

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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100 years ago

1920's Facts

A Loaf of Bread cost \$.09

A Gallon of Milk cost \$.56

Average House cost: \$7,800.00

Average Car cost: \$265.00

Women were given the right to vote after the ratification of the 19th Amendment in the US.

The invention of bubble gum and the car radio.

Babe Ruth goes to the New York Yankees.

Small Pox becomes a major problem.

Popular movies include *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* and *The Mark of Zorro*.

The League of Nations was established.

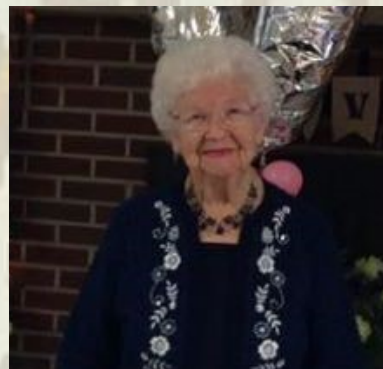
Woodrow Wilson was president.

The discovery of penicillin.

The traffic light was invented.

Mildred Gault was born!

Happy Birthday Millie!



In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Bill Lemley, Helen Miller, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Okey Phares, 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, Betty Blair (neighbor of Dorothy Stevens), Kelly Boyce, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, Danny Guard (friend of Saunders) Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins), Seth Waggoner, Buzz Williams, 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.

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.

Thank You

♥ We want to thank each one for the kindness shown to us while in the hospital and at home. Rick and Ron for getting us to the hospital and doctors appointments. Bob and Penny and Don and Mary for the food and all the visits and prayers and cards from each one. May God bless each one. The Hardmans



**American
Red Cross**
BLOOD DRIVE

Tomorrow, Monday February 17
1-5:30pm
In the MP Room
Sign up on the counter in the front foyer

Announcements

SENIOR SOUP BEAN DINNER

Annual soup bean dinner and game night. February 21 at 5:30pm. *All ages are invited. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the foyer.

SCIENCE VS. EVOLUTION SEMINAR

March 27-29 with Dr. Jeff Miller of Apologetics Press. See the bulletin board for more info.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE

If you would like to receive the Christian Woman Magazine at your home this year. See Robin Anthony. The cost is \$21.50.

COME AND GO BABY SHOWER

Today, Feb. 16, 3-5pm for Baby Boy Highman. Ryan & Madison are registered at Target and Amazon.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a come and go wedding shower this Wednesday, February 19 from 5pm-6:30pm for Cody Young and Tori Santonastasi.

NEW BIBLE CLASS

Starting Wednesday, March 4, Mark T. will be teaching a Bible Class in room 109 on The Church and The Christian life. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend so Mark can order books for the class. Thank you.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

This Friday, February 21 at Mineral Wells. The bus will leave Camden at 6:30pm.

LADS TO LEADERS

- ♦ If you would like to contribute a monetary donation to help with the trip to Lads to Leaders please give these to Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.
- ♦ Mentors remember to check in on your assigned participants.
- ♦ Oral Bible Readers will meet in Room 112 after services Sunday evening. If there are any questions see Teresa Wade.



MEETINGS

- There will be a brief meeting today after evening services for any signed up to help or may be interested in helping at Fairplains Elementary in room 109.
- Elders, Deacons, and Preachers meeting today at 4pm in room 109.
- Men's meeting today at 5pm in room 109

LOVE AND CARE SING

Monday, February 24 at 7pm.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What will help the Church to start Growing?

As was discussed in last week's article there are at least three things that stop church growth: lack of people, lack of money, and lack of Biblical teaching. So, if we just reverse this then, we will have the ingredients for church growth.

First if the church is going to grow, we need people. Jesus tells us in Mark 16:15, "...Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." So to bring people to the gospel of Jesus and His church we must be evangelistic, meaning we must invite people to our services, study the Bible with people, and get the message of the gospel in the ears of lost people. This is not always easy, and not everyone we talk to will want to hear, so we must keep at it and not get discouraged.

