

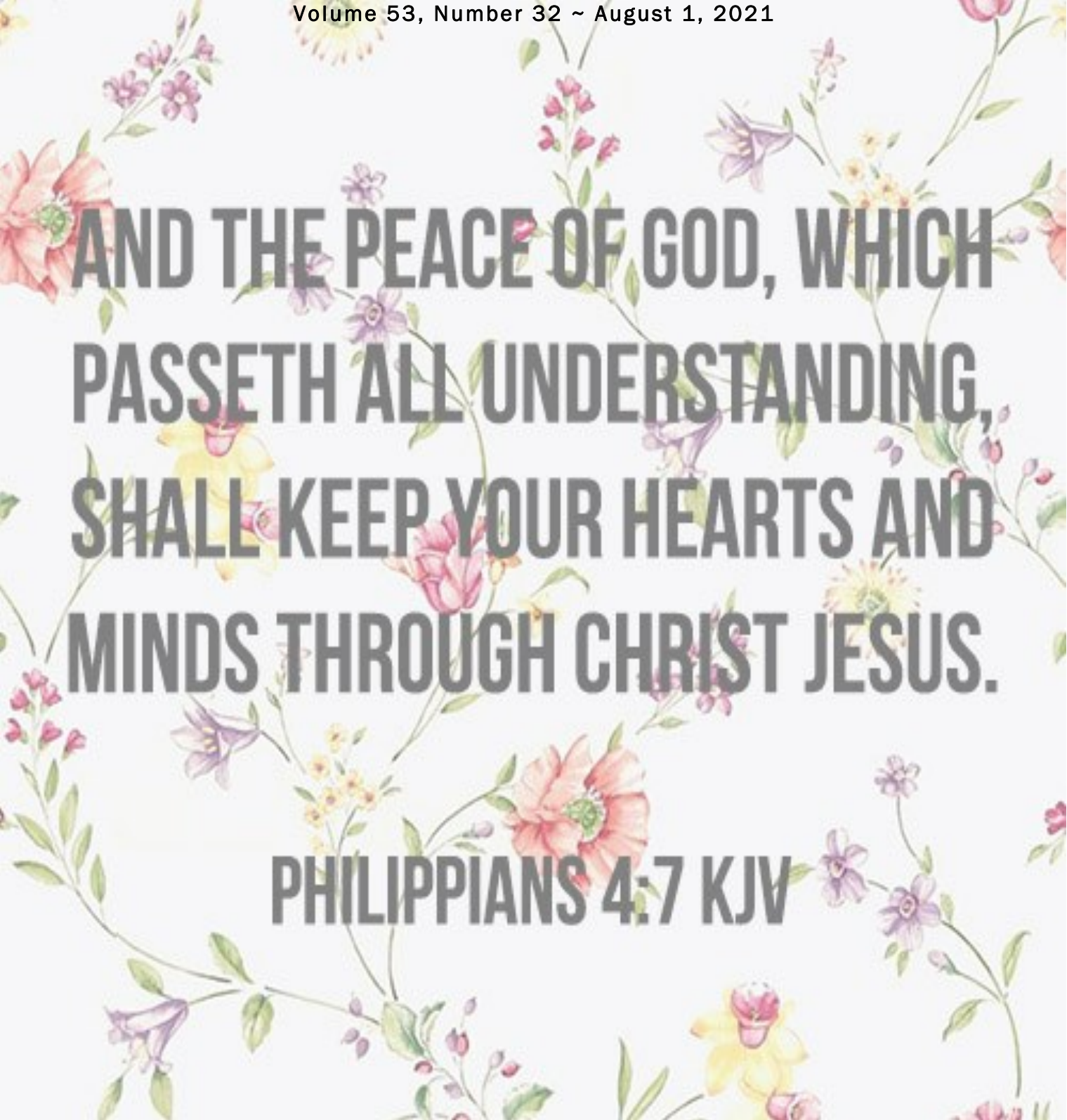
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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**AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH
PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING,
SHALL KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND
MINDS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:7 KJV

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, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Don Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Peg Phillips, 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), Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), 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), 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, 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
- Don Nesselroad
- Elena Gray is home but will be undergoing more testing and procedures.
- Dennis Keller- recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Harvey & Mary Caplinger
- Sharon Fluharty, sister of Joyce Wright in Cleveland Clinic is improving some.
- Breck Arnold, the newborn son of Sarah Inman's cousin is having health issues.
- Zane, the great-grandson of Linda Moncrief
- Jeff Bigler, father of Becky Inman- in the hospital in Pittsburgh.

Sympathy

♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Beth Presley Ferguson. There will be a memorial held at a later date.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
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Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
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Announcements

MOWING CREW- Team 2 is signed up to mow this week. Team 2 is Mike Bayer, Dylan Muncy and Jim Galloway.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Wednesday, Scott Smith will be speaking on Renew your Happiness.

LOCAL VBS- Bridgeport church of Christ August 21 9:30am- noon.

WVCYC GOLF BENEFIT- August 14. More information is available on the bulletin board.

LADS TO LEADERS- Kick off lunch, August 15 after A.M. services. Bring drinks and deserts. Pizza will be provided.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MENS MEETING- August 22 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

PLEASE NOTE- Due to vacation the office will be closed August 5-11. If you have any items for the bulletin next week they need to be to the office by Wednesday, August 4 at noon.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Traveling Youth Group at Camden Avenue - September 26

Fall Gospel Meeting - October 3-6

Bible Bowl - October 9

West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship - October 24-28

Fellowship Dinner



Care Group 4 invites everyone to the first fellowship dinner of 2021.

