

# 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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*There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called in  
one hope of your calling;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all, who is  
above all, and through all,  
and in you all.*

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Clayton Huber  
John Life  
Paul Saunders  
Dearll Vincent

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**Revive**  
us again Psalm 85:6

## *In Our Prayers*

### Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Melva Farris, Carol Fleak, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, 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, 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), Kim Ledsome, 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. Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.

## *Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to Bob Miller on the passing of his daughter Sherry Bartlett.

We extend our sympathy to Gene Phillips on the passing of his brother Charles Phillips. His funeral was Friday.

## *Thank You*

- ♥ Thanks to each of you who sent cards of comfort during the passing of my Aunt Pat and also cards for my birthday. In Love, Jim & Sandy Hughes
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, cards, kind words and care package that you provided our family in our time of loss! The Blair, Knotts & Rich families.
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards I received. They blessed my day. Love, Charlotte Galloway
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers and cards during the sickness and passing of our daughter, Sherry Bartlett. They were greatly appreciated by us and her family. In Christian Love, Bob and Gala Miller

# *Announcements*

## **SCIENCE VS. EVOLUTION SEMINAR**

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

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SING**

This Friday, March 13 at Chapel Hill church of Christ. The van will leave Camden at 5:30 and will then pick up at 5:45 at the park and Ride on 339 in Ohio.

## **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.

## **ASK THE PREACHER**

March 29, will be a questions and answers night for our evening sermon. If you have a Bible question you would like to submit please give it to one of our elders or to Mark. Thank you!

## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 1 invites everyone today after morning worship and Bible class.

## **MOV LADIES DAY**

April 18, at Barlow Vincent church of Christ program beginning at 9am. Sign up on the counter in the front foyer if you plan on attending.

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

March 23, dinner will begin at 5:45, please sign up if you plan on attending and to bring food.

# *Youth News*

## **NORTH END YOUTH RALLY**

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

## **MONDAY NIGHT MERGE**

Tomorrow at OVU. The bus will be leaving Camden at 6:30pm. Let Jeff know if you plan on riding the bus.

## **DEVOTIONAL AND SKATING PARTY WITH HOPEWELL**

March 21, Devotional at Camden beginning at 2pm. Skating at Skate Country beginning at 3pm. Bring money for snacks.

# *Prayers Requested*

June Schultz responded to the invitation on Wednesday. She has asked we remember her in our prayers for strength and encouragement.



# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## The Pearl

Jenny was a bright-eyed, five-year-old girl. One day when she and her mother were checking out at the grocery store, Jenny saw a plastic pearl necklace priced at \$2.50. How she wanted that necklace, and when she asked her mother if she would buy it for her, her mother said, "Well, it is a pretty necklace, but it costs an awful lot of money. I'll tell you what. I'll buy you the necklace, and when we get home, we can make up a list of chores that you can do to pay for the necklace. And don't forget that for your birthday Grandma just might give you a whole dollar bill, too. "Okay?" Jenny agreed, and her mother bought the pearl necklace for her.

Jenny worked on her chores very hard every day, and sure enough, her grandma gave her a brand-new dollar bill for her birthday. Soon Jenny had paid off the pearls. How Jenny loved those pearls. She wore them everywhere-to kindergarten, bed and when she went out with her mother to run errands. The only time she didn't wear them was in the shower-her mother had told her that they would turn her neck green! Now Jenny had a very loving daddy. When Jenny went to bed, he would get up from his favorite chair every night and read Jenny her favorite story.

