

# **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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**THEREFORE  
HUMBLE YOURSELVES UNDER  
THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD,  
THAT HE MAY EXALT YOU IN  
DUE TIME,**

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**CASTING ALL YOUR CARE  
UPON HIM, FOR HE CARES  
FOR YOU.**

**1 PETER 5:6-7**

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# In Our Prayers

## **Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders

## **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Doug Hershman  
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## **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 DeLoach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Blaine Hescht, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chen-nie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Tom Little (Mark's uncle), Roger Oliver (friend of Clayton Huber), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Glen & Karen Morrell, 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 Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Dee White (Aunt of Kay Stanley), Marv Williams, Susan Williams.

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.
- Kay Mills is home.
- Don Nesselroad- will be having appointments for further treatments.
- Jenny Reynolds is home.
- Bob Miller is in ICU at Charleston Medical Center with several broken ribs.

# *Announcements*

**MOWING CREW-** Team 1 is signed up to mow this week. Team 1 is Ken Barnes, Doug Hershman, Ryan Highman, and Brian Knotts.

**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-** Today at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

**COME AND GO RETIRMENT CELEBRATION-** In honor of Tom Butterfield on Today 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, Steve Haguwood from North End church of Christ will be speaking on Renew your Family.

**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.

**CAMP COUNSELOR-** There is a male camp counselor needed for WVCYC All Age week July 25-30. Junior week WVCYC also needs male and female counselors July 18-23. If you can help with either of these see Mark Tonkery.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Celebration of Life for Dr. Charles Aebi at Barlow Vincent - September 4

Fall Gospel Meeting - October 3-6

Bible Bowl - October 9

West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship - October 24-28

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## The Crisis of Bereavement

Since death pierces every mortal, it is necessary for all of us to learn how to handle bereavement. I have watched with great admiration and respect the courage that has borne many a saint through hours of sorrow. Here is some practical advice I have seen others use in dealing with grief.

**Express your emotions.** Since Jesus wept, it should not be considered a Christian virtue to be unmoved by the loss of a loved one. There is a difference between suppressing one's emotions and self-control. The Bible does not say, "Sorrow not," but says "Sorrow not as others who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13).

**Seek the aid of your friends.** The very presence of friends is an encouragement. When Paul headed toward Rome, the brethren came to meet him and he "thanked God, and took courage" (Acts 28:15).

**Express your feelings in words.** Talking about it will help you to accept it. If this is done at the outset of bereavement, one will sooner be able to stabilize his life.

**Avail yourself of spiritual resources.** Even though you may not have realized the importance of the scriptures and their comfort, now these can help in building your faith. The power and peace of God are precious possessions.

**Don't brood over what might have been.** Both Mary and Martha said, "If Thou had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21, 32).

**Actively pursue worthwhile tasks.** Once the initial shock has been dealt with, get busy at other things. Resolve, like Paul. To "Reach forth unto the things that are before" (Phil 3:13).

**Make careful thoughts and decisions.** Many an individual jumps hastily into deciding the full scope of the future rather than waiting until one has regained a proper perspective on life. Do not get in a hurry. Make prayerful decisions.

**Increase your trust in God.** Those who have come through their sorrow with a deeper faith can verify that God, who rules over all, truly does make all things work together for good (Romans 8:28).

After the crisis of grief, you can serve more fully and sympathize more completely with men of like passions. With Paul, you too can thank God for the comfort received knowing that it has now given you the ability to comfort others (2 Cor. 1:4).

from the book: *Rejoice the Weep*

# Today's Sermon Notes

Sunday A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## The church at Thyatira - Restore to Doctrine

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:18-29

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2. Jesus knows the \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. Jesus knows the \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sunday P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

**Revival at Water Gate**

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-8

# Doug's Discussion

## Realizing Potential

I have a child who wants to be a police officer. Another child wants to be a veterinarian. The other one wants to be a singing farmer. There is little doubt in my mind that all of them could achieve these things. My kids are smart and motivated. They have great potential. Of course, they might also be something else. Maybe one of them becomes a judge or an astronaut. There's potential for that too! I certainly pray that they achieve these things they want to do (or whatever the new plan is in a couple of years).

