

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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*"The righteous man walks in his integrity;  
His children are blessed after him." Proverbs 2:7*

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## *In Our Prayers*

### **Our church family in need of prayers**

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Peg Phillips, Betty Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

### **Prayers requested for family and friends**

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Mark Berry, Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Clarence De-loach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, 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, 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 Van-camp, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams. Missy Wilson & Norma Wilson (friends of Cindy Huxley)

Please let the office know of any changes or updates to the prayers list.

### **Updates to the prayer list this week:**

- Lois Nulter is home on hospice. Short Visits are okay but call before stopping by.
- Dave Nulter- having hip problems.
- Kay Mills has been in the hospital this past week with complications from surgery.
- Mike Hill- friend of Mike and Pam Bayer is in ICU at Camden Clark.
- Dee White- Aunt of Kay Stanley is on hospice.

## *Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to Jay and Nina Cheuvront on the passing of their former foster daughter Bobbie Rockhold Davis.

# *Announcements*

**MOWING CREW-** Team 4 is signed up to mow this week. Team 4 is Kevin Cochran, Brian Haught, Bill Merrill and Dennis Keller.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-**

- See Amanda Cochran to pre-register- everyone needs to pre-register so we know numbers for lunch and t-shirt sizes.
- VBS July 10, 2021.
- If you would like to donate to purchase t-shirts for all of the children attending please give your donation to the office.

**COMBINED ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS, MENS MEETING-** June 27 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

**COME AND GO RETIRMENT CELEBRATION-** In honor of Tom Butterfield on Sunday, June 27 at the Barlow Vincent church of Christ fellowship hall from 2-4pm. Due to the nature of Tom's unexpected retirement, a money tree and card basket will be available for anyone wishing to donate. \*If you would like to send a card but are unable to make the celebration it can be left in the basket on the counter in the front foyer. If you would like to donate to the money tree see Rick Stanley.

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES-** Wednesday, Mark Tonkery will be speaking on Renew your Commitment.

**DEVOTIONAL-** June 26th at 5pm outside on the church lawn. All ages are welcome. Boys bring chips or sides, girls bring drinks. Also bring your bag chairs. Questions see Kyle Inman.

**KINGS ISLAND TRIP-** August 9. With a group of 15 the price for tickets will be \$35.50 per person. There are also wrist bands available for each person, for all day drinks \$11.50, and All day food \$29.99. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the front foyer. See Doug Wells with any questions.

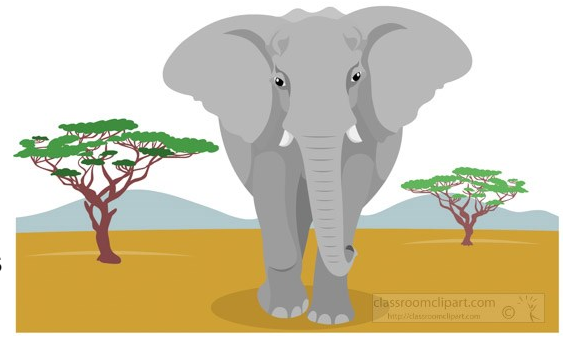
**MOV LECTURES-** Rebuild, Renew, Revive. June 23-25 held at Ohio Valley University. Times and Speakers are listed on the bulletin board.

**CHURCH CAMP-** There are fliers about church camp available on the bulletin board. There are still upcoming weeks at WVCYC and Surprise Valley.

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## **We need fathers!**

The TV show "60 Minutes" ran a segment that revealed some disturbing news. Park rangers at a South African wildlife preserve were concerned about the slaughter of 39 rare white rhinos. It turned out that the rhinos were killed not by poachers but rather by juvenile delinquents.



You see the story began a decade ago when the park could no longer sustain the increasing population of elephants. They decided to control the herds by killing many of the dominant males whose young were old enough to survive without them. As a result, many of the young elephants grew up fatherless and without the presence of male leadership.

As time went on, researchers observed that many of these young elephants began roaming together in packs and began to do things elephants do not normally do in nature. They threw sticks and water at the rhinos and acted like neighborhood bullies - knocking down trees, threatening the females, and basically raising the noise level and anxiety in the park. Without dominant males in the tribe, the young bulls became sexually active, producing excessive testosterone and exhibiting overly aggressive behavior. A few young males grew especially violent attacking non-aggressive rhinos and stepping or kneeling on them, crushing the life out of them.

