

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

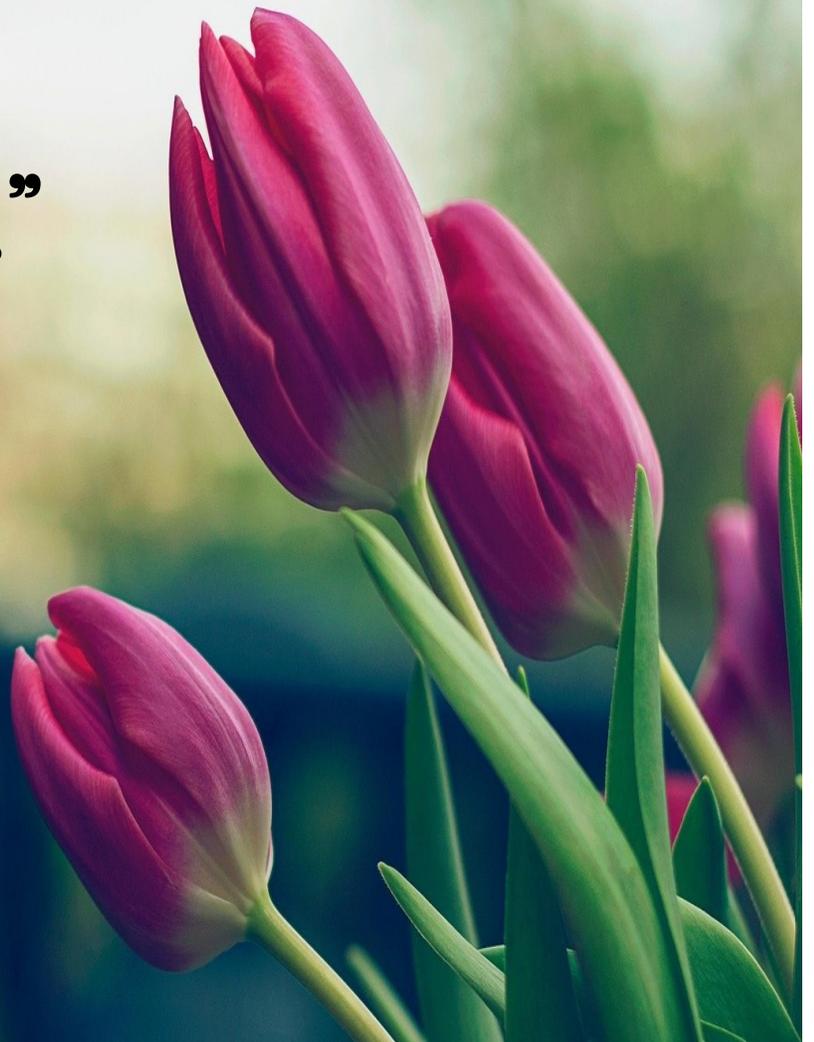
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“Where you are always welcome”

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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“The grass withers,  
the flower fades,  
But  
the word of our  
God stands  
forever.”  
Isaiah 40:8



# *In Our Prayers*

## **Elders:**

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Clayton Huber  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders

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Kevin Cochran  
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Steve Gray  
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## **Our church family in need of prayers**

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Sheila Deems, Gary & Melva Farris, Paula Franklin, 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, Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), 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, Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Blaine Hescht, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Tom Little (Mark's uncle), Roger Oliver (friend of Clayton Huber), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Chris Scott (Ron Riddle's nephew), Michele Scherer, Gina Seller's (Co-worker of Susan Anderson), Candice Shaffer (Sandy Keller's niece), Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley family)

## **New Prayer Requests this week...**

- ♥ Kay Mills recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Scott Gordon, neighbor of the Phillips- had cancer surgery
- ♥ Mary Daniels son Bill recovering from back surgery.
- ♥ Bob Miller had open heart surgery last week.
- ♥ Sharon Armstrong
- ♥ Jay Vancamp, Sue Vancamp's son has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

# *Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Dailey. There will be a private funeral service.



# *Announcements*

**VISITORS**-Fill out a card located in the seat in front of you and place on your seat or in the baskets on the communion table.

