

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.

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304 - 420 - 2416

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24 hours a day—7 days a week

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Distribute them to

family, friends, neighbors

and co-workers.

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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Carol Fleak, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Sandy Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Tammy Kerns, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Helen Miller, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Betty Blair (neighbor of Dorothy Stevens), Kelly Boyce, Michelle Dailey, 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), Samuel Riley (Donovan Walton's nephew), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins), Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams

Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.

We update our Prayer List periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Chelsea Inman on the passing of her aunt Sheila Fleak. There will be a private visitation and funeral.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Brian Butterfield. There will be a memorial service date announced at a later date.

Thank You

♥ Thank you Debbie Tallman for making the communion bread for March.

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



Announcements

MOV LADIES DAY

Is being postponed until April 17, 2021

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The book of the month for March is Luke. April's book of the month will be Psalms chapters 42-72. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board in either foyer.

Sunday Evening Worship

Join us tonight at 6pm on the Camden Avenue church of Christ Facebook page.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this Wednesday evening, April 1 at 7pm on the Camden Avenue church of Christ Facebook page.

There will be singing and a Bible study conducted via Facebook Live.

Connect to our Facebook page.

Invite others to join our page.



Youth News

PROM ALTERNATIVE

May 2, 7pm. North End church of Christ is holding the prom alternative, Murder Mystery Dinner at OVU chapel. More info and registration forms available on the youth bulletin board.

YOUTH WEEKEND

May 29-30, Sponsored by Sunrise church of Christ at Cedar Lakes with Lonnie Jones. See the bulletin board for more info.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

IS THIS FROM GOD?

I have been asked is the coronavirus or Covid-19, a plague from God?

Well I do know that in Exodus 7–10, we read about the ten plagues God inflicted upon the Egyptians, that were used to free the Israelites from bondage.

Then three times during the Israelites wandering in the wilderness God sent plagues upon them. The first time was when they were eating the quail that God sent to satisfy their longing for meat (Num. 11:33). The second time, a “plague” claimed the lives of spies who discouraged the Israelites from entering the Promised Land (Num. 14:37). The third plague came as God’s punishment upon the Israelites. Aaron stopped this “plague” by offering incense to God (Num. 16:46–47). On one other occasion, Phinehas saved the Israelites from a plague by killing a man who brought a Midianite woman into their midst. Nevertheless, 24,000 people died (Num. 25:8–9).

The Old Testament describes many cases in which God sent “plagues” to discipline His people. One example is found in 2 Samuel, where David built an altar unto the LORD and prayed that the plague would stop; it did after 70,000 men died (2 Sam. 24:15; 25).

We know these plagues were brought on by God as punishment and served His purposes because we have the Bible to explain to us what happened.

But our world has known other plagues, not recorded in the Bible. Such as the black plague which emigrated from the Orient in the fourteenth century, spread westward and wiped out one-third to one-half of Europe’s population. Cholera that began in India in 1816 reached Russia and the Near East by 1830. By 1832, it had swept through Europe and England. Irishmen brought it to Canada, and from there it was brought into the United States via Lake Champlain, killing thousands in the most severe plague since the black plague.

Then between July and October 1918 over 50 million died from swine or the Spanish flu. Now most recently we have experienced the coronavirus, which has killed over 24,915 people worldwide, as of the writing of this article.

The question is raised again, are these plagues from God? The Bible tells us at least two things: First in Matthew 24:5-7, where Jesus tells us that living on this earth there will be a continued cycle of bad things that will happen, but the end will not be yet. So, we live in a world where disease, war, and all kinds of calamity will take place. Jesus will go on to encourage His followers in Mt. 24:13 to endure and those who do will be saved. Second, in John 9, Jesus’ disciples asked Him when they saw a blind man, whose sin had caused his blindness? In their thinking, birth deformities, sickness, and suffering were the result of sin or even God’s judgment. Jesus goes on to state in, John 9:2, “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

So what we can understand from these two passages is that we live in a world of continued chaos, where there is going to be things like Covid-19 that wreck havoc on our world and yet we are not to lose heart because God’s work can be displayed during difficult times.

It just might be God is using this virus as a reminder for spiritual renewal as He used the plagues in the Old Testament, but if not it is still a reminder that in the most trying times God still is in control and as in John 9:2 the works of God might be displayed. Think about it!

