


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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

1 PETER 5:6

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 Ledsoe, 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), Serenity Jones (relative of Cindy Huxley), Chennie 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
- Ila Clark- Scott Johnsons aunt. Has been moved to a nursing home in Cameron, WV.
- Tresten Williams Child of a co-worker of Doug Hershman is in a Morgantown hospital after a 4-wheeler accident and making progress.
- Bill Deem has been in the hospital with Covid.
- Shirley Martin- having health problems.
- Linda Jones, Tammy Kerns mother, had surgery in Columbus Friday.
- Kay Mills is home after being in the hospital last week.
- Peggy Cowdery- fell, fractured her hip and had surgery last week.
- Those in Haiti recovering from the earthquake and storms
- Afghanistan

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
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Announcements

VISITORS- We are happy you could join us today! Please complete a visitor card and place it in the basket on the communion table.

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

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Tonight at North End church of Christ. Let Jeff Taberner know if you plan on riding the church van.

FALL GOSPEL MEETING- October 3-6 with David Price from Morehead City, NC. Flyers are available on the table in the foyer.

BIBLE BOWL- October 9 over Joshua.

WEST VIRGINIA POWER GAME- Friday, September 17. The cost for game tickets is \$6.00 and cost for gas will be about \$8.00. See Kyle Inman with any questions.

CHURCH CAMP OUT/COOKOUT- September 10 There will be a cookout at North Bend State Park and then a camp out for those who would like to stay the night. We will be eating at 6:30pm and then have a devotional. Sign up on the counter in the front foyer. Questions see Mark Tonkery

CLOTHING ROOM NEWS- The Clothing Giveaway is on the schedule for November. We are only requesting adult and kids coats, winter hats, gloves and blankets at this time. We especially need kids coats; sizes 4 to 14. (Please no clothes at this time). You can leave them in the red box in the corner of the front foyer. Any questions contact Chris or Terry Hofmann.

BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION- Sunday, September 5. Students will move up and the new quarter will begin.

CYC MEETING- There will be a meeting for any 6th grade and up youth interested in going to CYC. Sunday, September 19th after AM Bible class in the front of the auditorium in the wing by door 6.

HAITI RELIEF- Reminder if you want to give to Haiti Relief funds may be submitted to one of the elders or Bill Hoover.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

The Prophet Who Endured

When we think of endurance we do not usually think of the prophets of the Bible. Many times, we just read about them in short moments of their life such as Jonah, Obadiah, Nathan, or even Elijah. We know really very little about them and sometimes do not know if they ministered their whole life or just for a short time. Yet there is one prophet that the Bible talks about who ministered during the reign of five kings of Judah. God called him while he was still in his mother's womb (Jer. 1:5). He was a prophet for more than forty years to kings, princes, false prophets, priests, and people of all social classes. He preached and prophesied with many tears and was also known as the "Weeping Prophet." He loved people and wanted the lost to return to God. Most of the people he loved mocked him, were hostile, and apathetic towards his message. Often the people ignored his messages and threatened his life. He even saw fellow prophets being murdered. He himself was beaten and put in prison many times (Jer. 37:15).

One highlight in this prophet's life was he saw the revival in the nation of Judah under the reign of Josiah, but only to be grieved again when he saw the Jews returning to idolatry. He warned and warned the nation of Judah about the coming of the Babylonians, and then he witnessed his prophecies come true, as the Babylonians came and destroyed Judah and the Temple.

He was from a family of Levite priests and was a very honest person, who had a very deep relationship with God. He did not want the people of Judah to receive the judgment of God and he was hoping that the people of Judah would repent. With the coming judgment upon Judah, God forbid him to marry (Jer. 16:2). Throughout the book with his name on it, it shows his grief, sorrow, and at times his loneliness. Yet he was dedicated to serving God.

If you have not guessed by now this prophet was none other than Jeremiah. Jeremiah was a prophet who endured, even though at times he wept and wanted to give up (Jer. 9:2; 20:1-18). He never did. Although we do not have a record of his death, everything we know about Jeremiah points us to believe that he died as a faithful follower of Almighty God.

What an example of endurance and faithfulness. He never gave up. He never surrendered and turned his back on God like the rest of the crowd. He endured. He was faithful. He was righteous.

What an example for us, as we run the Christian race and face many temptations, trials, and discouragements, may we have the faith and endurance as Jeremiah. Like Jeremiah, we are never promised that life will be free of trouble or struggles. Hebrews 12:1 even encourages us by saying, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

May we stay faithful to God, keep running the race, and keep abiding in God's word, just like Jeremiah the prophet who endured.