When we do invite people to our church services the rest of the congregation can help by being friendly to our guest. Growing congregations have friendly members – not only during times of worship but outside of the building as well. So, let's look for someone we do not know when we gather as a church and introduce ourselves and make our guest feel at home.

We can also help connect with people by visiting one another. Congregations that do not visit, don't grow. In Luke 15 Jesus shows us that God cares for people, especially lost people. We must show people we care; we must visit the sick, the lost, those who have visited our worship, the delinquent, and those new to the area. Visiting and fellowshiping with one another will not only help people be introduced to the congregation but will help people to stay with the congregation. People need encouragement to stay faithful (Heb. 3:13).

Remember we are in the people business, let's be "people persons" as we seek the lost and help the saved, stay saved.

Second, we must be good givers of our finances and of our time. Jesus calls each of His followers to be servants in Matthew 23:11. As a servant we are instructed by God's word to give our money (1 Cor. 16:1,2 and 2 Cor. 9) and of our ability (Rom. 12:3-8). Although the New Testament never gives an amount we are to give, it does tell us in 2 Co 9:7, that, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

When Christians give it helps spread the gospel, supports needed missionary works, and makes it possible for others to do the Lord's work, so the church may grow, spiritually and numerically.

Third, the church must grow spiritually. Peter encourages spiritual growth in 2 Pt. 3:18 by saying, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." If the congregation is going to grow then each member needs to desire to learn and apply the scriptures to their everyday life, we cannot be comfortable where we are spiritually, we must have a growing faith. One way a growing faith happens is in one's faithful attendance in worship and Bible study (Heb. 10:25).

Question: Why would a non-Christian be interested in a congregation that its members did not attend? It is hard to show people we care about them spiritually if we do not meet with the church to be spiritually fed ourselves.

We must remember faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ (Rom. 10:17). Growing Christians and congregations are dedicated to Christ, and His word. Elders, Deacons, Bible class teachers, and ministers must be grounded in the Word of God and use the Bible as their foundation for teaching. Worship must be done in spirit and truth (John 4:24) which honors the Lord. Those who lead must do so with a desire, enthusiasm, and willingness to help people come to a greater relationship with Almighty God.

Congregations are designed to grow. Read the book of Acts. But the growth will only come when we do the spiritual planting and water that God commands (1 Cor. 3:6).

Let's get back to the basics of God's word and let's help grow the church! God Bless, Mark T.



Today's Sermon Notes:

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

The Lord is My Shepherd

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23



I. The Lord is _____

II. The Lord is _____

III. The Lord is _____

IV. The Lord is _____

V. The Lord is _____

PM Sermon Doug Wells

Have You Come to Worship to Worship?

Scripture Reading: John 4:19-24

Doug's Discussion

Resistance Starts in Your Mind

In my experience when skilled preachers fail it is for one of two reasons. Either they are poor at managing money or they have an affair. I really like my job – so I certainly want to avoid anything that could derail my career . . . and more importantly my ministry. But how do I make sure these things don't happen? I don't think believing that I'm immune to temptation is the answer, but I do think there's a very helpful guide in the ten commandments.

Commandment #7 is don't commit adultery. Commandment #8 is do not steal. Two very good commandments for ministers (and every Christian) to keep in mind. I personally saw a minister lose all credibility by defrauding a church out of thousands of dollars. I personally saw a preacher lose a job because he was caught going to a hotel with someone other than his wife. It happens. But Lord, how can I make sure it doesn't happen to me? I think one of God's answers to that is found in the tenth commandment: "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). Following this command can prevent you from breaking several that come before it.

Resistance to sin starts in our minds. I am confident that asking a church to cosign a loan (with no intention to pay it back) started with coveting a shiny red truck. Had there been contentment with the blessings God provided the theft never would have happened. Had David kept his eyes to himself, had he been content with the blessings God had already provided, two earlier commandments would have been kept. If I want to avoid these pitfalls I need to keep how much I like what other people have out of my head. God has given me plenty. I need to respect God enough that I choose not to think of doing such things, praying that the "fear of God will be with [me] to keep [me] from sinning" (Exodus 20:20). Keeping my thoughts where they should be will surely lead to more and better ministry. I pray I avoid coveting. I pray you do as well.

