a stranger agrees to come to a church service. Nobody knows this person. He comes in, sits by himself, and experiences the church service from an outsider's perspective. Afterwards he spends some time speaking with church leadership about the experience. The visitor gets asked questions like – did you feel welcome? Did anyone talk to you before or after service? What did you think of the service itself? If you were looking for a church would you be likely to come back for a second visit? You know, things like that. If a "secret visitor" were to come to where you worship what do you think he would say?

There are many churches out there that think they are friendly and welcoming. The unfortunate truth is that what some mean by that is they are friendly and welcoming to people they already know. The stranger who comes in has a completely different experience compared to the person who has been going to church there for ten years. I can tell you from first-hand experience that being ignored as a visitor is unpleasant. And I'm an introvert! I've been to many churches while speaking and traveling but a place where I was ignored is not somewhere I've been twice. See how that works?

As you come to worship I would encourage everyone to remember the priorities of God. Jesus tells a parable of a sheep that gets lost. He asks about the shepherd, "Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4). I get that when we come to church we want to talk to our friends. But you know something? They're (God-willing) going to be there next week. If you don't go talk to that visitor there's a good chance he won't be. I humbly suggest you make the visitors your priority. If you see someone that you haven't seen before go say hi. And who knows? Perhaps by doing so you'll play a part in a lost sheep being found.



Youth News

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

Today after morning worship. There will be a fellowship in the MP room for all participants and leaders. Pizza will be provided.



TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

January 26 at Little Hocking

MONDAY NIGHT MERGE

Mark your calendars for Monday nights beginning February 3rd at 7pm.

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.**

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

How Long Has it Been Since You...?

How long has it been since you...Took the time to go see someone who lives alone? Wrote a letter to someone who crossed your mind? Read the Bible to someone too ill to read for themselves? Encouraged someone who was having a difficult time? Gave a smile to someone you walked by or held the door for the person behind you?

When did you last pray earnestly for someone who was faltering? Told a teenager that you were proud of his or her efforts in school? When did you last spend time with your son or daughter at the park? Or when was the last time you bought a single mothers groceries or took a friend to the doctor who could not get there themselves? Or when was the last time you did yardwork for your neighbor who just needs a helping hand?

With all the hate and anger in our world today, let each of us do something nice and kind, to encourage someone else! It may not change the entire world, but it could change someone's world.

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!

Serving In Worship

Sunday, January 12

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway
 PM - David Epler

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Len Haid
 Close - Ken Barnes
 6:00 PM - Pat Rine
 Close - Chris Tallman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Levi Wells
 PM - Bill Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - Dylan Muncy
 PM - Dennis Keller
 Mike Fleak

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Donovan Walton
 2 - Ron Riddle
 3 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Brian & Natalie Haught
 2. Ryan & Cheryl Logston
 5. Bob & Gala Miller
 6. Paul & Nancy Inman

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY



Facts and Figures

December 29, 2019

AM Service.....	247
Bible Study.....	168
PM Service.....	173
Wednesday.....	176
Contribution.....	\$6762.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....	2
Restored or Requested Prayers...	5
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

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.

January 12
 "Does it Matter"

Daily Bible Reading

January 6- Mt. 5:21-48; Ge. 13-15
 January 7- Mt. 6:1-15; Ge. 16-18
 January 8- Mt. 6:16-34; Ge. 19-20
 January 9- Mt. 7; Ge. 21-22
 January 10- Mt. 8; Ge. 23-24
 January 11- Mt. 9:1-17; Ge. 25
 January 12- Mt. 9:18-38; Ge. 26-27