**Next Sunday,
August 8
after Bible class.**

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Missing in Action

The term M.I.A. is all too familiar in the United States of America. Too often we have an unaccounted for soldier of war. Is he (she) still alive? In a prison camp? Wounded in a hospital? Has he given over to the enemy? We would be a heartless people to allow our M.I.A.s to go unnoticed without concern for their welfare.

In the church of our Lord we have those who are missing in action. They may not now profess any part of Christianity. Their desire was to discontinue their association with the faithful in order to pursue interests in the ways of sin. Like Demas they forsook, “having loved this present world” (2 Timothy 4:10).

Some are still present in the body, but missing in action. This may be noticed by their tardiness to services and other activities. They may elect to not be involved in much needed works. They have learned to be polite and gracious in their rejections. Like those in Luke 14, they say, “I pray thee, have me excused.”

How strong would an army be in twenty to fifty percent of its soldiers were missing in action? How effective will the church be if Christians forsake the assemblies and run from their responsibilities? We must “seek the lost” and “lift up the fallen.”

Bulletin Digest

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark Tonkery

Song of Solomon

Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7

“Set me as a _____ upon your _____, As a _____ upon your _____; For _____ is as strong as death, Jealousy as _____ as the grave; Its _____ are _____ of _____, A most vehement flame. Many _____ cannot quench _____, Nor can the floods _____ it. If a man would give for _____ All the _____ of his _____, It would be utterly despised.” Song of Solomon 8:6-7

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Make Room for Love

Text: 2 Corinthians 6:12-13

Doug's Discussion

You Yearn for God

How much do you long to be with God? Does your desire match the one described in Psalm 84? “How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God” (Psalm 84:1-2). Okay, that is a high bar. This guy REALLY wants to be with God. I don't hear many people today tell me: “my heart and flesh cry out with a desire to be at church so I can worship God.” I think it is more likely to hear “I'm supposed to be a church THREE times a week??!?” But why? What are we missing that the Psalmist has figured out?

Perhaps we don't realize what will satisfy our souls. We pursue happiness and contentment in all kinds of places, forgetting that we were designed BY God FOR God. Have you ever had a craving for something that you didn't have in your cupboard? For some reason you really want some cheese curls, but there isn't a single one in the house. So you eat some chips instead – but no matter how many chips you eat you are not satisfied. We know how that is. What so many don't know is that our souls are hungry for God's presence. We try to meet that need in all kinds of other ways but nothing really works. We may think it is extreme to say “My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord” but I think the Psalmist is just saying what is true. That desire is there. We were made to have it.

I encourage you to remember these truths when you are setting priorities. Think this way: “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked” (Psalm 84:10). That is an amazing ratio. Your soul will be more satisfied with one day at church than a thousand making your own way in the world. You will find more rest in one hour of prayer than a thousand hours of vacation. So go be with God. That's what you really want.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP

The story is told of a man who saved up a great amount of money to purchase an elaborate painting. When he got it home however, he found it impossible to find a wall or a space in his home that would suitably display it. Finally, he called in an interior decorator to study both his house and the painting and make a recommendation. After careful examination, the decorator declared, "This painting will not fit into your home: you will have to make a home to fit the painting."

Some in the same way try to have Christ as a part of a home filled with disobedience, strife, and bitterness. Yet, we must make our home suitable to His presence. Jesus tells us, in John 14:23, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Do you have a home where Jesus is loved and welcomed?

Congratulations

Karter Scott Hoover born July 26, 2021

6.7lbs 19.5 inches long

Parents: Cody & Kristi Hoover

Siblings: Edwin, Leah, Henley, Parker, Ellie & Oliver



Thank You



♥ Thank you for the kind words, prayers, and expressions of sympathy on the death of my sister, Pat Connell. Mike Wade

♥ Thank you for the cards and gifts they made my 100th birthday even more special. Harold Stanley

Serving In Worship

August 8, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Patrick Rine

Close - Ryan Gaston

6:00 PM - Scott Smith

Close - Dylan Muncy

SCRIPTURE

AM- Bret Wilcoxon

PM - Bob Miller

COMMUNION

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Delmas Carr



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

July 25, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....212

Facebook AM Service Views.....
177

Sunday Bible Class.....157

Sunday PM Service.....141

Facebook PM Service Views.....122

Wednesday PM Service.....137

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....171

Contribution.....\$6257.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

Indestructible Book

Many men have tried to destroy the Bible. In A.D. 303, the Roman Emperor Diocletian issued an edict to destroy Christians and their Bibles. Over a burned Bible, he built a monument on which he wrote these words, Extincto momene (meaning, "the name Christian is extinguished") Twenty years later, Diocletian was dead and the new Emperor Constantine commissioned fifty copies of the Bible to be prepared at government expense.

In 1776, the French philosopher Voltaire said, "One hundred years from my day, there will not be a Bible in the earth except one that is looked upon by some antique seeker." One hundred years from the day of Voltaire's prediction, the first addition of his works sold for eleven cents in Paris, but the British government paid Russia half a million dollars for an ancient Bible manuscript.

It truly is interesting to read what men have tried to do with God's Word, which shall stand forever. *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away"* Matthew 24:35. *"The Word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the Word which by the gospel is preached unto you."* 1 Peter 1:25

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

August 8
"I Believe in Christ"

Daily Bible Reading

August 2: Song of Solomon 7 - 8

August 3: Isaiah 1 - 3

August 4: Isaiah 4 - 6

August 5: Isaiah 7 - 9

August 6: Isaiah 10 - 12

August 7: Isaiah 13 - 15

August 8: Isaiah 16 - 18

"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."