

# 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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# WELCOME TO THE CAMDEN AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



# In Our Prayers

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## Our church family in need of prayers

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Led-some, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Betty Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Lenore Vaught, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

## Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Teresa Flinn (Shirley Martin's daughter), Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Chris Scott (Ron Riddle's nephew), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Chris Truman (friend of Allen Coe), Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

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

## New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Jim Merrill- In Camden Clark.
- ♥ Gilbert Hardman in rehab at Carehaven in Belmont, WV.
- ♥ Phyllis Johnson- Covid
- ♥ Ann Knotts- recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Joe & Celia Johnson, Scott Johnson's parents- Joe has Covid and Celia is dealing with health issues.
- ♥ Bob Franklin is in a VA home in New Hampshire.
- ♥ Our Families and Friends dealing with the Covid pandemic.



Prayer Requests

# Announcements

**CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE**- If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send our youth to the conference, see Jeff Taberner or Doug Wells.

**ITEMS AVAILABLE**- There is a table in the front foyer with books, cd's, posters, audio books, and DVD's left from the seminar. Many of these items are now 50% off. Each are marked with their price. There is a cash box on the table for payment.

**CARD BOXES**- Due to Covid the card boxes will not be put out this year. There is a list prepared on the table in the foyer for anyone that would like to mail their cards. If you find your address is incorrect on the card list let the office know so it can be updated in the church records.

**ADDRESS UPDATE**- Josh & Brittany Gray 2107 17th Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26101

**KIDS HOLIDAY BREAKFAST**- we will meet in the parking lot at 9am on Saturday December 19 and enjoy breakfast from our vehicles. Photo time will be set up for one family at a time. Let Kyle Inman know if you have questions and how many from your family are attending (for a breakfast count) by Wednesday the 16th.

**WVCYC CD's**- are still available in the office. There is a \$20 requested donation for each CD.

## **REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING WITH CARDS-**

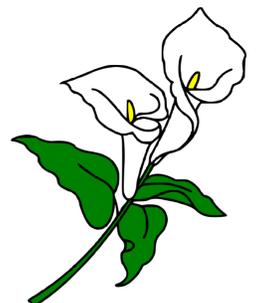
David Newberry- 1 Stonegate Drive Washington, WV 26181

Phyllis Johnson- c/o Elmcroft 150 Browns Rd. Marietta, Ohio 45750

Mildred Gault- c/o Love & Care 5368 Dupont Rd. Parkersburg, WV 26101

# Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Charles Aebi. There will be a memorial service held at a later date.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Dana Slingluff and family on the passing of his sister Connie Yost. There was a private funeral last week.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Phyllis Johnson on the passing of her brother-in-law Roy Pugh.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Martha Hill, the sister-in-law of Larry Fleak and the Aunt of Chuck Hill. Her memorial service was held last week.



# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## Let's Work Together

Several years ago, there was a football team that became famous. It had a backfield that rang up so many touchdowns that the backfield players became somewhat conceited. One day the coach decided they needed to be taught a lesson, so he pulled out the first team and sent in a string of substitutes. Very quickly the opposing team crashed through the substitute line and stopped the backfield cold. They were not the unbeatables they thought they were. After a few plays they frantically signaled the coach for help, and the first-string line went back in again. The backfield players learned that without the support of a strong line they could not score touchdowns. It takes all eleven men to win a football game.

The same is true of the Church. Although not called a team in scripture, the Church is called "the Body" and the same principle applies. 1 Cor. 12:12-27 teaches that there must be cooperation of every member if we are to accomplish the goals of our Lord here on earth. The Bible continues to teach us that each member must work together with God (2 Cor. 6:1). This means we are to not only pull together but must pull in the right direction.