**MOV LADIES DAY**- April 17, 2021 at Barlow-Vincent church of Christ. Sign up on the bulletin board by March 31st if you plan on attending due to preregistration.

**LADS TO LEADERS PICNIC DONATIONS**- Due to Covid, cash donations are being accepted for the upcoming picnic. Donations can be given to Todd or Annette Kirk.

**MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**-The MPR is now open. The maximum capacity is 24, masks and social distancing are required. Jim Galloway continues to be the contact for scheduling the MPR.

## **MEETINGS TODAY:**

- **LADS TO LEADERS**- short meeting after morning Bible class by door 6.
- **CARE GROUP LEADERS**- 4:30pm in the MP Room
- **VBS**- after evening services by door 6.

**LADS TO LEADERS SHOWCASE**- March 28. More details to come.

**VBS TEACHERS**- VBS teachers are needed. Grades cradle roll through teens. See Doug Wells if you can help and attend the meeting tonight after evening services.

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE**- "Called to be Different" 7:00pm, March 29 at North End church of Christ.

## **DIRECTORY UPDATES-**

- **Dave & Lois Nulter** phone number is 304-489-2569. (they had updated to a new number but have gone back to the number printed in the directory)
- **Kelly & Sandy Sheppard**- 440 Wakefield Dr. Washington, WV 26181

# *Thank You*

♥ Thank you all for the prayers and cards I received while I was down. They are greatly appreciated.  
Lenore Vaught

♥ Jim & Charlotte Galloway want to thank all who sent us birthday cards. They brightened our day.

♥ Thank you Jo Goldsmith for taking care of our bulletin boards for spring.

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

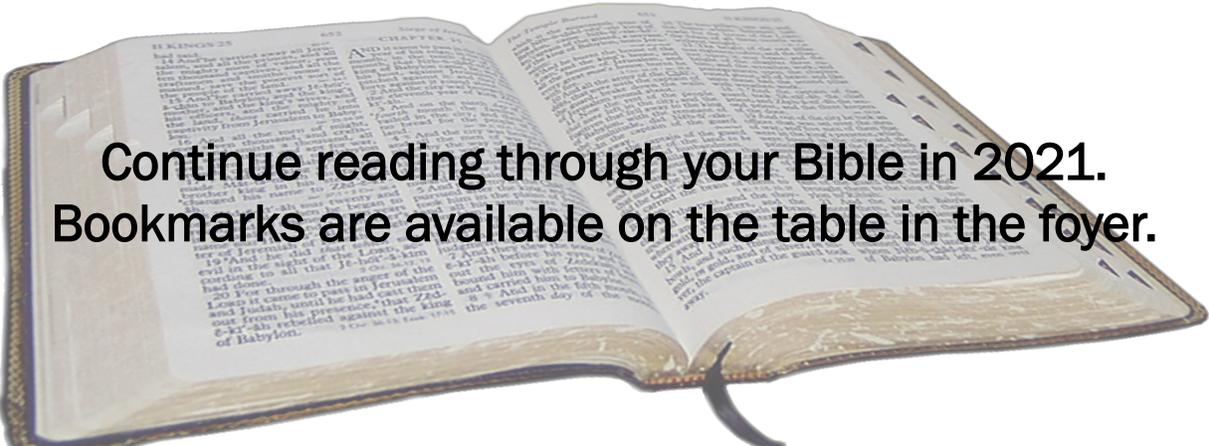
## The King and His Bible

Many years before the elders of Israel came to the prophet Samuel and requested a king for Israel so they could be like the other nations (1 Sam. 8:4-5), God spoke prophetically through Moses addressing this situation (Deut. 17:14-20). Much of what God said concerning Israel's king involved the king and his relationship to the Scriptures (Deut. 17:18-20).

The king was to have his own personal copy of the Bible. Moses wrote, "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write FOR HIMSELF A COPY of this law in a book..." (Deut. 17:18, emp. added). Everyone ought to have his own personal copy of the Bible. We feel free to use what belongs to us personally. When it comes to my own personal copy of the Bible, I underline verses, circle words, make notes in the margins, and highlight passages. I would be hesitant to do this with someone else's Bible.

