

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

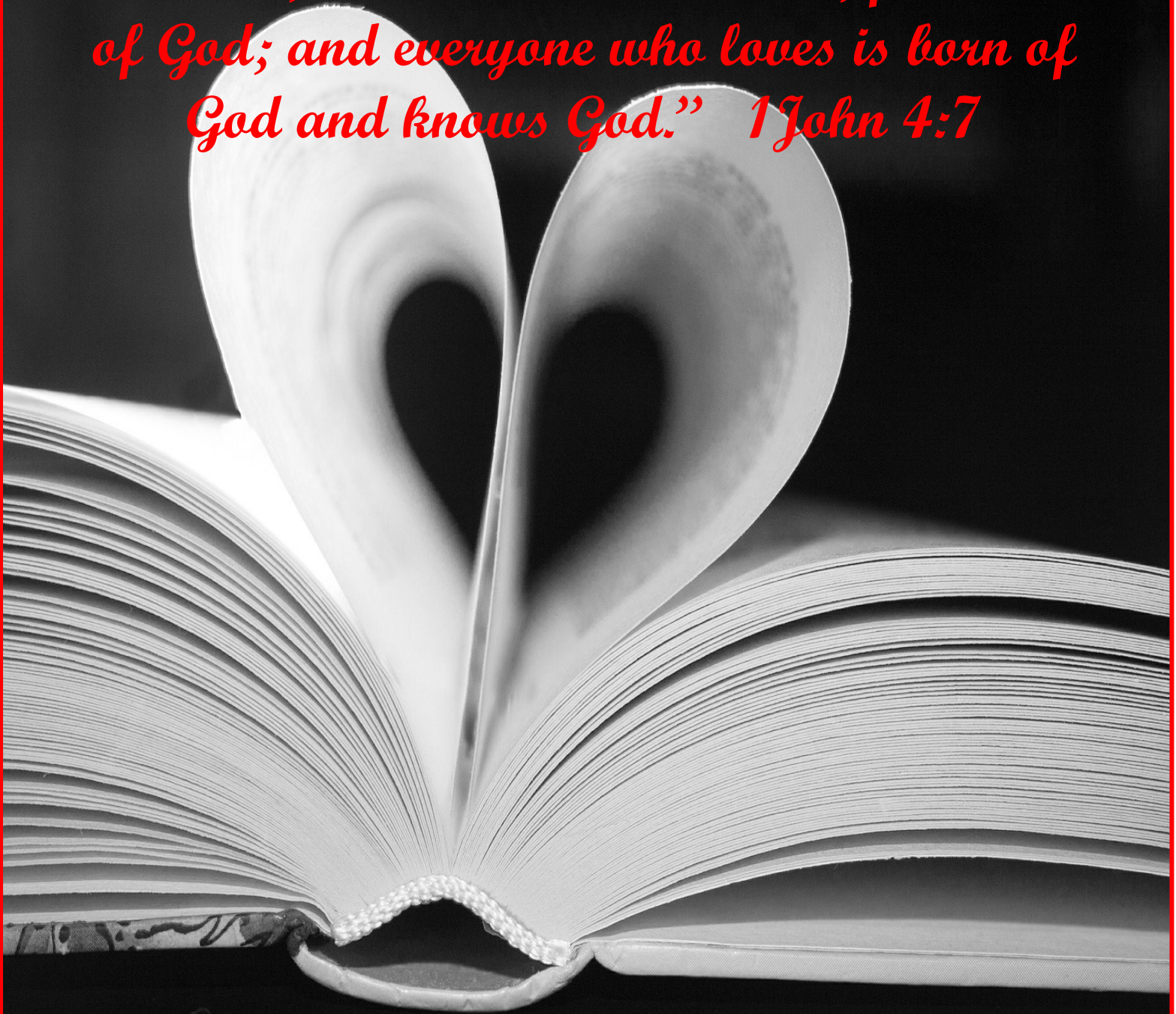
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We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7



In Our Prayers

Elders:

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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 Ledsome, 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), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Bob Bell, 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), Charles Lang (Lucille Hardman's brother), 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, Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley family), Joe Wilson

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

Pray WITHOUT
CEASING

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Jim Dailey- At Encompass Health
- ♥ Chris Scott-Ron Riddle's nephew having complications after his kidney transplant. Cards of encouragement would be appreciated. CAMC 501 Morris Street, Room 706 Charleston, WV 25304.
- ♥ Our Families and Friends dealing with the Covid pandemic.
- ♥ Our Country

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.