To swell the destruction park rangers eventually had to kill the gang leaders leaving the young elephants disoriented and confused. Park rangers theorized that these young teen-aged elephants were acting badly because they lacked a dominant male role model. They eventually devised a solution and brought in a large dominant male to lead them and to counteract the abnormal behavior. After a few years of the new male leadership, the young bulls returned to their natural role in the tribe. The killings stopped and the wildlife preserve was saved.

You see the same is true in our homes, as it was with the elephants in Africa. We take the fathers, out of the home whether by producing illegitimate children, divorce, or having fathers who are never home for their children, too busy, working too late, and never providing a presence nor an example in the home. We get disaster.

We need to come back to what the Bible teaches us about fatherhood. This begins with fathers getting involved with their families and following the teachings of the Lord.

- Eph 6:4, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."
- Pro. 4:1-2, "Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching."

If you are a father, following what the Bible teaches, and are involved with your children then may God bless you! We need you to keep doing what you are doing. Thank you, Mark T.



# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery  
**Responsibilities of Fathers**  
Scripture Reading: Psalms 78:4-7

"We will not \_\_\_\_\_ them from their \_\_\_\_\_, Telling to the generation to come the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, And His \_\_\_\_\_ and His wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ that He has done. For He established a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, And appointed a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, Which He commanded our \_\_\_\_\_, That they should make them known to \_\_\_\_\_ children; That the \_\_\_\_\_ to come might know them, The children who would be \_\_\_\_\_, That they may \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them to their \_\_\_\_\_, That they may set their \_\_\_\_\_ in God, And not forget the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, But keep His \_\_\_\_\_." Psalms 78:4-7

I. To be the \_\_\_\_\_ of your family (Eph. 6:4).

II. To \_\_\_\_\_ for your family (1 Tim. 5:8).

III. To \_\_\_\_\_ your children (1 Thess. 2:11-12).

IV. To \_\_\_\_\_ your children (Heb. 12:5-11).

V. To be an \_\_\_\_\_ of what you want your children to become (1 Tim. 4:12).

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells  
The Potential of the Young    Scripture Reading: Psalms 1:3-4

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Misunderstanding Love

I wonder how many tearful children have looked up to their parents after being disciplined and said “You don’t really love me!” Must be a lot, right? A little bit more maturity is required to be able to understand that the discipline was in fact an act of love. “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it” (Hebrews 12:11). We’ve all seen how fun a child with no discipline can be (and I don’t even blame the child for that). Parents who truly love the child make it clear that some things are wrong and lead to bad consequences.

God’s love can be misunderstood as well. Have you ever pictured God like a grandpa? My grandpa was all business but I hear some grandpas get all squishy around their grandkids. They can do no wrong, no matter how much mischief they get into. Is that the love of God? All smiles and sunshine no matter what we do – perfectly accepting of all our ways with the only consequence of our actions being two scoops of ice cream with chocolate on top? I’m sure that sounds like a wonderful idea to some, but I think that’s a misunderstanding of what God’s love means.

When we are young we might not realize that how much we enjoy our childhood can be very connected to our actions. Two different kids in the same house have two very different impressions of their parents. One finds them to be wonderful, a source of one blessing after another. The other thinks the parents are awful. “They never let me do anything!” Same two parents who love both children equally. What’s the difference? I’ll tell you – one child was dedicated to doing what is right and the other pushed the boundaries at every opportunity. Love leads to different responses to different people, depending on what they do. About God the Word says, “To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd. You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty” (Psalm 18:25-27).

God’s love is always there. How you experience it depends on you.



## Wise Dad

During the frontier days, the driver of a covered wagon stopped his horses on the street of a young town and called a passing man, "Hey, any saloons in this place?"

"Sure, we have four!" the man replied boastfully.

"Giddyap," the driver shouted, urging his horses on.