The king was to have his own personal copy of the Bible present with him. Moses, referring to the Bible, said, "And IT SHALL, BE WITH HIM..." (Deut. 17:19, emp. added). We need to have our Bible with us. Carry it to worship. Carry it in your purse or coat pocket. Put it under your pillow or beside our bed. If you cannot sleep, then you can turn on the light and read your Bible. Have it with you while you wait at the doctor's or dentist's office. Keep a Bible in your vehicle. You may get stuck in a traffic jam. Have your Bible with you as you wait at the airport. It likely is the case that most of us have several minutes daily when we could read our Bible if we only had the Book present with us.

The king was to daily pursue the message of the Bible. "...He shall READ IT"

An open Bible is shown at the bottom of the page, with its pages slightly curved. The text is overlaid on the Bible. The text reads: "Continue reading through your Bible in 2021. Bookmarks are available on the table in the foyer."

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# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## The Full Picture of Repentance

Scripture Reading : 1 Samuel 7:5-6

“And \_\_\_\_\_ said, “Gather all \_\_\_\_\_ to Mizpah, and I will pray to the \_\_\_\_\_ for you.” So they gathered together at \_\_\_\_\_, drew water, and poured it out before the \_\_\_\_\_. And they \_\_\_\_\_ that day, and said there, “We have - \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_.” And Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ the children of \_\_\_\_\_ at Mizpah. “ 1 Samuel 7:5-6

- I. Repentance begins with knowing we have \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Repentance is then \_\_\_\_\_ our sin.
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
- III. Repentance is getting \_\_\_\_\_ of something.
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. Repentance involves a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
- V. Repentance results in turning to God in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Commit to Loving Mercy in 2021 Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:7

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Who is to Blame?

Is your sin someone else's fault? I mean, yes, you did evil, but is it really because you had lousy parents? Did you lust because SHE wore too short a dress? Did you lie, cheat, and/or steal because the devil made you do it? I'm just curious where you think the blame lies. I'm fairly certain that, on the list ranking who is most to blame, some have themselves WAY down the list. I won't deny that outside influences can make the right choice more difficult. I'm sure that's true. But, ultimately, the blame for our wrongdoing must belong to us. After all: "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Since God is faithful there is always a way out. Since there is a way out falling to temptation is our fault.

Speaking of being common to mankind . . . the instinct to first blame others for our personal failure goes wayyyy back. Do you remember what Adam said when he was busted for eating forbidden fruit? "The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it" (Genesis 3:12). Adam did wrong. He could have said, "yes Lord, I ate the fruit. I'm guilty and I'm sorry." Instead he blamed Eve and it sounds like he's even blaming God. "God, if you didn't give me this woman none of this would have happened!" We have a hard time owning up to what we have done. We always have. Our fear of rejection makes us think that lying to ourselves and others is the way to go. That fear is unfounded. In the long run I've always respected flawed but honest people over those who insist on hiding their responsibility to pursue a false image of perfection.

I think Daniel could be a great example to us. This man is listed as one of the most righteous men in the Bible. Daniel's opponents looked hard for an accusation and couldn't find a single one. And yet, when this righteous man prayed to God, he did not shy away from acknowledging that he was guilty too. "we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets . . ." (Daniel 9:5-6). Daniel could have said, "God, these countrymen you gave me are all rotten and if I get dragged down with them it's their fault!" Instead Daniel simply says "we have sinned." Daniel was highly esteemed. I wonder why.

## *In 2021 I commit to...*

- Finding my purpose in my service to God.
- To being a better person with a better attitude.



In 2021 I  
commit to...

## *Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP*

God is the rightful king of us all. As Acts 17:24 says, "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth." Since God made you, and all you have is because of Him, He is your King. I encourage you to be okay with that, because God is a good King.

Or, you could trade God's rule for another. There are many things out there that would rule your life if you let them. Drugs. Peer pressure. Perhaps an overbearing employer. You could also be a slave to your own desires I suppose. Many competing powers rise up as usurpers to God's throne. Will you let them rule? I can tell you this - no other will be as benevolent a ruler as the Lord. No other has such good plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Know that outside the boundaries of God's kingdom is a sad and hopeless place. Friends, let God be king. He is the best one.