Thomas Carlyle said, "Ten men banded together in love and unity can do what ten thousand separately would fail to do." This quote points out that there is strength in unity and working together. Jesus said in Matthew 12:25 "...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." These two quotes are very applicable to the Church today. The Church is faced with many trials from Satan. One is individualism, "doing what I want to do regardless of what anyone else tells me to do." This is a dangerous attitude and doesn't get us very far when trying to do the Lord's work, it's like the backfield of the football team, thinking they do not need the front line, to win football games. It will not work.

More can be done as a team effort or as a "body" than can be accomplished solo. Everything we do as the Church takes teamwork and trust. Every person in the congregation is valuable and needed. The Church is a team, and together we can build for the Lord. So, church let's work together!



# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## Encouraging Others

**Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-8**

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ for Encouragement (1 Thess. 3:1-5).
- a. Pro 15:26, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ are an \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD, but \_\_\_\_\_ words are \_\_\_\_\_."
  - b. Pro 16:24, " \_\_\_\_\_ words are like a \_\_\_\_\_, sweetness to the soul and \_\_\_\_\_ to the body."
  - c. Pro 27:9, "Oil and perfume make the \_\_\_\_\_ glad, and the sweetness of a \_\_\_\_\_ comes from his earnest \_\_\_\_\_."
  - d. Heb. 3:13, "But \_\_\_\_\_ one another \_\_\_\_\_ day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be \_\_\_\_\_ by the deceitfulness of \_\_\_\_\_."
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Encouragement (1 Thess. 3:3-8).
- a. Rom 15:2-7, "Let each of us please his \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_, to build him \_\_\_\_\_. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was \_\_\_\_\_ in former days was \_\_\_\_\_ for our instruction, that through \_\_\_\_\_ and through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and \_\_\_\_\_ grant you to live in such harmony with one \_\_\_\_\_, in accord with Christ Jesus, that \_\_\_\_\_ you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Encouragement (Heb. 3:13; 10:25).
- a. Heb 10:25, "not \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ together, as is the habit of some, but \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
  - b. We need to try to look for opportunities to encourage like:
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 4) \_\_\_\_\_

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

**The Encouragers Checklist**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:11-23**

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Tough to Hear, Tough to Say

Sometimes the message of God is not what people want to hear. When that's the case God's messengers have the unenviable task of bringing bad news. When God called Jeremiah his first response was "I don't know how to speak!" Maybe he had a good guess about what was coming. A heap of bad news, that's what. Jeremiah's message was a "boiling pot" from the north would be poured out and bring disaster on the land (Jeremiah 1:13-14). How popular do you think that message made Jeremiah? Or how about later when his message was to surrender to the Babylonians (see Jer. 38:17)? If Jeremiah's message was "God will bring you victory against this boiling pot – against this massive Babylonian army!" then he would have been the coolest guy in town. But instead it was "give up if you don't want to die." There was a reason Jeremiah got thrown into a mud pit.

Throughout history wicked people have received bad news from God. Important news. The idea is that if a wicked person gets bad news they may repent. They may decide they are not interested in the consequences so they change their lives to avoid them. That's what Nineveh did when Jonah brought them bad news. But remember that Jonah didn't much want to do it either. Let's face it, bringing bad news is no fun! I would much rather be the doctor who says "It's a boy!" than the one who says "I'm sorry, your wife has cancer." And I would much rather preach about God's blessings than to preach about his judgment. But sometimes, for some people, the latter message is much more important.

May we all have the willingness to speak unpopular messages when they are needed. If one of our children is being tempted by a homosexual lifestyle, may we speak clearly about what God says the consequences of that choice is. No, not a popular message. May we speak it anyway. It's not popular to stand alongside the road with signs protesting abortion. We certainly wouldn't win many friends by saying something like "if you really do want God to bless America there are some things we need to repent of." No, these are the kinds of messages that many don't want to hear. But if they need to hear it, for the benefit of their future hope, would you be willing to say it? Let me encourage you with the promise that was given to Jeremiah: "You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of the, for I am with you and will rescue you" (Jeremiah 1:7-8). Bad news is tough to say. But if it's from God speak on. God is with you.

