

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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SEEK
First
the
KINGDOM

Then all things will be given to you. | **Matthew 6:33**

In Our Prayers

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Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

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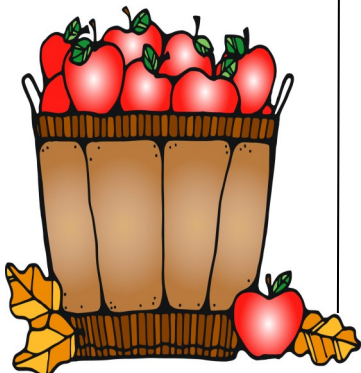
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Our church family in need of prayers

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, Shirley Martin, 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), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Ila Clark (Scott Johnson's Aunt), 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), Linda Jones (Tammy Kern's Mother), 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.

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Elena Gray going through treatments
- Bill Deem in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Peggy Cowdery- recovering from hip surgery
- Everett Sams is home.
- Linda Jones- Tammy Kerns mom in ICU in Columbus.
- Tammy Wilson- dialysis 3 times a week.
- Greg Stevens, friend of Paul Saunders, has Covid.
- Bob Maynard, Gwen Johnson's uncle,
- Barb Loy, Raeanne Wells' mother. has cancer.
- Eric Sutton, friend of Charlotte Deem, was in a motorcycle accident.
- Tresten Williams, child of Doug Hershman's Co-worker, has been moved to the Children's Hospital in Columbus for rehab and is recovering well.
- Korbin Schaner- 3 year old Great-Grandson of David & Christine Epler, diagnosed with leukemia.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Richard Cozad on the passing of his sister Harriet Bloser. Her funeral was last week.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Justin Marlow. Justin was the nephew of Dorothy Stevens and friend of others in the congregation.

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 1 is signed up to mow this week. Team 1 is Ken Barnes, Doug Hershman, Ryan Highman and Glen Snider.

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

BIBLE BOWL- October 9 over Joshua.

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.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING- Today at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESS- Please turn in the addresses of our Camden Avenue college students to the office.

WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN- October 3, 2:00-3:00 pm.

PROJECT HELP NEEDED- I am working on my Red Coat project for Lads to Leaders. For this project I will be working with Love and Care doing a variety of activities. One of these will be a bag that will be put together for each lady. In order to create these bags I am in need of donations. The donations that are needed are: Bible bookmarks, Small trinkets, Handwritten cards, Individual Tissues, Fluffy Socks and Large Print Activity Books. There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer. Items can be left in the marked box in the front foyer, if you have any questions please ask. Samantha Tonkery

CARD SHOWER- For Robin Anthony's brother, Harold Leo Blair, Windsor Care Center, 125 Sterling Way Mt. Sterling, KY. 40353.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- October 3 after morning Bible class.

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- Saltine Crackers

Care Group 2- Instant Potatoes (Box and Single Serve)

Care Group 3- Peanut Butter & Jelly

Care Group 4- Hamburger Helper

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Ways you can invite someone to our Gospel Meeting

On Oct. 3-6, Camden Ave. will be having a Gospel Meeting. We must remember that the main goal of having a Gospel Meeting is to invite our friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and family members to hear the word of God. In my sermon last week, I gave some practical ways we can invite people to study the Bible with us, which can also be used to invite people to our Gospel Meeting. So here are some of those ideas repeated and other creative ideas we can do to invite people:

- Give a neighbor who is moving into your neighborhood free lightbulbs or a flashlight (with batteries). Say something like “You’ll probably have a lightbulb go out some time, so here’s one,” or if it is a flashlight say, “If the electricity goes out this might come in handy.” Then say, “By the way, did you know that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12)? You can learn more about Him at our Gospel Meeting we are having, why don’t you and your family come with us.”
- Bake some bread and give it to someone, and say something like, “by the way did you know Jesus is the Bread of life (John 6:35)? You can learn more about Him at our Gospel Meeting we are having, why don’t you and your family come with us.”
- Give out water to the people in your neighborhood or local park and as you give the water to them say something like, “did you know that Jesus can give us spiritual drink (John 7:37-38)? “You can learn more about Him at our Gospel Meeting we are having, why don’t you and your family come with us.”
- Go to the laundromat or carwash and feed quarters into the machine, and say something like, “Have you been washed by the blood of Christ (1 Cor. 6:11)? You can learn more about Him at our Gospel Meeting we are having, why don’t you and your family come with us.”
- Give someone a nice flower, and say something like, “Did you know Jesus is like a plant (vine) (John 15:1-7)? You can learn more about Him at our Gospel Meeting we are having, why don’t you and your family come with us.”
- Pass out microwave popcorn or a can of soda pop with a note attached that says, “Pop into our Gospel Meeting.” Include your name and information about our Gospel Meeting.

