


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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*Look to
the Lord and
His strength,
seek His
face always.*

1 Chronicles 16:11

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, 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), Chennie 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
- Don Nesselroad- will be having further testing.
- Bob Miller is recovering at home after a mower accident.
- Dorothea "Dot" Haught is going through testing.
- Elena Gray is home but will be undergoing more testing and procedures.
- Blaine Hescht is in Camden Clark ICU room 12A after having a heart attack.
- Karen Life is in a Florida hospital for the second time in three weeks.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Billie Coe and family on the passing of her aunt, Mary Sims. Her funeral was held last week.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
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Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
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Keith Smith
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Announcements

MOWING CREW- Team 3 is signed up to mow this week. Team 3 is Kody Hoover, Kevin Inman, Kyle Inman, Kody Inman, and Jon Hescht.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Wednesday, Jeff Rich from Medina, Ohio will be speaking on Renew your Gratitude.

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.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- July 25, 6:00pm at Ullman Street church of Christ in Beverly, Ohio.

LOCAL VBS- Barlow Vincent church of Christ July 11-14 6pm-8pm. Bridgeport church of Christ August 21 9:30am- noon.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS, & MENS MEETING- July 18 at 4:00pm in the MP room.

CARD SHOWER- Harold Stanley will be having his 100th birthday on July 18. Cards can be mailed to 372 Kesterson Dr. Parkersburg, WV. 26101

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fellowship Dinner - August 8

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

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Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

H.O.P.E.S

One of the great needs of the church today is for our members to be more evangelistic. We have more people living in our world today and yet fewer people becoming Christians and being involved in the life of the church. There are people all around us, we have neighbors, co-workers, family, and friends who are not Christians. Most of us talk with these people every day, yet when was the last time we had a spiritual conversation with them? Talking about God, Christ, the church, and the Bible can be challenging even awkward, especially if we are not in the habit of talking about our faith. So how can we take our daily conversations with our friends from everyday concerns to a spiritual discussion? The following is a helpful acronym that may be able to help us. When you are talking with someone think of the word H.O.P.E.S.

- **H - Home**. Talk to your friends about their family, their children, grandchildren, and the places they have lived; share this information about yourself with them as well. Show them that you are genuinely concerned and interested in their family and their home.
- **O - Occupation**. Talk to your friends about their job, what they do for a living, how their day at work went. If they have served in the military or went to college, ask them about their experience. Share your work and life experiences with them too.
- **P - Preferences** – Talk to your friends about their likes and dislikes, foods they like or dislike to eat, restaurants they may like to go to or want to avoid. Ask them about the type of car they like to drive, or their favorite holiday. Share your likes and dislikes with them also.
- **E - Entertainment** – Talk to your friends about their hobbies, places they like to go on vacation, ask them to share their vacation memories, and talk about what they like to do when they have a day off. Share your common interests and things that you like to do for entertainment as well.
- **S - Story** – Talk to your friends about their religious beliefs, talk about where they grew up going to church, or if they ever went to church. Ask them if they ever have become a Christian, ask them how they became a Christian or why they are not a Christian. Have them share their faith and religious story with you. And then as you listen to their story, ask them if you can share how, you became a Christian, and why you believe what you believe. Point them to the scriptures and use this opportunity to set up a Bible study with them and invite them to come to worship services with you.

The next time you are talking to a friend, remember H.O.P.E.S. and may we each realize the urgency in bringing our lost friends to Christ.

Dan. 12:3, “And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

(Adapted from John Orr, How to attract young families. lecture, Connect Conference, 2021).

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

"Rejoicing in God's Blessings"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 128



"Blessed is _____ one who _____ the _____,

Who _____ in _____ ways." Psalms 128:1

How does Psalm 128 teach us to live so we can be blessed and rejoice in God's blessings?

1. One must _____ the Lord. Ps. 128:1

2. _____ in all His ways. Ps. 128:1

3. The _____. Ps. 128:2-6

4. But what if I am a God-fearing person and walk in all His ways and yet do not experience the blessings promised in Psalm 128?

Application: What I do with God has implication for _____.

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Blessings of unity

Scripture Reading: Psalm 133:1

Doug's Discussion

Empty Spaces

Empty space gets filled. Have you never noticed this phenomenon when you move into a larger house? You think to yourself “oh, I’ll have so much room now!” But no . . . as time goes on various things encroach upon that space. You THOUGHT you were going to have a home office? Joke’s on you when it becomes your wife’s craft storage room. If you have empty space you might want to figure out what you want to do with it fairly quickly, or someone else might make that decision for you.