## *Bible Call Report- March 2021*

Let us keep up the good work of calling and telling others about the Bible Call program. We had 301 calls in February. This represents more than 40 + hours of teaching the Bible via this means.

The high days were the 22<sup>nd</sup> with 31 calls and the 20<sup>th</sup> with 29 calls.

The most requested calls again were for 321 The Holy Spirit (14), 110 Overcoming Worry (11), also 906 Homosexuality (11), 319 For What Should a Sinner Pray (9), 306 Repentance (8), 610 Which Is the Right Church (8), 650 Life After Death (6), 304 Are We Saved by Faith Only (7), 959 Snake Handling (6), and 122 How to Help Yourself Become Better (7). 27 times people listened to the same lesson again.

The congregation at Steelton in New Martinsville did a mailing again. We have had calls from other congregations about getting leaflets to hand out and how they can use Bible Call in their community. The last request was from Seth, WV where Mike Tichner is preaching. He has also been talking with Clayton about other means of outreach. It is good to see more congregations seeking to know how they can reach out to those who are lost.



How many are planning to go to the special program in Nashville to learn more about this? Many will be there to share what they are doing. Connect Conference June 2 - 5 2021 Crieve Hall church of Christ Nashville, TN. Pray for this work and every effort to take the gospel to every creature. Let us work to fulfill the Lord's final exhortation Matt 28:19-20 "Go Ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen "

In these times that are so challenging we have an opportunity to reach into homes with the word. Let us call daily and get the word out to others personally and to sister congregations. Pray God continues to bless this good work. **WILL YOU NOT TELL IT TODAY?** Any questions call David Epler 616 554 0990.

## Serving In Worship March 28, 2021

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

### SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life  
PM - Jon Hescht

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall  
Close - Brian Haught  
6:00 PM - Josh Hall  
Close - Mike Wade

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Ryan Gaston  
PM -Ryan Highman

### COMMUNION

AM - Paul Saunders  
PM - Stan Inman



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### Service Times

#### Sunday

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

#### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

### Facts and Figures

March 14, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....168  
Facebook AM Service Views.....307  
Sunday Bible Class.....128  
Sunday PM Service.....140  
Facebook PM Service Views.....177  
Wednesday PM Service.....117  
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....141  
Contribution.....\$8320.50

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

## April Birthday's & Anniversaries

- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2- Bill & Betty Porter*     | 17- Peg Phillips          |
| 3- Pam Bayer                | 18- Terry Hofmann         |
| 4- John Hall                | 20- Bob Miller            |
| 4- Mike & Pam Bayer*        | 20- Mariella Barnes       |
| 5- Edwin Hoover             | 21- Rosie Knox            |
| 6- Calle Sheppard           | 21- Carly Taberner        |
| 6- Mike Wade                | 21- Chris & Terry Hofmann |
| 6- John & Linda Hall        | 22- Henley Hoover         |
| 7- Amzie Inman              | 22- Doutzen Sheppard      |
| 7- Ken Barnes               | 24- Lizzy Hoover          |
| 8- Amanda Cochran           | 24- Lois Porter           |
| 8- Alex Saunders            | 27- Mandy Camp            |
| 9- Patrick Davis            | 28- Carolyn Davis         |
| 10- Bev Rine                | 29- Sarah Buckley         |
| 10- Sharon Smith            |                           |
| 10- Sarah Wilcoxon          |                           |
| 10- Dave & Lois Nulter*     |                           |
| 11- Kasen Inman             |                           |
| 13- Steve Gray              |                           |
| 14- Jimmy Galloway          |                           |
| 15- Chris Hofmann           |                           |
| 15- Doug & Alisha Hershman* |                           |
| 16- Brian & Ann Knotts*     |                           |
| 17- Dustin Hughes           |                           |



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

March 28  
"Do You Know Jesus?"

### Daily Bible Reading

March 22: 1 Samuel 8-10  
March 23: 1 Samuel 11-13  
March 24: 1 Samuel 14-16  
March 25: 1 Samuel 17-19  
March 26: 1 Samuel 20-22  
March 27: 1 Samuel 23-26  
March 28: 1 Samuel 27-29

*"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."*