I'm sure if you have young children you have the same kind of hope. We pray they take all this amazing potential that they have and use it for good. If you're a Christian parent you probably have another hope as well. We're like the father in Proverbs who is speaking to his son, and we join him in saying "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Here's the thing: as cool as a singing farmer is, it is not as important as loving the Lord our God. What kinds of hopes and dreams do you have for your children? Is it your dearest hope that one day your child is a star on their team, and wins that trophy? How about wanting them to become a famous singer after winning America's Got Talent? Or maybe your dream is for them to improve their ACT score by two points so you don't go broke helping them through college. I don't know - we have all kinds of dreams. But none of them are as important as our children loving the Lord our God.

I'm happy for my kids when they come home from camp as one of the Bible Bowl winners. But more important than that is that they follow the Word they studied. I'll be happy if they get into the college of their dreams and become a leader in their chosen field. But more important is that they follow the leadership of Jesus Christ. If they win a race that's wonderful, but more important is winning the race toward heaven. If they achieve many great things but fail in that way then really they have achieved nothing and failed to live up to their God-given potential. Think about that as you choose what to prioritize in your home, as you train your child in the way they should go.



train UP a child in the way he  
should go: and when he is old,  
he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

# *Congratulations*

Liam James Gray born Wednesday, June 23 at 8:08am. 8lbs 7oz and 21 inches long. Parents Josh & Brittany Gray, Sister Elena, Grandparents Steve & Linda Gray and Great Grandparents Donna Tice and Bill & Carolyn Davis.



# *Thank You*

♥ Thank you everyone for the cards and gifts for graduation! I appreciate it so much! Halle Hudson

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## 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

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

Imagine someone asking a question, and you speak up with an answer. The people in the room hang on your every word. They all agree your answer is completely right. Several find you afterward to tell you how much they appreciated, how much they were helped by your wise words. Sounds good, right? Maybe this is a fun daydream because you like attention, or maybe you just want to be able to say words that help.

Either way, for this dream to come true you have to accept wisdom. You can't say what you don't know, right? The apostle Paul once gave to a church a message from God. Wisdom that came down from above. Then they had a choice - accept this wisdom or reject it. But if they chose not to listen this is what Paul had to say, in 1 Corinthians 14:38: "If anyone ignores this, he himself will be ignored." All things that are most worth saying are from the Word of God. When we fail to hear and live by this Word our words lose their worth - and eventually wise people figure that out.

## Serving In Worship July 4, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Rick Stanley

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Josh Hall

Close - Brian Knotts

6:00 PM - Clayton Huber

Close - Patrick Rine

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Josh Hall

PM - Levi Wells

### COMMUNION

AM - David Epler

PM - Brian Haught

# Bible Call Report for May

We had OVER 23 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in MAY with 233 calls. This is 30% more than calls in April. High days were the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. 18 times people listened to the lesson again.

Some of the most called topics this month were:

(7) Overcoming Worry - 110, and Exorcism and Demon Possession - 950

(6) 432 - When to Let Your Children Go.

(5) 431 - Pointing Children in the Right Direction, 503 - Is The Bible God's Only Inspired Revelation? 201 - Why Does God Allow Trouble?

(4) 306 - Repentance, 502 - Authority in the Home, 429 - The Disobedient Child, 430 - Responsibility to Our Parents, 426 - Things for Successful Marriage, 338 - Original Sin, 324 - The Crucifixion.

We continue to have other congregations seek for more information on Bible Call and how they can use it in their area.

WHAT YOU CAN DO - PRAY FOR THIS EFFORT, GIVE OUT ONE LEAFLET DAILY, CALL BIBLE CALL YOURSELF FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING EACH DAY.

What CAN WE DO to enlarge the borders of the Kingdom?  
Any questions or suggestions call David Epler (616) 554-0990

### BIBLE CALL

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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.



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

### Daily Bible Reading

June 28: Psalms 92-95

June 29: Psalms 96-98

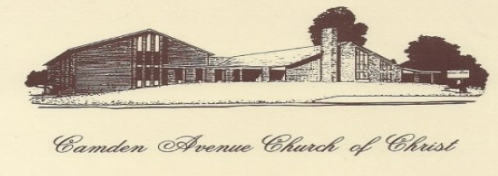
June 30: Psalms 99-102

July 1: Psalms 103-105

July 2: Psalms 106-107

July 3: Psalms 108-110

July 4: Psalms 111-114



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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

June 20, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....190

Facebook AM Service Views.....154

Sunday Bible Class.....131

Sunday PM Service.....147

Facebook PM Service Views.....129

Wednesday PM Service.....147

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....133

Contribution.....\$3893.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

*"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."*