Today's Sermon Notes:

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery
Do's and Don'ts for a troubled heart

Text: John 14:1-6



I. Don't: _____ (John 14:1)

II. Do: _____ (John 14:1)

III. Do: _____ (John 14:2)

IV. Don't _____ (John 14: 2-3)

V. Do: _____ (John 14:6)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

P.M. Sermon will be on Facebook Live at 6pm
Title: Let's Encourage one another Heb. 3:13



With the cancellation of our annual convention I am aware there many questions for the participants and each member of the congregation. At the appropriate time I will communicate the pertinent details to all involved.

Normally at this time we would be making our final preparations and the kids would be putting the finishing touches on a years' worth of work. Even with out the convention our kids have grown as the leaders of the Church by the effort they have put forth. The hope is

through this work they will be leaders of the Church, which can be accomplished even with the disappointment of not having a convention this year.

Todd Kirk

Ali Cochran

Art Says It
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Keepers
Know the Books
Second Language
Teach to Teach
Year-Round Songs of Praise
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Songs of Praise
Pearls Test

Cadence Hescht

Art Says It
Read the Word

Bailey Inman

Art Says It
Oral Bible Reading
Songs of Praise
Know the Books

Carly Taberner

Art Says It
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Songs of Praise
Good Samaritan
Keepers
Year-Round Songs of Praise

A Note from the Elders of the Camden Avenue church of Christ:

The corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to be a concern both nationally and locally. By now, you have probably heard that Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia has issued a “Stay at home” executive order that is to take effect Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 8:00 PM.

The executive order has specifically defined activities in West Virginia that are considered “Essential Businesses and Operations” that are allowed to continue to function under the order. Section **3.n.** of the order cites “Religious entities” as being essential operations. This means that religious gatherings are permitted to continue while the Governor’s Executive Order remains in effect.

On an individual level, the Executive Order also targets personal activities that are considered essential and are therefore permitted. Section **1.f.** states specifically that “Going to and from an individual’s place of worship” is permitted.

How does all of this impact the Camden Avenue church of Christ? Until the current situation is behind us, the elders have decided that Camden Avenue church of Christ will limit our gatherings to once each week. We will meet for worship services on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. All other assemblies are cancelled.

The dangers of the corona virus pandemic have not passed. Care must continue to be taken to protect those who are vulnerable to infection. So, we must be careful in our interactions with each other. When we do meet, “social distancing” is encouraged.

Please carefully consider your own health and the health of your family members. If you are ill, please remain home until you are well. If you have chronic health issues that make you more susceptible to infections, please thoughtfully consider your situation.

Wednesday Night join us on the Camden Avenue church of Christ Facebook page at 7:00 PM for a time of Singing and Bible Study.

With God’s grace and mercy, this current problem will pass. He is still in control of all things. His will be done in all things.

Serving In Worship

Sunday, April 5

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Len Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle

Close - Jordan Smith

6:00 PM - Jeff Taberner

Close - Kyle Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Kody Inman

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Chris Tallman

John Hall

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Inman

2 - Doug Hershman

3 - Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Josh & Zoe Hall

2. Brian & Natalie Haught

5. Kevin & Becky Inman

6. Bill & Sherry Hoover

Facts and Figures

March 22, 2020

AM Service.....89

PM Service.....55

Facebook Live Views.....221

Contribution.....\$4260.50

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....3

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Minute of Meditation

by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Quiet Time

A piano can get out of tune by hard use. The constant and violent striking of the strings loosens them, so occasionally they must be adjusted to produce beautiful music.

Similarly, the demands of life can drain us. The lives we live are often hectic: Taking the children to ball practice and school activities, the demands of our jobs, the needed stops at the grocery store, and then so many other day to day responsibilities, can stress us out and can leave us "out of tune". Sometimes we need a retreat, a place where we get away from it all, a time of rest and quietness. A place we can spend time with the Lord, where He will "tune" our lives and strengthen us so we can continue once more.

The Bible reminds, "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength..."(Is. 40:31). God advises people to quietness, to seek Him and He will bless and renew them.

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.

Card Shower

For Kathleen Albright's 92nd birthday

Willow Brook Assisted Living

100 Delaware Crossing West

#255

Delaware, Ohio 43015

"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.

April 5

"Women in the Church"

Daily Bible Reading

March 30: Luke 4:16-44, Deut. 28-29

March 31: Luke 5:1-16, Deut. 30-31

April 1: Luke 5:17-39, Deut. 32

April 2: Luke 6:1-26, Deut. 33-34

April 3: Luke 6:27-49, Jos. 1-4

April 4: Luke 7:1-17, Jos. 5-7

April 5: Luke 7:18-50, Jos. 8-9