One night when he finished the story, he said, "Jenny, do you love me?" "Oh yes, Daddy, you know I love you," the little girl said. "Well, then, give me your pearls." "Oh! Daddy, not my pearls!" Jenny said. "But you can have Rosie, my favorite doll. Remember her? You gave her to me last year for my birthday. And you can have her tea party outfit, too. Okay?" "Oh no, darling, that's okay." Her father brushed her cheek with a kiss. "Good night, little one." A week later, her father once again asked Jenny after her story, "Do you love me?" "Oh yes, Daddy, you know I love you." "Well, then, give me your pearls." "Oh, Daddy, not my pearls! But you can have Ribbons, my toy horse. Do you remember her? She's my favorite. Her hair is so soft, and you can play with it and braid it and everything. You can have Ribbons if you want her, Daddy," the little girl said to her father. "No, that's okay," her father said and brushed her cheek again with a kiss. "God bless you, little one. Sweet dreams."

Several days later, when Jenny's father came to read her a story, Jenny was sitting on her bed and her lip was trembling. "Here, Daddy," she said, and held out her hand. She opened it and her beloved pearl necklace was inside. She let it slip into her father's hand. With one hand her father held the plastic pearls and with the other he pulled out of his pocket a blue velvet box. Inside of the box were real, genuine, beautiful pearls. He had had them all along. He was waiting for Jenny to give up the cheap stuff so he could give her the real thing. (Author Unknown)

So, it is with our Heavenly Father. He is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so he can give us beautiful treasure.

There are a lot of faux (fake) pearls in the world today, but there is ONLY ONE Pearl of GREAT price, there's ONLY ONE genuine treasure. That treasure is:

The Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found ONE pearl of GREAT price, went and sold ALL that he had and bought it" (Matthew 13:45-46). You may become a part of this kingdom IF you will LET GO of the sinful, temporal things you have been clinging to (that's repentance), and submit to the King, Jesus Christ, by trusting Him (Hebrews 11:6), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized in His name for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). If you will CONTINUE to cling to the Pearl of GREAT price through your faithfulness to the King, it will always be yours to enjoy. (Taken from [http://www.creekwoodcc.org/lw/lw\\_The%20Pearls.htm](http://www.creekwoodcc.org/lw/lw_The%20Pearls.htm))



# Today's Sermon Notes:

A.M. Sermon By Mark T. Tonkery

Time to wake up!

Text: Luke 8:22-25

I. When \_\_\_\_\_ needed to wake up.

- a. Luke 8:22-25 - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

II. When the \_\_\_\_\_ needed to wake up.

- a. Lk. 9:32 - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Mt. 26:36-46 - \_\_\_\_\_

III. When will \_\_\_\_\_ wake up?

- a. What being asleep means - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What being spiritually asleep means- \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Will we wake up and stop \_\_\_\_\_?
    1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Will we wake up and strengthen our \_\_\_\_\_ lives?
    1. \_\_\_\_\_
    2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Will we wake up and be ready for the \_\_\_\_\_?
    1. \_\_\_\_\_
    2. \_\_\_\_\_
    3. \_\_\_\_\_
    4. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What if we do \_\_\_\_\_ wake up?
  - i. Rev. 3:3 - \_\_\_\_\_

Finally,

A. Who will Jesus find awake? Luke 12:37-38

Eph. 5:14, "for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery: The Secular Life  
Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Hidden Hate is Still Hate

I don't suppose anyone, no matter how good-natured, has gone through their whole lives without having a problem with someone. (Although, in this case I would love to be wrong.) Maybe the other person did something truly nefarious to offend you. Maybe their personality irritates you. What is the best way to respond? Option one: you confront the person and show them what they have done to upset you. Option two: you are able to truly let it go. Option three: you, unwilling to confront the person, shove that offence deep down into your heart. There it festers and grows from irritation to hatred. But you know it's not right for a Christian to hate so you hide it and pretend everything is fine.

Personally, I think it's best to let a lot of things go. If you're offended by everything the problem probably isn't everybody else. I just offended you didn't I? Well . . . I'm just trying to help you out. But, if you're not able to let it go, I strongly recommend you to speak to the person you have a problem with. "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you" (Matthew 18:15). It's difficult, but in the long run you'll be better off.

