

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Whatever Things

are TRUE

HONORABLE

JUST

PURE

of LOVELY

GOOD REPORT

IF THERE IS ANY VIRUTE

AND

IF THERE IS ANY PRAISE,

Think About

These Things

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob 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, Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father), 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), Chen-nie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Glen & Karen Morrell, John Rockhold III, Michele Scherer, 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
- Dennis Keller- recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Sharon Fluharty, sister of Joyce Wright is home.

In Sympathy

♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Sharon Armstrong. She passed away on Thursday.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

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Announcements

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

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Wednesday, David Epler will be speaking on Renew your Faithfulness.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- August 29 at North End church of Christ.

FALL GOSPEL MEETING- October 3-6 with David Price from Morehead City, NC.

BIBLE BOWL- October 9 over Joshua.

LOCAL MEETINGS

- **LADIES TEA** - Sixth and Washington Streets church of Christ, September 18.
- **FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY-** Sixth and Washington Streets church of Christ, September 19
- **DAY OF EDIFICATION-** Chapel Hill church of Christ in Gallipolis Ohio, September 25
- **MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT-** Sponsored by Richland Road church of Christ at Round Lake Lakeville, Ohio, September 24-25. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- **GOSPEL SING IN THE PARK-** Sponsored by Winding Road church of Christ at the Parkersburg City Park Band Shell, August 20 at 7pm.
- **VBS-** Bridgeport church of Christ, August 21 9:30am-noon.
- **GOSPEL MEETING-** Cloverdale church of Christ, August 16-19 7pm nightly.
- **CELEBRATION OF LIFE-** For Dr. Charles Aebi at Barlow Vincent church of Christ, September 4.
- **LECTURESHIP-** at West Virginia School of Preaching, October 24-28.

TODAY

- **LADS TO LEADERS KICK OFF LUNCH-** After A.M. services. Bring drinks and desserts. Pizza will be provided.
- **ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING-** At 4pm in the M.P. Room.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Baptism is Essential

Please consider carefully the words of Mark 16:16: “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” In this passage we find Christ just before His ascension into heaven, instructing His disciples concerning the great commission. Christ teaches that baptism is essential to our salvation and that we must do more than just believe – we must also be baptized.

We read again of the necessity of baptism in 1 Peter 3:21: “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” This scripture plainly teaches that baptism saves us.

The gospel plan of salvation is made very clear in God’s word. We read in Romans 10:17 that we must hear the word: “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Hebrews 11:6 teaches the necessity of belief: “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Acts 17:30 tells us that we must repent of our sins: “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.” In Romans 10:10 we find that belief and confession are necessary: “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” In Acts 2:38 baptism is commanded: “Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” And finally, we are to live faithfully: “...be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10)

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Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Lift up your eyes and see your God

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:26-31

“Lift up your _____ on high, And _____ who has _____ these things, Who brings out their host by _____; He _____ them all by _____, By the greatness of _____ might _____ the _____ of His _____; Not one is _____.” Isaiah 40:26

I. First, Isaiah states, “_____”

II. Second, Isaiah states, “_____.”

III. Third, Isaiah states, _____ . Is. 40:28

Application:

- First, the “everlasting God” is always _____.
- Second, Faith in God’s promises empowers us to _____.
- Third, God wants us to _____ and _____ focused.

Isaiah 40 the Jews have two questions about God, that could be our question too:

- Does God have the power to deal with our situations?
- Does God care about us?
 - _____!!!

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Make Room for Love

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:12-13

Doug's Discussion

Their Teaching Will Spread

I think it's wise to never underestimate the power of the spoken word. Whether we realize it or not our words can spread to all kinds of places. Who knows what I'm talking about if I say "I have a dream"? Or "Ask not what your country can do for you"? These statements were made decades ago! Yet still they live on. That is the power of what we say. Perhaps what we say won't spread nationally but there's no doubt that something that we say will be shared with others. Who knows something that your parents told you? Who has started a sentence "let me tell you what my dad used to say"? I'm telling you – our words live on. And that can be a good thing but it can also be a bad thing.