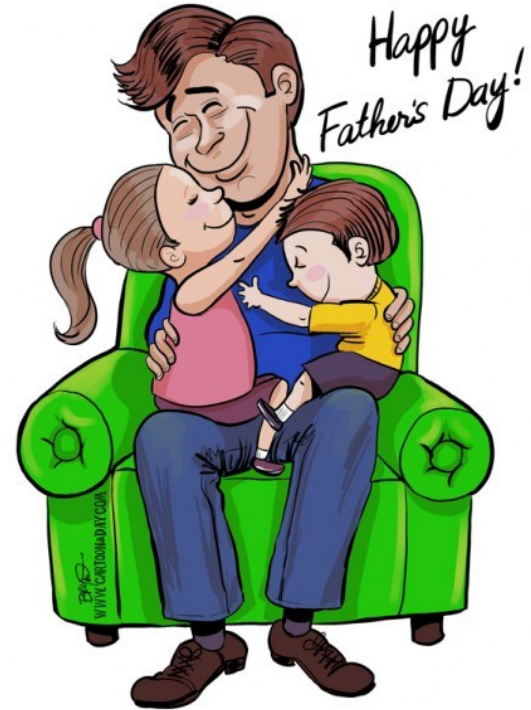
"Stop," called the man.

"I can't stop here," replied the stranger,

"I've got four boys in this wagon."

"Why?" again called the man, "What's your business?"

"My business is to raise these boys for God, and I can't do that in a town with four saloons." And he hurried his horses on, soon turning the bend in the road. -Author Unknown



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

There was once a young Christian lady who was being asked out on a date by someone who wasn't a Christian. After being turned down several times for activities the girl wasn't comfortable with, the frustrated young man asks: "You don't dance, you drink, you won't go to the concerts I like...what DO you do for fun?" The young lady responds: "For fun I get up in the morning without feeling embarrassed, ashamed and guilty about what I did the night before." Quite the answer!

That young lady grew up and married a man who she trusts completely. He doesn't flirt with other women. She knows he won't come home drunk or high, and that her kids will never have to see that. The man guides and encourages his family toward love and toward heaven. To his wife that is much more fun than the kind of parties she once turned down.

If you're not a Christian my idea of fun might be a little different than yours. But I'm okay with that. The fun I have grown to like is regret-free, and does no harm to myself or others. If you can't say the same maybe you should change what you do for fun.

## Serving In Worship June 27, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM - David Epler

PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk

Close - Dustin Hughes

6:00 PM - Jon Hescht

Close - Scott Johnson

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Ira Kimes

PM - Kevin Cochran

### COMMUNION

AM - John Hall

PM - Dennis Keller



*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**

June 13, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	200
Facebook AM Service Views.....	261
Sunday Bible Class.....	138
Sunday PM Service.....	135
Facebook PM Service Views.....	278
Wednesday PM Service.....	143
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	170
Contribution.....	\$11598.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

## July Birthday's and Anniversaries

1- Jeff & Julie Taberner\*

4- Janet Plant

6- Ron Holleron

8- Tammie Wilson

10- Ryan & Madison Highman\*

11- Ben Sheppard

12- Heather Osburn

13- Don Dougherty

16- Jimmy & Brooke Galloway\*

17- Evan Fleak

17- Debbie Amos

18- Harold Stanley

19- Syrenti Merrill

20- Chris Tallman

20- Keith & Eloise Smith\*

21- Brenda Dougherty

21- Kenzie Inman

21- Gary McConnell

22- Teagan Hescht

23- Margaret Dawkins

23- Chard & Rachel Turner\*

25- Melva Farris

25- Rick & Kay Stanley\*

25- Bret & Sarah Wilcoxon

26- Leah Hoover

27- Bailey Inman

27- Debi Inman

28- Emma Hershman

28- Phyllis Johnson

31- Linda Moncrief

31- Mike & Robin Anthony\*

*July* ★★

## Fall & Winter Clothing Giveaway

We are still taking donations for the clothing rooms. If you would like to donate we could use clean, casual wear for fall & winter. We need clothes for children & adults. (no dressy or summer clothes please, since this event is for fall and winter clothing).

We are also taking fall & winter coats, socks, shoes and blankets. Thank you for all of your help. Chris & Terry Hofmann

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

**June 27**  
***"The Grace of God"***

## Daily Bible Reading

**June 21:** Psalms 70-72

**June 22:** Psalms 73-75

**June 23:** Psalms 76-78

**June 24:** Psalms 79-81

**June 25:** Psalms 82-85

**June 26:** Psalms 86-88

**June 27:** Psalms 89-91

*"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."*