

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

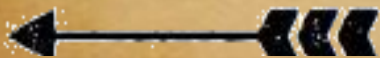
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“Where you are always welcome”

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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“HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?
BE STRONG
& **COURAGEOUS**
DO NOT BE AFRAID;
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED;
FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
WILL BE WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.”



JOSHUA 1:9



In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

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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, Gary & Melva Farris, 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, Joe & Pat Connell (Mike Wade's sister & brother-in-law), 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), Tom Little (Mark's uncle) 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)

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Carl Curtiss recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Gina Sellers a co-worker of Susan Anderson, undergoing cancer tests.
- ♥ Candice Shaffer, Sandy Keller's niece, has breast cancer.
- ♥ Chris Scott, Ron Riddle's nephew- Having issues with kidney transplant.
- ♥ Jennifer Conrads, niece of Saunders- Baby due soon.
- ♥ Russ Alton has an infection in both eyes.
- ♥ Gary & Melva Farris

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family of Sheila Young. Sheila was the mother of Eric Young and grandmother of Cody and Rochelle Young. The funeral was held last week.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Lucille Hardman on the passing of her brother Charles Lang. His funeral was last week.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Myrtle Metz. Her funeral was 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.

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

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

COMBINED CYC & LADS TO LEADERS MEETING- Today at 5pm in the auditorium by door 4.

DEACONS- Email your reports by February 1st.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for your cards, prayers and care during my surgery recovery and Gary's cancer treatments. I have missed seeing you at church services. Gary and I both have compromised immune systems so we cannot attend services until this Covid pandemic passes. We look forward to seeing you soon! Love in Christ, Melva and Gary Farris
- ♥ Thank you for all the prayers and cards during my surgery. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I recover. Carl Curtiss
- ♥ Thanks so much to all of you for helping to bring us the online service. I sure do appreciate you. Also, the daily devotional call has helped me through many days. Thank you all, Love & Prayers, Brenda Guthrie

"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."

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

10 WAYS TO FIND TIME TO READ YOUR BIBLE

1. Wake up ten minutes earlier each morning and read.
2. Put a Bible portion under your pillow to read each night before sleep.
3. Talk less and you will have a few more minutes to read.
4. Keep a copy on hand in the kitchen, or at the telephone to read while you "hold."
5. Carry a copy of the Bible in your purse or pocket to read while waiting for doctors, unpunctual people, etc.
6. Never go on a trip without your Bible
7. Keep a copy in the glove compartment of the car.
8. Remember, a Bible in your hand is worth two on the table.
9. Turn the TV off and read to your children.
10. Read a verse or two at meal time when all the family is together.



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery **What did we bring to God today?**
Scripture reading: Leviticus 1:1-3

Have you ever thought of your Christianity as a sacrifice?

I. Sacrifices of the Old Testament.

A. Levit. 1:1-3

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

II. Sacrifice of Christ.

A. Rom. 5:8-10

- B. _____
- C. _____

III. Sacrifices that we are to bring to God today.

A. Mark 8:34, "When He had called the _____ to Himself, with His _____ also, He said to _____, 'Whoever desires to _____ after _____, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____, and _____.'"

B. God does not expect _____ from His followers.

C. So what does God expect from each Christian:

1. To bring a sacrifice of our _____:

a. Php. 4:18, "Indeed I have _____ and _____. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from _____, a sweet-smelling _____, an acceptable _____, well pleasing to _____."

2. To bring a sacrifice of doing _____ to others:

a. Heb. 13:16, "But do _____ forget to do _____ and to share, for with such _____ God is well _____."

3. To bring a sacrifice of our _____:

a. Heb. 13:15, "Therefore by Him let us _____ offer the _____ of praise to _____, that is, the _____ of our lips, giving _____ to His name."

4. To bring the sacrifice of our _____:

a. Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, _____, by the _____ of God, that you present your bodies a _____, holy, acceptable to _____, which is your reasonable _____."

b. Jesus' way is different than the world, His way is a way of _____ and _____.

c. _____

1 Pt. 2:5, "you also, as living _____, are being built up a spiritual _____, a holy _____, to offer up spiritual _____ acceptable to _____ through Jesus Christ."

2Tim. 4:6, "My life is coming to an end, and it is now time for me to be poured out as a sacrifice to God." (God's Word Translation)

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells **Commit to Loving God in 2021** Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:3-4

Doug's Discussion

Do You Know When You Do Evil?

How often do you think an immoral person knows that their daily conduct is evil? I once had a tax advisor from a well-known company (which shall not be named) who told me I should lie on my taxes to save some money. She apparently was feeling guilty for being wrong about my refund amount and I guess was offering that as a consolation prize. Note: she wasn't my tax person the year after that. I wonder if she looked in her mirror that night and confronted her loose arrangement with the truth. I'm leaning toward probably not, unfortunately.

