

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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Welcome

Where People Matter to God!

Every SOUL is greatly loved!

Every VISITOR is truly
appreciated!

Every MEMBER is lovingly
received!

Every PAGE of the BIBLE is firmly
believed!

All things are done decently
and in order!

1 Corinthians 14:40

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

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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), Bill Daniels (Mary Daniels son), Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, 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 Pflanzgraf (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, Jay Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams,

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Kay Mills home recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Bob Miller home recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Gene Phillips in Camden Clark.
- ♥ Oliver Schultz, newborn great grandson of June Schultz, in Morgantown hospital.

Thank You

- ♥ I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, beautiful cards, phone calls, visits and food. My church family is wonderful. Please keep me in your prayers for continued healing and my upcoming surgery. Your sister in Christ, Kay Mills
- ♥ Bill and I want to Thank You for all the Anniversary cards you sent us. Kay Mills



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.

LADS TO LEADERS SHOWCASE- Today. Girls meet at 4pm in the auditorium. Guys meet at 5pm in the auditorium. There will be meeting after the showcase for all attending Lads to Leaders.

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

VBS - Helpers are needed for the 3 year old class, 3rd-5th grade class and the teen class. If you are able to help see Mark or Doug.

YOUTH EVENT- May 7 & 8 at the Wood county 4-H on Butcher Bend Rd. Hosted by the Sunrise church of Christ. Lonnie Jones will be speaking on Perseverance, Coming out of Trouble Times. Attendance is limited to 150 people. Registration online is required through <https://sunrisecocoyouth.wixsite.com/mysite>

CONNECT CONFERENCE- June 2-5 at the Crieve Hall church of Christ in Nashville TN. A conference on evangelism, “Disciples making Disciples”. More information is available on the bulletin board or through [Facebook.com/connectcon](https://www.facebook.com/connectcon)



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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

Growing in Faith

Have you wondered why we have Bible Classes each Sunday and Wednesday evening? Or why preaching of the Word of God is so essential to our Sunday worship? Or why the Lord encourages us to read and study the Bible daily (Ps. 1:2)? It is because Bible study is a faith growing event. Rom 10:17, States, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

If the "hearing," that is getting the word of Christ into our heads and acting positively upon it, produces faith; shouldn't the Christian be more diligent with spending time with God and His word? Who reading this article can say they have enough faith? Isn't our faith being challenged each and every day? Are we not bombarded by sin and "hearing" things that do not produce faith?

Eph. 6:16, reminds, "In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one." Notice again how essential faith is, not only does God's word produce faith, but it helps us overcome our sin!

Seeing how necessary growing our faith is; why would we as a Christian want to neglect an opportunity to spend time reading and studying God's word? Why do we let the TV, ball games, or other self-interest prevent us from daily Bible study and the services of the church? Are these things more important than spending time with the Almighty? Can the TV help us get to Heaven? Can sports draw us closer to God and help us grow our faith? Can anything else whether it be jobs, family, hobbies, or other self-interest help us deepen our relationship with God, like the word of Christ?

How important is growing our faith to us? What are we spending more time with, things of this world or the things of God? What are we willing to do, sacrifice, or even give up to develop a stronger faith in Christ?

I wonder how do we compare to William McPherson? A dynamite charge blew up in his face. Damage was severe. He lost his hands. Part of his face was left numb. Realizing how much the Bible meant to him, he set out to find a way he could read it. Without hands he tried to use his lips to read Braille, but numbness made that impossible. He discovered he could use his tongue to decipher the Moon Type system of dashes. This method left his tongue bleeding and very sore, but he kept at it. Gradually it became easier and he learned to read. In sixty-five years he was able to read the Bible through four times WITH HIS TONGUE.

The story of William McPherson makes it clear that we do what we want to do. The one who will not read, or study the Bible, and does not come to the services of the church has no advantage over the one who cannot read, or at least in the traditional way at Mr. McPherson illustrated. Think about it! MTT



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

How to survive in enemy territory?

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 27:1-2

How to survive in enemy territory?

- I. First, _____ doubt God's promises.
 - A. 1 Sam. 27:1 _____.
- II. Second, surround yourself with a _____ group.
 - A. 1 Sam. 27:2 _____.
 - B. Heb. 10:24-25 _____.
- III. Third, be _____ of the enemy's influence.
 - A. 1 Sam. 27:6-12 _____.
 - B. David moved into his enemy's territory; we are born into enemy territory.
 1. 2 Cor. 4:4 – _____.
 2. 1 Cor. 15:33 - _____.
 3. Eph. 6:10-18 _____.
- IV. Fourth, know that _____ - will come.
 - A. 1 Sam. 30:3-6 _____.
 - B. Setbacks will come for the Christian too:
 1. Jn. 16:33 _____.
 2. 2 Tim. 3:12 _____.
 3. 1 Pt. 5:8-9 _____.
- V. Fifth, _____ on God.
 - A. 1 Sam. 30:6-7 _____.
 1. David may have written Psalm(s) _____.
 - B. Lk. 15:17 _____.
 1. Sometimes we must hit _____ bottom before we realize our need for God.
- VI. Sixth, remember a _____ day is ahead.
 - A. 2 Sam. 2 _____.
 - B. It is a reminder that for the Christian _____ days are _____. The promise of _____.
 1. Heb. 11:9 - 10; 16 _____.
 2. 1 Pt. 2:11 – 12 _____.