I've heard a lot of people say something like "God commands you to love people, but He doesn't say you have to like them!" I am uncomfortable with this statement. (Sorry if I just offended you again). If you mean that you're going to make the effort to love people who you aren't currently getting along with I think that's great. But I don't think that's what people who say this really mean. It sounds like option three to me. I'm going to say I love you - because I know I should. But secretly, deep down, I'm storing up all the things about you that aggravate me. But - I'm not going to hide it perfectly, because no one can keep what it is in their heart from spilling out of their mouths. Before you think that's okay, consider this proverb: "He who conceals his hatred has lying lips. Whoever spreads slander is a fool" (Proverbs 10:18).

I'm going to try and help you out by being someone who is easy to get along with. But - I don't always succeed in this. Will you forgive me and let it go? That would be nice. I really am trying. But, if not, would you come talk to me? I'd be happy to try and make things right. But what I ask you don't do is harbor secret resentment that leads, in weak moments, to you speaking poorly about me to others. I don't want to hear those negative things you have to say about other people either. Concealed hatred is still hate.







# CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE



## Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

### Use the Stars

I read a children’s story once about wooden people who spent all day putting stickers on one another. If one did something impressive they would get a star. But when a little wooden person made a mistake they would get a dot. It was all well and good for the talented, attractive ones. They would glitter with their many stars. But the clumsy ones with peeling paint were regularly discouraged when they were given yet another bad mark.

This clever story makes a good point. Our words tend to stick. People can end up carrying around what other people say about them for a very long time. Perhaps that’s why the Bible says: “do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen” (Ephesians 4:29). Why not choose to say what is encouraging? There are too many people in this world giving out too many dots. Don’t be one. Use the stars instead.

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, March 15

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

#### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley  
 PM - Jon Hescht

#### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Gaston  
 Close - Bill Hoover  
 6:00 PM - Paul Saunders  
 Close - Dylan Muncy

#### SCRIPTURE

AM - Rob Hoover  
 PM - Dustin Hughes

#### COMMUNION

AM - John Hall  
 PM - Scott Johnson  
 Jeff Taberner

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

#### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber  
 2 - Verna Huber  
 3 - Josh Hall

#### PM

1. John & Linda Hall  
 2. Nina Chevront & Amy Young  
 5. Jordan & Grace Smith  
 6. Bill Mills & Walter Morgan

## Facts and Figures

March 1, 2020

AM Service.....215  
 CYC Group.....37  
 Bible Study.....148  
 PM Service.....155  
 Wednesday.....192  
 Contribution.....\$7065.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

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

## Service Times

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

## *Those that read Psalms 1-41 in the month of February*

Eloise Smith	Mark T. Tonkery	Jo Langler
David Epler	Sonya Hescht	Dorothy Stevens
Mary Daniel	Naomi Carr	Delmas Carr
Rick Stanley	Joyce Wright	Addie Miller
Bill Mills	Paul Saunders	Kay Mills
Lorna Marshall	Sandy Keller	Susan Anderson
Brenda Guthrie	Christine Epler	Leon Hupp
Rosemary Merrill	Charlotte Deem	Judy Hupp
Alice Cochran	Amanda Cochran	Lois Nulter
Dave Nulter	Bill Davis	Charlotte Galloway
Larry Plant	Marvin McMasters	Arrahwanna McMasters
Debbie Amos		

**The book of the month for March is Luke.**

Read and then sign up on the bulletin board in either foyer.

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 cable Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sun-  
 day 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday  
 5:00PM.

**March 15**

***"Communicating"***

### **Daily Bible Reading**

March 9: Mk. 10:32-52, Num. 19-20  
 March 10: Mk. 11:1-14, Num. 21-22  
 March 11: Mk. 11:15-33, Num. 23-24  
 March 12: Mk. 12:1-27, Num. 25-26  
 March 13: Mk. 12:28-44, Num. 27-28  
 March 14: Mk. 13:1-23, Num. 29-30  
 March 15: Mk. 13:24-37, Num. 31