

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

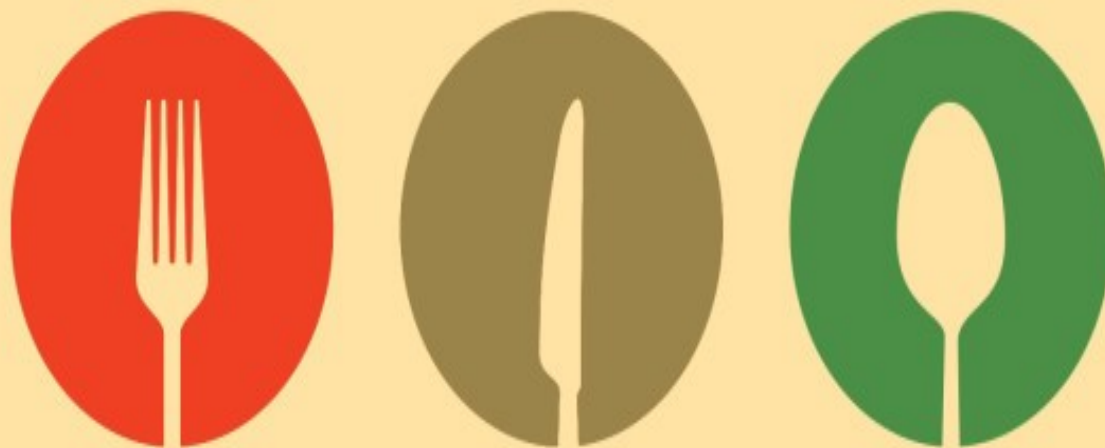
2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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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FELLOWSHIP LUNCH



**TODAY
AFTER WORSHIP
AND BIBLE CLASS
ALL ARE INVITED**

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, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Okey Phares, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Elizabeth Rich, 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, 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, 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 and friends of Delbert Beach. His visitation will be Sunday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Vaughn funeral home. His funeral will be Monday at 11am at Camden Avenue.

Thank You

- ♥ I appreciate all the cards from my friends at Camden Avenue. Sharon Wilson
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers and cards during my stay at Ruby Memorial. I appreciate it so much. Okey Pharis
- ♥ Thank you for all the pretty birthday cards. Addie Miller
- ♥ Thank you for all the cards for the loss of my father. Allen Coe

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.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Rob Hoover
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The Lord is my
**LIGHT +
SALVATION**
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the
STRONGHOLD
of my life. of whom shall I fear?

Announcements

VBS MEETING

After evening worship Sunday, February 9 in room 109.

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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

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

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

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

This Friday, February 14 at Hopewell. The van will be leaving Camden at 6:30pm.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a come and go wedding shower 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.

TEACHER NEEDED

The Wednesday evening Cradle roll class is in need of a teacher. See Doug Wells.

THOSE THAT READ THE BOOK OF THE MONTH IN JANUARY

Dave Nulter	Lois Nulter	Arrahwanna McMasters	Marvin McMasters
Sandy Keller	Leon Hupp	Judy Hupp	Charlotte Deem
Larry Plant	Robin Anthony	Charlotte Galloway	Rosemary Merrill
Eloise Smith	Daniel Rich	Tabetha Rich	Elizabeth Rich
Marshall Rich	Bill Mills	Kay Mills	Joyce Wright
Naomi Carr	Alice Cochran	Kaleb Cochran	Amanda Cochran
Klay Cochran	Mark Tonkery	Sonya Hescht	David Epler
Christine Epler	Verna Huber	Dorothy Stevens	Lorna Marshall
Delmas Carr	Jo Langler	Rick Stanley	Susan Anderson

READ THE BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY PSALMS 1-41

What is keeping the Church from Growing?

Like plants God has designed the church to grow. It grows when it has the right environment for growing. Notice 1 Cor. 3:6, tells us, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

So, what is keeping our congregation from growing? Well there are at least three things that prevent a congregation from growing. There maybe be other things, but I believe they would all fall in one or more of the following areas.

First, population of people. If a congregation does not have people, it will not grow numerically or relationally. The church needs people. We are in the people business, saving the lost and keeping the saved, saved (Lk. 19:20, and Eph. 2:10). Many congregations are not growing because the population of the area has declined. For example, in the Parkersburg area when Camden Ave. was at its largest the community's population was also growing. For the last several years the area has seen a population decline. In the 1960's the population of Parkersburg was over 45,000. Today the population of Parkersburg is around 29,000. This decline is going to influence the congregation in a negative way. On the other hand, if one would look at communities that have a growing population, then often the church in that area is growing as well. The population effects church growth.