We must remember we are living in enemy territory and we only survive here if we keep _____ on our Lord.

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Witch of Endor Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 28-7-10



In a small step back to normalcy we are leaving for the Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes convention on this Thursday. After the year we all have endured it is a great blessing to do normal things again! We have 23 of our kids participating this year. The theme of the convention this year is "Better Than". Even with the challenges of this year our kids are working and growing into Christian leaders. Even in these difficult times the support we have received from the congregation is second to none! As we finish preparations this week, I would like to recognize the efforts of each one our group. If you have the opportunity, we will meet this afternoon for our Showcase.

Todd Kirk

Alice Cochran

Bible Bowl Test
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Year-Round Songs of Praise
Keepers

Cadence Hesch

Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Songs of Praise
Year- Round Songs of Praise

Kasen Inman

Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Song Leading
Year-Round Song Leading

Leah Hoover

Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Songs of Praise
Year-Round Songs of Praise

Ayla Wells

Oral Bible Reading
Good Samaritan
Songs of Praise

Henley Hoover

Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan

Tempe Inman

Year-Round Songs of Praise

Edwin Hoover

Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Adeline Inman
Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Songs of Praise
Year-Round Songs of Praise

Liberty Wells

Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Breanna Tonkery
Read the Word
Good Samaritan
Winners' Circle Speech

Teagan Hesch

Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Songs of Praise
Year-Round Songs of Praise

Kaleb Cochran

Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Bible Bowl Test
Year-Round Song Leading

Clifton Inman

Art Says It
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Year-Round Song Leading
Providers

Alexa Inman

Bible Bowl Test
 Bible Bowl Team
 Good Samaritan
 Songs of Praise
 Year-Round Songs of Praise
 Keepers

Natalie Inman

Songs of Praise

Mackenzie Inman

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 Keepers
 Providers

Chloe McCloskey

Art Says It
 Oral Bible Reading
 Songs of Praise
 Year-Round Songs of Praise

Carly Taberner

Hostess Volunteer
 Bible Bowl Test
 Bible Bowl Team
 Good Samaritan
 Winners' Circle Songs of Praise
 Year-Round Songs of Praise
 Keepers

Levi Wells

Art Says It
 Bible Bowl Test
 Bible Bowl Team
 Good Samaritan
 Song Leading

Samantha Tonkery

Art Says It
 Bible Bowl Test
 Bible Bowl Team
 Centurion of Scripture
 Know the Books
 Teach to Teach
 Good Samaritan
 PowerPoint
 PEARLS
 Group Scrapbook
 Songs of Praise
 Year-Round Songs of Praise
 Speech
 Group Banner
 Keepers

Bailey Inman

Art Says It
 Oral Bible Reading
 Songs of Praise
 Year-Round Songs of Praise

Klay Cochran

Know the Books
 Good Samaritan
 Year-Round Song Leading

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

Let's talk about the good 'ole days. I'm sure you've heard about them. Perhaps from a sentence starting with "back in my day..." And that's followed by all kinds of things. Back in my day kids respected their parents. Back in my day you didn't have to spend your whole paycheck on gasoline. Back in my day if you broke your leg you walked it off. You guys are soft.

I know it's very tempting to see past times as better...and to dwell on them. But before you do I want to tell you the Bible says that isn't wise. Ecclesiastes 7:10 says, "Do not say, 'Why were the old days better than these?' For it is not wise to ask such questions." Remembering the lessons of the past is good - but let's not live there. God has something in store for us today. As the Word says: "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." When you're with God today is a good day.

Serving In Worship April 4, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway
PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jon Hescht
Close - Dennis Keller
6:00 PM - Mark Tonkery
Close - Klay Cochran

SCRIPTURE

AM- Mike Wade
PM -Bill Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - Ron Riddle
PM - Rick Stanley



Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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 21, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....173
Facebook AM Service Views.....249
Sunday Bible Class.....124
Sunday PM Service.....146
Facebook PM Service Views.....214
Wednesday PM Service.....102
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....140
Contribution.....\$6335.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

In 2021 I commit to...

- Read through the Bible.
- Loving God and recognizing more of His blessings, the blessings He sends my way and thanking Him for them.
- More Bible study.
- Read the Bible more, serve more, increase my prayer life. To reach out to show & share God's Love!
- Read the Bible through.
- Spending more time showing my kids, by example, how a Christian should live and act on a daily basis.
- Making sure my kids are prepared to make it to Heaven.
- Pray for Camden Avenue church family every day.
- Read through the Bible with the reading plan.
- Becoming a better listener: to God, to God's word, to my spouse, to people who may need an ear. I will also pray to become a better listener.
- Read the Bible through.
- Pray more often.
- Continue reading the Bible through each year.
- Being a better Christian example.
- Studying the Bible more.
- Showing my love of God to Him better.
- Finding my purpose in my service to God.
- Being a better person with a better attitude.

Turn in your commitments for this year. They can be placed in the collection basket or under the door to the office. They will be put in the bulletin anonymously.

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

April 4
"God Raised Him Up"

Daily Bible Reading

March 29: 1 Samuel 30- 2 Samuel 1

March 30: 2 Samuel 2-4

March 31: 2 Samuel 5-7

April 1: 2 Samuel 8-10

April 2: 2 Samuel 11-13

April 3: 2 Samuel 14-16

April 4: 2 Samuel 17-19

"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."