**DO NOT FEAR. Jeremiah 1:7-8**

## I Am One - What Can I Do To Make A Difference?

- \* Pray for the ministers, elders, and deacons.
- \* Pray for the lost and for the opportunity to teach.
- \* Concentrate on one person you want to lead to Christ.
- \* Resolve to attend every service and to be on time.
- \* Make visitors feel welcome at all services.
- \* Participate joyfully in your praise to the Lord.
- \* Watch your language and your dress (be aware of your influence).
- \* Speak positively about the Lord's church - if it's not uplifting, don't say it.
- \* Encourage others with calls and cards.
- \* And keep praying.

*"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).*



### **BIBLE CALL**

**304.420.2416**

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**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 T. Tonkery*

*Can be heard on AM 910*

King Solomon wrote, "Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards." It is a known fact in farm country, even today that a fox can ruin a corn field, in Solomon's day foxes were known to ruin a vineyard. You know it is the little things that can undo us the quickest. We might try to justify a little white lie here, or a tiny bit of gossip there. The next thing we know we have come to ruin.

It is like a large tree I read about recently. It was estimated to be over 400 years old when it fell. It had been struck by lightning 14 times and survived countless windstorms. It even survived an earthquake. What finally brought this massive tree down was a small insect weakened its foundation. It is the small things in life that will make or break us. Watch out for those little foxes!



## Serving In Worship December 20, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life  
PM - Rick Stanley

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dwain Shears  
Close - Cody Hoover  
6:00 PM - Jon Hescht  
Close - Doug Hershman

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Kevin Inman  
PM - Scott Johnson

### COMMUNION

AM - John Hall  
PM - Brian Haught



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### Service Times

#### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30  
Bible Class.....15 minutes after worship  
PM Worship.....6:00

#### Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00am  
Bible Study.....7:00pm

### Facts and Figures

December 6, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....	118
Facebook AM Service Views.....	354
Sunday Bible Class.....	92
Facebook Bible Class Views.....	205
Sunday PM Service.....	89
Facebook PM Service Views.....	337
Wednesday AM Service.....	17
Wednesday PM Service.....	81
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	154
Contribution.....	\$6283.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....	6
Restored or Requested Prayers....	2
Placed Membership.....	3

## Rattled

A certain young man worked in a factory where heavy machinery rattled the entire building. Not liking the jarring, he brought a rubber mat to the factory and stood on it. The vibrations no longer bothered him as they once had. However, after several days, someone stole his mat. He responded by getting two pieces of rubber and nailing them to his heels. He now had two little rubber mats that no one could steal and that went with him everywhere. The name of the young man was O'Sullivan, the inventor of rubber heels. Like this young man, we as Christians have that which protects us against the jarring of the world. It is called prayer, and it goes with us everywhere.



## Thank You

- ♥ Thank you one and all for the very kind cards expressing your condolences at Janes passing. I am truly blest to be a part of the Camden Avenue church family. In Christian Love, Bill Pralley & Sons
- ♥ Thank you for all the thoughts, cards, messages and calls for our birthdays. They have meant so much. Don, Mary & Debby Nesselroad
- ♥ Thank you to all of the ladies that have been joining the Tuesday night Zoom Bible study. Your support is greatly appreciated. Laura Tonkery
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful food basket. It couldn't have come at better time. Thank you and God bless. Gwen Lucas

In Search of the  
Lord's Way  
each Sunday morning  
at 7:30 on WTAP

December 20  
"The Word Became  
Flesh"

### Daily Bible Reading

December 14: Rev. 2, Hos. 8-11  
December 15: Rev. 3, Hos. 12-14  
December 16: Rev. 4-5, Joel 1-3  
December 17: Rev. 6, Amos 1-5  
December 18: Rev. 7, Amos 6-9  
December 19: Rev. 8, Obadiah  
December 20: Rev. 9, Jonah 1-4