Second, and connected to the population, is the economy of an area. This also effects church growth. People go where the jobs are. If an area has no good paying jobs, then they leave the area looking for work or if they cannot leave, they are forced to make whatever income they can, which is usually less. This influences the church because people will not have the financial resources to give to help support the work of the church. When the church is in a low-income area, it is harder to maintain a church building, support the minister, do evangelistic works, and mission efforts. Although some might argue that we really do not need money to do the Lord's Work, to preach, teach, and minister to people; maybe there is a truth here, but the reality is we do live in a society that is money based and it can greatly influence the growth and work of the church. After all, it is hard to keep the lights on, repair a roof, or print gospel literature when there are no funds to do such work.

Finally, another essential part of church growth, is spiritual teaching and Christian living. A congregation can have hundreds, even thousands of people, it can be rich, and have members who are great givers in the congregation, but if the preaching and teaching of the church are not scripturally sound and its members are not living by the truth of God's word, then the church is dead spiritually. Remember the example of the church in Laodicea, Rev. 3:17, "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked."

Sin to the church, is like throwing weed killer on one's garden it will destroy everything it touches. Sin is described in Mark 7:20-23 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 as those things that are contrary to the will of God. So, for the church to grow, we must stop sinning and live obediently to God. Jesus states in Luke 13:5 unless we repent all will perish. We must also understand that repentance is not just about helping the church grow but being made right with Almighty God. What do you need to repent of? (Part 2 of this article will continue in next week's bulletin) God Bless, Mark T.



Today's Sermon Notes:

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Refuge from a wicked world

Scripture Reading: Psalms 5:1-7

Where is your refuge from the wicked?

I. _____ on the Lord (Ps. 5:1-3)

a. _____.

b. _____.

II. _____ of the wicked (Ps. 5:4-6)

a. _____.

b. _____.

III. _____ for the Lord (Ps. 5:7-8)

a. _____.

b. _____.

IV. _____ of the rebellious (Ps. 5:9-10)

a. _____.

b. _____.

V. _____ in the Lord (Ps. 5:11-12)

a. _____.

b. _____.

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Evidences of God

Scripture Reading; Psalms 19:1-6

Doug's Discussion

Someone Else's Promise

When our lives are over most of us like to be buried with our families. People in Old Testament times were no different – they wanted to be “gathered to their people” (Genesis 15:15, Numbers 20:24, etc.). Unfortunately, there were cases where the family gravesite was really far away. Joseph had that problem. He died in Egypt, miles away from where he wanted to be buried. “And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, ‘God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place’” (Genesis 50:25).

I don't know if God gave Joseph a timetable for His plan, but the day God came to their aid was hundreds of years later. The people who promised to move his remains were long gone by the time of the exodus from Egypt. And digging up bones is . . . icky. I guess the people who were leaving had an excuse to not dig up bones if they wanted it. “I didn't make that promise. Great, great, great granddad did. Not my problem.” Also, I suppose it could be claimed that this promise was coerced. They were “made” to swear this oath. Joseph was the second most powerful man in Egypt. If he asks for something you say yes. There's another excuse for anyone who wanted one.

And yet, hundreds of years later, “Moses took the bones of Joseph with him” (Exodus 13:19). A promise was made before God – and when the time came the promise was kept. From what I read in Scripture nobody looked for any of the available excuses, they just did it because they said they would. This is a remarkable instance of keeping a promise across many generations. How many of us have trouble keeping our own promises? Would we be so quick to extend our obligations to those connected to us? If your grandfather accidentally orders more popcorn from the little girl who is fundraising than he can afford would you step in to fulfill that obligation? (And how grumpy would you be about it?) If someone at church tells someone who needs a ride to services that they will pick them up, but then their car breaks down, would you inconvenience yourself to go get them instead?



I don't think Israel would have been quite so blessed if they began their nation with breaking a promise. I love that they put themselves out to preserve the honor of their people. If you have opportunity, especially as a Christian person, I encourage you to do the same. Love keeping promises SO much that you're even willing to keep someone else's.