I believe people have a built-in sense of right and wrong. I also believe this sense can be suppressed. Romans 1:18 teaches that truth can be suppressed by wickedness. Make the wrong choice enough times and you may lose the knowledge that the choice is wrong. Wrong choices can become as automatic as driving home from work. And that's why it is so important to look into the mirror! Or as Hebrews puts it, "See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12).

I think we're much better at identifying sinful conduct in other people than in ourselves. Maybe because we don't want to see it. But we need to! Open up your eyes and consider whether or not you're still on the right road. Judge yourself so that there is no need for judgment. Who knows if Hitler or Stalin thought to themselves "yeah, I'm totally evil?" They didn't get that way overnight. Perhaps their poor character began with justifying seemingly minor poor choices. Perhaps it was their habit to judge others but to never judge themselves.

See to it, brothers and sisters, that your heart is set on what is right. That your eyes look to Jesus. That you consider others as better than yourselves. That no idol has taken the place of God. See to it that you believe the Word of God over the ever-changing words of men. Confront yourself if you are failing in these ways. Whether you're guilty of mass murder or tax evasion the right move is to repent and turn back to the living God. I pray you will.





BIBLE CALL

304.420.2416 WWW.BIBLECALLINFO

24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK.

BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.

DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.

BIBLE CALL REPORT December 2020

Let us keep up the good work of calling and telling others about the Bible Call program. We had 212 CALLS in DECEMBER. This represents more than 21 hours of teaching the Bible via this means.

The high days were the 30th with 20 calls and the 19th with 10 calls.

The most requested calls were for 306 Repentance (10), 321 The Holy Spirit (9), 201 Why Does God Allow Trouble? (8), 115 Overcoming Depression (7), 102 What is the church of Christ (6), 555 Should the Lord's Supper Be Observed Every Sunday? (6) Many calls were listened to more than once, 8 times people asked to hear a list of topics on the phone and 8 times people listened to the lesson again.

In these times that are so challenging we have an opportunity to reach into homes with the word. Other congregations are seeing this and starting mailing. Steelton in New Martinsville is mailing monthly. The Elders at McConnelsville, OH where Bro Tom Butterfield is preaching have set up a local number that feeds into the service here and they have done their first mailing. We have had calls from other congregations about how to get involved in this good work. Let us Call daily and get the word out to others personally and to sister congregations.

Let us continue to call daily, hand a leaflet to those you meet, and reach out to others personally and by mail. Pray God continues to bless this good work.

WILL YOU NOT TELL IT TODAY?

Any questions call David Epler 616 554 0990.

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

There is always something to complain about. "It's too hot." "You never do what I want." "Why is my hair falling out?" "God, why did you ever make the mosquito?" Hey listen, I get it I wonder about the mosquito thing sometimes too. But despite the fact that there is an abundance of inspiration for complaints in this broken world, God wants us to live a life that is complaint-free. That's what it says in Philippians 2:14: "Do everything without complaining or arguing."

Think you can do that? You'd have to flip a switch in your brain. Instead of looking for reasons to complain you have to look for reasons to praise. And guess what? There are plenty of those too. You get to choose what you focus on - and one choice is a lot happier than the other. "This day is beautiful!" "That cheeseburger was delicious!" "I love my kids so much." Wow - I feel better already.

Serving In Worship February 7, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway
Close - Paul Inman
6:00 PM - Ryan Highman
Close - Bill Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM- Donovan Walton
PM -Dylan Muncy

COMMUNION

AM - Jon Hescht
PM - Jeff Taberner



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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

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

February 14
"God is at Work in
Baptism"

YOUTH NEWS

Monday Night Merge- "Called to be Different"
7:00pm Nightly

Feb. 15- North End church of Christ
Feb. 22- Barlow Vincent church of Christ
March 8- Rockport church of Christ
March 15- Ohio Valley University

North End Youth Rally- March 20th at 9:30am.
Keynote speaker Reed Swindle. Due to Covid North End will be limiting the number of people coming from the surrounding area to 125. If you plan on attending you are required to RSVP before the rally. More information is available on the Mid Ohio Valley Traveling Youth Group Facebook page.

Mid Ohio Valley Traveling Youth Group- Will meet online through Zoom tonight at 8pm. Meeting ID and passcode can be found on the Traveling Youth Group Facebook page.



Facts and Figures

January 24, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....143
Facebook AM Service Views.....392
Sunday Bible Class.....113
Sunday PM Service.....97
Facebook PM Service Views.....286
Wednesday AM Service.....16
Wednesday PM Service.....81
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....247
Contribution.....\$5555.37

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

Daily Bible Reading

February 1: Leviticus 4-6
February 2: Leviticus 7-9
February 3: Leviticus 10-12
February 4: Leviticus 13-15
February 5: Leviticus 16-18
February 6: Leviticus 19-21
February 7: Leviticus 22-24