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

ELDERS, DEACONS, & PREACHERS MEETING- That was planned for January 17 has been canceled.

VBS MEETING-- January 24, 5pm, in the auditorium by door 4. This meeting will be to set up the date and planning our VBS. We will use the Apologetics Press material "The Flood".

2021 BIBLE READING- Pick up your Bible reading bookmark on the table in the foyer.

SERMON PODCASTS AVAILABLE- Past sermons are available online through [Sermons < Camden Avenue church of Christ \(cacoc.net\)](http://Sermons.CamdenAvenuechurchofChrist.com)

PERIODICALS AVAILABLE- There are many periodicals available around the building. Pick them up for your own enjoyment and study and pass them on to others.

CLOTHING ROOMS- Items are still being collected. If you have any of the following new or gently used, fall or winter, casual clothing items; jeans, pants, t-shirts (short & long sleeved), sweatshirts, coats, socks, shoes or blankets please place them in the red bin at the bottom of the steps leading up toward the teacher supply room.



BIBLE CALL

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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.**

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

This and That

With all the difficulties and challenges of 2020, many of us are looking forward to getting back to doing things and activities that we did before the pandemic hit. As long as COVID-19 does not cause any interruptions our elders, Doug, and I are moving forward with planning the following:

First, we are planning our Summer Sermon Series, beginning on the first Wednesday night in June and concluding on the last Wednesday in August. Our theme is “Renewing Your Spiritual Life” and each night has a different lesson with this theme. Some of our speakers that have been invited to speak so far are Roger Rush, Paolo Di Luca, Clint Rowand, Steve Haguewood, Jeff Rich, Nathan Greene, J.D. Smith, Scott Smith, Doug Wells, David Epler, and Sam Bartrug. As plans are finalized, dates and sermon topics will be announced.

Another event that we are planning is Vacation Bible School. We will use the Apologetics Press material “The Flood”. Our first VBS meeting will be Sunday night at **5:00 p.m. Jan. 24, 2021.** (This will be before services, in the auditorium wing by the outside exit door). This meeting will be to set up the date and planning of our VBS.

Plans are also being made for CYC, that Sunday, Feb. 28, I will be planning to travel with my family and the group from Camden Ave. Steve Fuchs will be preaching that morning and evening. Then Sunday, April 4, the weekend Camden Ave.’s group plans to travel to Lads to Leaders convention Eddie Cooper will be preaching for both the Sunday morning and evening services.

There are other events being planned such as the U.S. Postal food drive, the annual church picnic, Bible Bowl, and maybe a fall gospel meeting. These dates and events are still being planned so more information will follow as it is made available.

As the New Year begins and we strive to “turn over” a new leaf, let us pray that 2021 will be a great year. Let us pray we can get back together as a church family, that we will be able to worship together and have Bible studies regularly in-person. May we do what we can and when we can to support the work of the church here in South Parkersburg and strive to make this a great year serving the Lord!



In Christ's Love,

Mark T.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells
Surrender Fights You Can't Win
Text: Proverbs 21:30

When should you fight “to the death”? When should you not?

What does God ask us to do when we are fighting against Him? (Ezekiel 18:30-32)

Is a fight against God winnable? (Isaiah 45:9, Proverbs 21:30) If not, why do you think so many people do it?

Who are some examples from Scripture of people who fought against God? How well did it work out for them?

Do you think it's wise to consider the likelihood of success of your current course of action? Check Luke 14:31-33.

What are some examples of ways people fight against God?

Are YOU in a fight with God right now? If so, are you going to win? What should you do?

P.M. Sermon- online: Mark T. Tonkery
Is the Lord in this place? Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:16-19

Doug's Discussion

Start Now, Finish Well

Let me share something I've learned about large projects. This is a lesson I have learned painfully, as I am a natural procrastinator. When the task is big enough you cannot wait until the last minute to get it done. You do that and you end up showing up to class with a half-finished paper that gets about half the points (which is bad). You end up with a project that is still an embarrassing mess when the in-laws show up to visit. Some things MUST be started on time or near on time if they are going to get done by the deadline.

This church has presented the challenge of reading through the entire Bible in a year. I have always felt this is a worthy challenge – to make it through the entirety of Scripture before January 1st. I appreciate Mark for deciding to promote this effort. We should keep the Word before us, just like Joshua was told to do: “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful” (Joshua 1:8). We cannot fully obey a Word we don't know and we won't know what we don't read and study. So yes, I too encourage every family and every individual to take up this challenge. I also know, if you haven't already, that this is going to be a real struggle unless you start ASAP.

