

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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TRUST IN THE LORD

“Blessed is the man who trusts in
the Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.
For he shall be like a tree planted by the
waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of
drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8



In Our Prayers

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**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

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, 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)

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

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Our Families and Friends dealing with the Covid pandemic.
- ♥ Tom Little- Mark's uncle. His cancer has returned.
- ♥ Melva Farris home recovering from back surgery.
- ♥ Gary Farris recovering from radiation treatments.
- ♥ Joe & Pat Connell, Mike Wades sister and brother-in-law suffering from Covid.
- ♥ Carl Curtiss recovering from surgery last week.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Gloria Frazier. A private graveside service was held last week.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the Ryan Logston and family on the passing of his grandmother Betty Donahue. There was a private family funeral held last week.

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.

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

CONNECT CONFERENCE- Church Growth Workshop. June 2-5, 2021 in Nashville TN. See the bulletin board or Facebook @connect conference for more information.

WVSOP ONLINE EVENING CLASS- The West Virginia School of Preaching will be holding a free evening/online class beginning January 25th. More information is available on the bulletin board.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS MEETING- Has been rescheduled for February 7 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for all the sympathy cards received at the passing of my brother and sister-in-law. Richard Cozad.
- ♥ Kay and I want to thank those who called, emailed, texted and sent food while we were sick. It meant a lot for all of you to think of us. Rick & Kay Stanley
- ♥ Thank you for the nice birthday cards and Facebook messages I received for my birthday. They made my day better. Gala Miller

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What if our society lived by the Ten Commandments?

Did you know that the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court, one can see near the top of the building a row of the world's lawgivers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full-frontal view—it is Moses, and he is holding the Ten Commandments. As one enters the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door. As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments.



The Ten Commandments still today, is the most influential legislation on earth. The constitutions of forty-seven of the forty-eight continental states of the U.S.A. specifically recognize this code as the basic law of the land. For centuries, it has been inscribed upon decorative panels for courts, schools, cathedrals, and church buildings.

But this is changing; in the past few years, the Ten Commandments have received a lot of press, schools, public parks and courtrooms have been made to take down the Ten Commandments from public view.

When I hear this, I always think it is kind of ridiculous for a country that has a high rate of murders, theft, lying, and adultery to put out of the public's view a list like the Ten Commandments that remind people not to do evil.

After all, think about how society would be different if everyone worshipped the same true and living God in spirit and truth (Ex. 20:1-7; John 4:24)? Think about how our families would be different if children honored their parents (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-4). Think about how life would be different if people were reminded to not murder, commit adultery, steal, give false testimony, and not covet, (Ex. 20:13-17; Rom. 13:9-10).

Understand that we do live under the New Covenant and Col. 2:14 reminds us, "by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." Christ took the Old Testament out of the way, nailing it to His cross. But the Old Testament still has teaching value for us today. Rom 15:4, states, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

There is a lot we can learn from the Old Testament Scriptures. In Mat. 22:37-39, Jesus teaches us that the whole Old Testament law can be summed up with two commands which are to "Love God and love our neighbor".

A few years ago, a police officer came and spoke to our congregation where I was preaching. His lesson was on this passage and pointed out that much of the stress of his job was due to people not loving God and not loving their neighbor.

What if today we would love God and our neighbor a little more than we did yesterday? How much would our world change? Our neighborhoods? And our families? It all begins with you and I loving God and our neighbor.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Should we have rules to live by?

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

"You shall have ____ other _____ before Me." Ex. 20:3 "You shall _____ make for yourself a _____..." Ex. 20:4 "You shall _____ take the _____ of the Lord your God in _____..." Ex 20:7 "_____ the Sabbath day, to _____ it _____." Ex. 20:8 "_____ your _____ and your _____..." Ex. 20:12 "You shall _____ murder." Ex. 20:13 "You shall _____ commit _____." Ex. 20:14 "You shall _____ steal." Ex. 20:15 "You shall _____ bear _____ witness against your _____." Ex. 20:16 "You shall _____...anything that is _____ neighbor's." Ex. 20:17

I. What is wrong with our world?

II. Why have things gone so wrong in our world?

III. What is God's will for us?

IV. How do we get back to God?

a. We need _____

b. We need _____

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery The 10 Commandments and the New Testament

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Doug's Discussion

The Way of the Proud is Hard

Have you ever seen pride make someone's life much more difficult than it needed to be? Picture a husband building a bookcase. His sensible wife is telling him that he's not following the directions on a particular step. The husband ignores this, finishes it, realizes half of it is upside down and has to start all over. Or picture a wife trying to open a pickle jar. She's struggling, twisting, pounding, etc. and her husband asks if she would like any help. The angry reply is "I can do it!" Well . . . thirty minutes later her sandwich is still without a side of pickles. You know what I'm talking about right? Self-reliant stubbornness. Frustrating and maybe even painful trials that could have been ended by momentarily surrendering the hammer or the pickle jar. (Or you could even use the hammer on the pickle jar - but I don't recommend that.)