Youth News

NORTH END YOUTH RALLY

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

CYC

February 28-March 1

Monday Night Merge

Each Monday beginning at 7pm.

Date	Bus Leave's at	Sponsoring church	Title
February 10	6:40pm	Lubeck	The Power of Peer Pressure
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

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Great job to those in the Sunday morning 1st and 2nd grades that had perfect attendance in the last quarter. LEAH HOOVER, KATE BARNES, TEMPE INMAN, SYRENITI MERRILL . Keep up the great work!

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Abortion is Evil

I've often had the privilege of participating in the Life Chain. Basically you stand along a busy road and silently hold signs that protest abortion. I would encourage people to join in next year – but I have to warn you that it's not for the faint of heart. I have yet to get through this hour of prayer without receiving some form of abuse. One time a car drove to the side of the road and the occupant shouted the same obscenity at every single one of us. Another time a driver pulled over so he could throw his water bottle at one of our female protesters. He had terrible aim, but his intent was clear.

I have no ill will toward these people, in fact I pray their hearts are changed. But if there was any doubt about abortion let this be clear: evil fruit comes from evil trees. Abortion is a tree that is fu-migating the air with hatred. It is an act that warps the heart – to the point where it is considered acceptable to shout obscenities to children and throw things at their mothers. Such corrosive acts ought to be opposed by decent people everywhere.

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, February 16

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hesch

PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - John Life

6:00 PM - Ken Barnes

Close - Mike Wade

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dave Nulter

PM - Levi Wells

COMMUNION

AM - Kody Inman

PM - Kyle Inman

Daniel Rich

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Tammy Kerns

2 - Herb Wright

3 - Joyce Wright

PM

1. Melva Farris & Margaret Dawkins

2. Chris & Debbie Tallman

5. Doug & Alisha Hershman

6. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

Facts and Figures

February 2, 2020

AM Service.....249

Bible Study.....178

PM Service.....179

Wednesday.....196

Contribution.....\$7750.00

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

100TH BIRTHDAY

Card shower for Mildred Gault's 100th Birthday on February 11. Cards can be mailed to Love and Care 5368 Dupont Rd. Parkersburg, WV 26101.



There will be a 100th birthday party for Mildred at Love and Care on February 11th at 2pm. All are invited to attend.

BIBLE CALL

304.420.2416 WWW.BIBLECALLINFO

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.

BIBLE CALL REPORT JANUARY 2020

Let us keep up the good work of calling and telling others about the Bible Call program. We had 328 Calls in January. This represents 37 hours of teaching the Bible via this means. The high days were January 6 with 20 calls, 11th with 15, 16th with 16, 23rd with 17 and the 30th with 19. This correlates with the new mailings. The first of the month Albert Farley inserted some leaflets in the WV Christian, and we had two requests from congregations for more brochures for them to distribute in Front Royal, VA and Steelton, WV. The 2nd mailing was Salem, WV by the Salem congregation mailing the whole town. The 3rd week Harmer Hill mailed three routes in the area of the meeting house and the 4th week Camden Ave mailed more in 26101. The most requested calls were for 101 and 102 "What is Bible Call" and "What is the church of Christ" (13). 12 people listened to 110 "Overcoming Worry". 906 on "Homosexuality" had 10 calls, 9 calls for "What About The Thief on the Cross?", 6 requests for 954 "Have Miracles Ceased?", 965 "Life After Death", 970 "What is Satan Really Like?", 404 "Sex in Marriage", 551 "Acceptable Prayer", 556 "Instrumental Music in Worship". 7 called to listen to 323 "Why Be a Christian. Many calls were listened to more than once, 13 times people asked to hear a list of topics on the phone and 31 times people listened to the lesson again. Let us continue to call daily, hand a leaflet to those you meet, and reach out to others personally and by mail. Pray God continues to bless this good work.

WILL YOU NOT TELL IT TODAY?

Any questions call David Epler 616 554 0990.

"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 16

"Love One Another"

Daily Bible Reading

February 10: Mt. 25:14-46, Ex. 36-37

February 11: Mt. 26:1-13, Ex. 38-39

February 12: Mt. 26:14-35, Ex. 40

February 13: Mt. 26:36-56, Lev. 1-4

February 14: Mt. 26:57-66, Lev. 5-6

February 15: Mt. 27:1-26, Lev. 7-8

February 16: Mt. 27:27-56, Lev. 9-10