These is a certain kind of talk that Christians are told to avoid like the plague. Because it is a sort of plague. "Avoid godless chatter, because those indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. Their teaching will spread like gangrene . . ." (2 Timothy 2:16-17). Some speech has no love of God in it. It is disrespectful to the people God made, it is against God's Word, it doesn't have love as its central value. This kind of talk we are to avoid. We are not to participate. The Word says this kind of talk will spread. We may think we're just talking to a friend but it doesn't stop there. Gossip, slander, unbiblical teaching . . .these things speak like a disease.

Instead of foolishness we should seek to speak wisdom. Because that too can spread. In fact, we should be praying that wisdom spreads to every corner of the earth: "Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you" (2 Thessalonians 3:1). For that to happen we need to pray to God. Then we need to speak the Word. I hope when your children or your neighbors are talking about what you always say they are repeating something from God's Word. If our kids say "my dad always says we should love God" I will be delighted. Since what we speak spreads be sure to speak what is right!

Reverence During the Lord's Supper

The night before Jesus died he instituted the Lord's Supper. The Bible tells us about this act of worship in such passages as Matthew 26:17-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 10:16-22; 11:20-34. The Lord's Supper consists of two elements - the bread and the cup.



The Bread

From the passages above, we learn that the unleavened bread (prepared without yeast) represents the body of Jesus, which endured the punishment which we actually deserved because of our sins (Romans 6:23).

Christ was scourged - whipped until his back was only strips of flesh, he was beaten up, he had a crown of thorns nailed into his scalp. On the top of the mountain, spikes were driven into his hands and feet (Psalms 22). And he was lifted up to die one of the most agonizing deaths a person could ever endure. And each time we eat the bread we remember that body.

The Cup

As Jesus gave his disciples the drink, he said: *"This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."* (1 Corinthians 11:25b). Only the blood of Christ can remove our sins (1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5).

The contents in this cup represent that I have escaped from the punishment that I deserved because I am a sinner. And each time we sip the fruit of the vine (grape juice) we remember Jesus' blood flowing out of his tortured body so we can have the joy of salvation.

The Reverence

No wonder the Bible gives us this stark warning: *"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27).

Is it more than embarrassing whenever a teenager asks me the question: "Why do Sisters 'ABC' and 'XYZ' talk during the Lord's supper?" Or "why does Brother 'PQR' sleep or play with the baby during communion?"

I know that it's easy to be distracted during this time...but doesn't our Lord deserve the extra effort?

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Serving In Worship August 22, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Daniel Rich

Close - Doug Wells

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Levi Wells

SCRIPTURE

AM- Brandon Sheppard

PM - Doug Hershman

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Inman

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

August 8, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	226
Facebook AM Service Views.....	161
Sunday Bible Class.....	161
Sunday PM Service.....	163
Facebook PM Service Views.....	185
Wednesday PM Service.....	149
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	132
Contribution.....	\$8098.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

When I was a boy I had a paper route. For my efforts in avoiding German shepherds and the neighborhood gang I was paid fifteen dollars a week. I wonder, however, if I would have received that massive fortune if I decided to skip the house with the German shepherd who wanted to eat me. Yeah...how about skipping that one and all the houses with an absurdly long driveway? Would that work? After all...I delivered most of them! But most...is not all. And only all was good enough.

That's the way it is with many things. Coaches aren't interested in players who only follow some of their instructions. Teachers tend to give failing grades to students who only do some of the homework. And Jesus isn't looking for disciples who only follow Him some of the time. That's why He says "those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." you have to be willing to give all. Not just what you want to do or what you're comfortable with - all. Are you ready to be that kind of disciple today?

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AND CO-WORKERS.



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

August 22
"I Believe In The
Church"

Daily Bible Reading

August 16: Isaiah 40 -42

August 17: Isaiah 43 - 45

August 18: Isaiah 46 - 48

August 19: Isaiah 49 - 51

August 20: Isaiah 52 - 54

August 21: Isaiah 55 - 57

August 22: Isaiah 58 - 60

"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."