This kind of thing can carry over into our spiritual life as well. Jesus proclaims to the masses: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). This a beautiful plea to all those who are humble enough to acknowledge their need of this rest. Or you can replay "nah Jesus, I'm good." But are you? Or is the real truth that your life has been like running on a treadmill? You run and run but are still in the same place you started. Or maybe if you are honest you'd have to admit to the sin that is constantly weighing down your soul, depressing and exhausting you. But no . . . we're going to figure this out Jesus. We just need a little more time to struggle and twist and bang a few things on the table.

Jesus is never going to MAKE us give up the struggle and come to Him for help. He's just going to be nearby, waiting for us to quit being stubborn. And what blessings await us if we do! Jesus says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" (Revelation 3:20). It's the difference between scratching out a living outside of the garden and being in the garden itself. It's the difference between Olive Garden's never ending pasta bowl and trying to make a meal from a random cupboard after not going grocery shopping for three weeks. I mean sure . . . you can TRY. But why be stubborn? Jesus holds out His arms to all who will come, and they will receive help. Want to have an easier time? Quit being stubborn and go get that help.

Resuming All Services and Classes

A message to the membership of the Camden Avenue church of Christ from the elders...

The recent spike of COVID-19 cases in our community and among our members at Camden Avenue church of Christ appears to be diminishing. With those very positive signs, the elders at Camden Avenue have determined that all in-person, regularly scheduled worship services and Bible classes are to begin again at the building. Classes are planned to begin Sunday morning, January 24 following worship service. We also plan to have Bible classes on Wednesdays beginning January 27.

Efforts to limit the exposure of students and teachers to potential infections must still be maintained. Classrooms are arranged to separate chairs so that students can remain “**Socially Distanced**” during classes.

Face coverings are to be worn the entire time students are in class. Smaller sized face coverings are being made available in the foyer. Please make use of these child sized masks if you do not already have face coverings for your children.

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building. Please make use of the hand sanitizer whenever entering or leaving classrooms.

Please **think of everyone's safety** as it concerns our classes and worship services:

- If you are well, we look forward to seeing you in Bible classes.
- If you or a member of your household is exhibiting any symptoms associated with COVID-19, please stay home until everyone in your household is well.

If you have any concerns about wearing a face covering during the entire time you are in the church building, please take advantage of the live broadcasts from your home. We will continue to stream live video of services and the auditorium Bible class on Facebook.

Thank you for your patience through these trying times. And we pray that God will grant us relief from this pandemic.

Thank you!

The elders of Camden Avenue church of Christ

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

If you want to be good at something you have to practice. When I wanted to learn how to juggle I spent hours in my basement attempting the feat. When I started socks and tennis balls were flying everywhere. But as time went by I got better and better...and now I can impress 5-year-olds with my sensational skills.

Unfortunately, practice make you better at bad things too. God said in Jeremiah 4:22, “My people...are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.” Why do you think they were good at doing evil? Because that’s what they practiced! Their “doing good” skills had atrophied from lack of use, but they had gone pro in wrongdoing. You get good at what you practice - that’s how it works.

So what are you practicing? Even if it seems hard to do what is right at first - keep at it! The people who are really skilled at holiness are the ones who have been practicing every day. Practice and you will get better.

Serving In Worship January 31, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman
PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brian Haught
Close - Ira Kimes
6:00 PM - Scott Smith
Close - Jimmy Galloway

SCRIPTURE

AM- John Life
PM -Stan Inman

COMMUNION

AM - Kody Inman
PM - Paul Saunders



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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

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

2- Sonya Hescht
4- Addie Miller
4- Doris Newberry
4- Patrick Rine
5- Nancy Proffitt
5- Bret Wilcoxon
7- Paul Inman
9- Daniel & Tabetha Rich*
11- Mildred Gault (101 !)
11- Marion Goldsmith
12- Shirley Martin
13- Elena Gray
14- Sandy Hughes
14- Russ & Patty Alton*
14- Dennis & Sandy Keller*
15- Mark Tonkery

17- Daniel Rich
20- Sandy Sheppard
21- Kyla Barnes
22- Brenda Guthrie
25- Payton Knotts
26- Kody Inman
26- Ira Kimes
26- Mike & Gwen Lucas*
27- Charlotte Galloway
27- Doug Hershman



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In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP

January 31

"Sayings from the Cross
2"

Facts and Figures

January 17, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....118
Facebook AM Service Views.....432
Facebook PM Service Views.....335
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....376
Contribution.....\$6380.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

Daily Bible Reading

January 25: Exodus 23 - 25

January 26: Exodus 26 - 28

January 27: Exodus 29 - 31

January 28: Exodus 32 - 34

January 29: Exodus 35 - 37

January 30: Exodus 38 - 40

January 31: Leviticus 1 - 3

"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."