Be God's Mark T. Tonkery

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

The Best Sermon Ever

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:2-3

1: What do you think it would be like to hear Jesus preach in person?

2: Out of all the groups of people Jesus said were “blessed,” which group do you most belong in? What do you need to work on?

3: Would you say Jesus’ standards were really high? Would He say it’s good enough to be just a little better than the world?

4: How important do you think it is to keep your good deeds private? How many of your “acts of righteousness” are for men instead of God?

5: How does faith free us to focus on righteousness instead of this world?

6: What does Jesus say will happen when we judge others? Does this affect how God judges us?

7: How do you know if someone has a good heart?

8: What is the difference between the man who built on the rock and the one who built on sand?

P.M. Sermon: Mark Tonkery

Jeremiah The Weeping Prophet

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-8

Doug's Discussion

Receive God's Gift

Have you ever received a gift you didn't want? Sometimes at a wedding shower a couple (who didn't register) receives the same gift multiple times. One toaster = good. Two toasters = well, one might break and then we still have a toaster. But what about toaster #3? At that point the couple becomes less thrilled about the gift. That spot on their kitchen counter is already full. There is no room for multiple extra toasters. That gift is likely to get returned.

I can't help but notice that there are other situations where people feel quite differently about gifts. I don't ever think I'll forget a video from a poor family where the daughter is given an electronic tablet that she wanted but never thought she would get. Her mother must have saved for months. That little girl burst into tears and said "thank-you" about fifty times. She had a nearly empty bedroom so that gift meant quite a bit. That gift was received joyfully.

What about the gift of God's love? How well is that received? There is no one on Earth who has not been offered this gift. Unfortunately, God's love is often rejected. "All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations" (Isaiah 65:2). I don't know why these people in Isaiah ignored God's outstretched arms, but maybe they thought they had no room for God. Maybe they were too busy "pursuing their own imaginations." What we all need to realize is that without God we're not rich, we're poor. Our rooms are really empty. Jesus once told the Laodiceans "You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked" (Revelation 3:17).

Thinking that you have no room for the gift of God is a grave mistake. If we're wise, we realize how poor we are without His love. Then, when we become aware of the gift, we burst into tears and say "thank-you" in praise fifty times a day. The gift of God is better than all the other things that clutter up our hearts. Make room so you can receive the treasure that lasts forever.



Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

Take a minute and think about the kind of advice you want. When you ask a parent, a teacher, or a friend for what they think...what are you hoping for? I suspect there are many who just want someone to tell them what they want to hear.

In the Bible King Rehoboam was one of those people. The Israelites came to him one day and asked the king to lighten their burdens. Rehoboam then went to the elders and asked them for advice. The elders told him to answer the people kindly. Then the king went to his friends and asked for their advice, and they suggested putting the people in their place with a harsh answer. And that's what Rehoboam listened to. Why? Because that's what he wanted to hear. That's what he wanted to do. And because he couldn't listen to good advice it was a national disaster.

I pray you are looking for more than just what you want to hear. I pray you are looking for the truth. For wisdom. For the best way to go. If not, you're doomed to live life limited by the measure of your own wisdom. I, for one, need more than that.

Thank You

- ♥ Just want to thank you all for the nice birthday cards I received. They were much appreciated. Bill Lemley
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I loved them all, they were beautiful. Eloise Smith
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers for my trip to Europe this semester. Also, thank you for all the support that was given to me, it meant a lot! Breanna Tonkery

Congratulations

Edwin Hoover on your drawing being featured on WTAP!



Serving In Worship September 5, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman
PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman
Close - Josh Hall
6:00 PM - Chris Tallman
Close - Brandon Sheppard

SCRIPTURE

AM- Jimmy Galloway
PM - Stan Inman

COMMUNION

AM - Rick Stanley
PM - Ryan Gaston



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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

August 22, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	213
Facebook AM Service Views.....	174
Sunday Bible Class.....	158
Sunday PM Service.....	146
Facebook PM Service Views.....	159
Wednesday PM Service.....	145
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	115
Contribution.....	\$6344.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

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.
- 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.

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AND CO-WORKERS.



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

September 5
"Created in the Image
of God"

Daily Bible Reading

August 30: Jeremiah 16 - 18

August 31: Jeremiah 19 - 21

September 1: Jeremiah 22 - 24

September 2: Jeremiah 25 - 27

September 3: Jeremiah 28 - 30

September 4: Jeremiah 31 - 33

September 5: Jeremiah 34 - 36

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