And Moses said to the people,
"Do not fear; for God has come to test you,
and that His fear may be before you,
so that you may not sin."
Exodus 20:20

Youth News

NORTH END YOUTH RALLY

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

CYC-MEETING

There will be an important CYC meeting next Sunday, February 23 after evening services in room 109.

MONDAY NIGHT MERGE

Each Monday beginning at 7pm.

Date	Bus Leave's at	Sponsoring church	Title
February 17	6:30pm	36th Street	The Power of a Positive Example
February 24	6:40pm	Mineral Wells	The Power of the Church
March 2	6:40pm	Sunrise	The Power of the Blood of Christ
March 9	6:30pm	OVU Chapel (Rosemar)	The Power of Baptism

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

If You'll Be Good

Sometimes my kids will ask me if we can go get ice cream. My reply often is: "maybe if you're good." If you're good at this store, if no one gets into a wrestling match, if only kind words are said . . . then there's a good chance ice cream is in your future. And, of course, since I also like ice cream I'm really hoping they are good. I do this to teach an important lesson: good things happen to those who do what is right.

I didn't come up with that idea. Psalm 84:7 says about God "no good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly." I reward my kids when they do what is right because that's what God does. Do not be deceived my friends. Even if it doesn't look like it in the short term, doing wrong leads to bad things and doing right leads to good things. The Bible says, "God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

Are YOU living in a way that will lead to good things?



Serving In Worship

Sunday, February 23

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Daniel Rich

PM - David Epler

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall

Close - Keith Smith

6:00 PM - Jon Hescht

Close - Bill Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Kevin Inman

PM - Pat Rine

COMMUNION

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Rick Stanley

Chris Tallman

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dwain Shears

2 - Jeff Taberner

3 - Julie Taberner

PM

1. Stephen & Linda Gray

2. Scott Smith & Donovan Walton

5. Cody & Kristi Hoover

6. Todd & Annette Kirk

Facts and Figures

February 9, 2020

AM Service.....241

Bible Study.....197

PM Service.....182

Wednesday.....178

Contribution.....\$6183.00

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

March Birthday's and Anniversaries

March 5- Jordan Alton

March 5- Haylee Smith

March 5- Cody Young

March 6- Kayla Inman

March 7- Harvey Caplinger Sr.

March 7- Marshall Rich

March 9- Elic Galloway

March 10- Sharon Wilson

March 11- Malorie Fleak

March 12- Penny Eddy

March 13- Patty Dawson

March 13- Doug & Raeanne Wells*

March 14- Meika Eddy

March 14- Jim Galloway

March 15- Mark Dean

March 15- Paul Saunders

March 16- Dennis Keller

March 16- Bill & Kay Mills*

March 18- Billie Coe

March 21- Sheila Deems

March 22- Barbara Cramlet

March 23- Madison Highman

March 23- Mike Lucas

March 26- Sherry Hoover

March 26- Ted Miller

March 27- Melinda Eddy

March 27- Stan & Debi Inman*

March 28- Donovan Walton

March 29- Rob Hoover

March 30- Scott & Gwen Johnson*

March 31- Scott Smith

March 31- Norma Vaught

*Any updates or corrections please let the office know.



"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.

February 23

"Out of Darkness"

Daily Bible Reading

February 17: Mt. 27:57-66, Lev. 11-12

February 18: Mt. 28, Lev. 13

February 19: Mk.1:1-28, Lev. 14-15

February 20: Mk.1:29-45, Lev. 16-17

February 21: Mk. 2, Lev. 18-19

February 22: Mk. 3:1-19, Lev. 20-22

February 23: Mk.3:20-35, Lev. 23