Jesus once told a story of a man who finally got rid of an evil spirit. However, the departure of the spirit left an empty space. Then the spirit says “I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first” (Matthew 12:43-45). Empty space gets filled – and often it gets filled with junk . . . or worse. This man’s problem was that the house was “unoccupied.” But if someone else was already there He would have told the evil spirits to take a hike.

We all have to make decisions about what is going to fill the spaces in our lives. If we don’t make the decision the decision gets made for us. So . . . as for my house, may it be filled with the Lord! If you notice that you have a free half hour in the morning – decide what you’ll spent it on. Why not make that a devotional time to start the day off right? I think that would benefit you greatly, but you have to decide to use that space for that purpose. Otherwise something else, perhaps something much less wholesome, will come in to gobble that half hour up. Then your final condition is worse than if you never had that half-hour free to begin with.

If there is junk in your life clear it out. But don’t just leave the space empty – fill it with what is good. May God fill us with His goodness so there is no room for evil in our lives. May we all decide that empty spaces belong to God.



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

After a week of binge drinking, a man stumbled home, drunk, sick, and weak. As he fell into his bed, he asked his brother who was a preacher to pray for him. The brother agreed and prayed, "O Lord, please help this old miserable drunken fool..."

When the drunken man heard this, he raised his head up and said, "Don't tell God I'm drunk...just tell Him I'm sick!"

Well the truth is God already knew this man was a drunk. God is all-knowing. He sees us. He knows what we do, and why we do it.

The Bible states these words (1 John 3:20) "for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything." God knows everything.

We might hide our sins from our family or friends, but we cannot hide from God. God knows all about us. Are you ready to stand before God and give an account of how you lived?

Pantry Request

Each Care Group is being asked to bring in the following items to help keep our pantry stocked. Place them on the table in the pantry.

Care Group 1- Boxed/Bagged Potatoes, Ramen Noodles

Care Group 2- Chicken Noodle Soup, Ramen Noodles

Care Group 3- Pancake Mix, Ramen Noodles

Care Group 4- Individual Cups of Fruit Cocktail, Ramen Noodles

Thank you for your help!

Thank You

♥ I would like to thank all of my church family for all the prayers, cards and food during my hospital stays. They were all appreciated so much. And I know the prayers were very helpful in my recovery. Kay Mills

♥ We appreciate the prayers, the kind words and support you have give us at the passing of my mom. They mean so much more than can be expressed in a note. In Christian Love, The Lenore Vaught Family

Serving In Worship

July 18, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht
 PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley
 Close - Doug Hershman
 6:00 PM - Dylan Muncy
 Close - John Hall

SCRIPTURE

AM- Gary Alton
 PM - Josh Hall

COMMUNION

AM - Patrick Rine
 PM - Chris Tallman



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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

July 4, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....213
 Facebook AM Service Views.....183
 Sunday Bible Class.....126
 Sunday PM Service.....147
 Facebook PM Service Views.....101
 Wednesday PM Service.....163
 Facebook Wed. PM Views.....123
 Contribution.....\$11,237.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3
 Restored or Requested Prayers....1
 Placed Membership.....

Powerful Words

On my frequent trips to the city, I've been watching the progress of a large building, like a Kmart store, being demolished. Although on the interstate when I passed this project, I would still slow down for an extra glimpse of the wrecking crane as it ripped through the concrete walls and metal roof.

The other day, when I passed, it was gone. The roof and walls had been crushed and loaded onto trucks until the last load of rubble was hauled away. As I pondered this sight, it reminded me how easy it is to demolish. It doesn't take much skill or wisdom to tear down. One doesn't need to read a blueprint or give attention to details. All it requires is brute power, usually a strong back and a sturdy sledgehammer will do the trick for small jobs.

When it comes to the matter of a Christian's influence upon others, the Bible is quite clear that we are not to be in the business of demolition, but edification, i.e. building up. For instance, in Ephesians 4:29 it's written, *"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."*

But, one might argue, "Demolition is so easy." And, it is. All it takes are a few power words, like "failure," "hopeless," "ugly," "bad" and "worthless." There doesn't have to be any affection or carefully measured words of encouragement. It takes only a few blows of the tongue, even in gossip, to become the sledgehammer blows that shatter hearts.

May we all give care to what we say! To tear down the spirit and worth of another takes no godliness at all. To batter down those already discouraged by troubles is about the easiest task one will ever find. On the other hand, to be a masterful builder of men, to inspire love and edification to God in those we meet, is to be like Christ Himself.

Taken From: Bulletin Digest

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

Daily Bible Reading

July 12: Psalms 136 - 138

July 13: Psalms 139 - 141

July 14: Psalms 142 - 144

July 15: Psalms 145 - 147

July 16: Psalms 148 - 150

July 17: Proverbs 1 - 3

July 18: Proverbs 4 - 6

"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."