Many people's commitment to read through Scripture gets tanked in the first few weeks of January. At my reading speed it takes about 15 minutes a day to read the whole Bible in a year. Is that a lot? Well, no. That's not a lot . . . if it is broken up into daily chunks. But what if I miss a day? Then the next day I need to read 30 minutes to catch back up. Which still, even with a full-time job and kids, isn't that difficult. But if I get into the habit of missing days and a whole week goes by then the task starts to get a bit more challenging. What I'm saying to you is this: reading Scripture through in a year is not something most people can accomplish by procrastinating for a couple of months. If you want this to happen in your life start now. Start in January. Make Scripture something you read daily. That's the best chance you have to celebrate a wonderful accomplishment in December. I pray that's a celebration you experience this year and for many years to come.



A message from the elders to the church of Christ which meets at Camden Avenue:

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to greatly affect the members of Camden Avenue. More and more of the congregation is having to endure illness in their homes as the virus spreads more rapidly. Many of our Christian family have been hospitalized because of the impact of COVID-19 upon them.

We continue to pray for relief and God has granted us the development of vaccines to combat the virus. However, it will take time for health officials to distribute and administer the vaccines. The growing dangers to the membership at Camden Avenue remain for now.

With much prayer and deliberation, the elders have decided to make short term changes to our worship service and Bible study schedules. We believe these adjustments to be the most expedient actions to take. Effective Sunday morning, January 10, the Camden Avenue congregation will meet for public worship service once each week. All other services will be online only, streaming on Facebook Live.

These changes will continue for at least two weeks. On or about January 21, the eldership will reevaluate the impact COVID-19 is having on the Camden Avenue membership. A decision will be made then about any adjustments to this temporary schedule change.

To summarize, the Camden Avenue service schedule will be as follows beginning Sunday, January 10:

Sunday morning worship service	In person and streaming online
Sunday morning Bible class	Cancelled
Sunday evening worship service	Streaming online only
Wednesday morning Bible classes	Cancelled
Wednesday evening Bible classes	Streaming online only

We pray God will grant us a swift end to this pandemic.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you so much for caring and sharing at these difficult times. I love and miss you all. Your Sister in Christ, Charlene Donahue
- ♥ We want to thank the congregation for the thoughts, prayers, visits, calls, and cards this past week. It was a very difficult time, but it was made bearable by the outpouring of love and support of our Christian family. Thank you all and we love you. Scott Johnson



Serving In Worship January 17, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Online

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Stan Inman

6:00 PM - Online

Close - Online

SCRIPTURE

AM- Jon Hescht

PM -Online

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Hoover

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Can be heard on AM 910

Well it happened to me, maybe it has happened to you. I received my notice that I may be called up for jury duty some-time this year. So, when the card came, I had a choice to make, write an excuse of why I would not serve or comply. So, I complied and sent back the postcard.

I could have made an excuse like one woman who didn't want to serve on the jury and said she was too beautiful to serve on the jury.

I guess all of us give excuses at one time or another, but what is really bad is when we give an excuse in front of our children. Like I forgot, but we really didn't and kids know different or I can't go to church, because I am sick, and the kids see we are not.

The bad thing about this is we are showing our children we are liars. They grow up thinking it is okay to lie because Mom and Dad lied. That is tragic. It is pretty serious—giving excuses. Think about it.



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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

How do you become a Christian?

HEAR what God has to say in order to have salvation (Romans 10:17)

BELIEVE that Jesus is the son of God. (John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16)

REPENT of your sins and return to God. (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38)

CONFESS Jesus Christ before men. (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10)

BE BAPTIZED for the forgiveness of your sins. (Acts 2:38; 22:16;
1 Peters 3:20-21; Mark 16-15-16)

REMAIN FAITHFUL unto God by living your new life for Jesus. (2 Cor. 5:17;
Revelation 2:10)

Facts and Figures

January 3, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....122

Facebook AM Service Views.....417

Sunday Bible Class.....98

Sunday PM Service.....90

Facebook PM Service Views.....289

Wednesday AM Service.....10

Wednesday PM Service.....No count

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....280

Contribution.....\$7309.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....

Restored or Requested Prayers....

Placed Membership.....

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

January 17
"What is Truth?"

Daily Bible Reading

January 11: Genesis 31-33

January 12: Genesis 34-36

January 13: Genesis 37-39

January 14: Genesis 40-42

January 15: Genesis 43-45

January 16: Genesis 46-48

January 17: Genesis 49 & Exodus 1