Can you think of other creative ways of inviting people to our Gospel Meeting? All these ideas are to help build friendships and to show we are servants of Christ trying to share our faith in today’s modern world. It is amazing to see how responsive people become as the result of a simple gift or act of servanthood.

Will you do something that will show people, we care and use that as an opportunity to invite them to our Gospel meeting and to talk to them about Christ? In Christ, Mark T. Tonkery



Today's Sermon Notes

Sunday A.M. Sermon: Mark Tonkery

Where would we be without Andrew?

Scripture Reading: John 1:40-42

- I. Andrew found _____ (Jn 1:41)
- Jn. 1:45 –
 - Jn 1:49 –
 - Mt. 13:45-46 –
 - Titus 3:5 –
 - Rev. 14:13 –
 - Rom. 5:1 –
 - 1 Tim. 2:5-6-
 - 1 Cor. 2:2
- II. Andrew _____ what he had found (Jn. 1:45)
- Jn. 4:39 -
 - Jn. 8 -
 - Jn. 20:30-31 -
 - 2 Kings 7 -
 - o How do people find Christ?
- III. Look what Andrew _____ Jesus find.
- 1Thes 2:19-20 -
 - 1Cor 15:58 -
 - Pr. 11:30 -
 - Jn 1:40-42 -
 - Acts 26:16-18 -
 - Gal. 3:26-27 –

Who are we going to _____ to Christ?

Sunday P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

How to avoid being a fool: Have thicker skin

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 29:11

Doug's Discussion

Wisdom is Obeying God

Jonah heard the call of the Lord. "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me" (Jonah 1:2). Jonah, however, made an executive decision to ignore those clear instructions. By doing so he became one of the premier Biblical examples of what not to do. One storm and one large fish later we see how unwise it is to ignore the command of God, thinking we can outrun or outsmart Him. We can't. It's foolish to try.

Wisdom comes to a different conclusion regarding following the Word of the Lord. "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). We all have some decisions to make when we hear from God, which we do every time we open up His Word. Are God's commands meant to be a burden, or are they given out of love? I think God's character answers that one. Also, are we wiser than God – thinking that we can come up with a better way to go? That one is also not difficult if we just take a moment to think about it. And do we believe, by faith, that there is reward for those servants who obey the Lord's call? The Bible clearly says "yes." Do you believe it?

I encourage you to be wise. Have the vision to see where the road you're on leads. If the destination is a smelly fish stomach you are certainly on the wrong road. Wisdom knows better. Wisdom knows "his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world" (1 John 5:3-4). Can't you see that obeying God now is better than obeying Him later (or not at all)? Can't you see that setting aside your objections and your own agendas is the best thing for you? Trust and obey friends. There is no other wise way.



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Youth News

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.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Will be holding the evening services at Camden Avenue on September 26.

AREA WIDE YOUTH GAME NIGHT- September 25 from 4-7pm at the Wood County 4H Campground. Sponsored by the Sunrise church of Christ. There is a flyer on the Youth board.

Local Meetings

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 MEETING- Sunrise church of Christ, September 26-29

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY- Norval Park church of Christ, October 2.

GOSPEL MEETING- Bridge Street church of Christ, October 3-6.

FALL GOSPEL MEETING- Spencer church of Christ, October 3-8.

LECTURESHIP- at West Virginia School of Preaching, October 24-28.

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

How do you respond when you're blessed? Did you respond gratefully when someone said something nice to you, or did something for you? I hope so.

Picture a wife who spends two hours making a delicious meal for her husband because she wants to give him something special. The husband eats it without comment and then heads straight to the T.V. OR picture God answering a prayer, as he did in the Bible when someone asked him for a longer life. But, then 2 Chronicles 32:25 says that after this man's answered prayer his "heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him."

Why do we do that? Why do we ignore blessings? Maybe because we think we are owed these blessings. My wife SHOULD make me a two hour dinner every night, my parents SHOULD give me expensive gifts for my birthday. God SHOULD keep me healthy and safe. I deserve it and that's their job.

Well aren't you fun? No one is going to enjoy giving you anything if that's your attitude. I suggest a different approach when you're blessed: appreciate it. Be truly thankful. Otherwise your blessing can become a curse.

Serving In Worship September 26, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Traveling Youth Group

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kody Inman

Close - Ryan Highman

6:00 PM - Traveling Youth Group

Close - Traveling Youth Group

SCRIPTURE

AM- Patrick Rine

PM - Traveling Youth Group

COMMUNION

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Jon Hescht

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1- Linda Camp | 22- Mike Bayer |
| 1- Kyle Inman | 22- Walter Morgan |
| 2- Ryan Highman | 22- Lily Sprout |
| 5- Emma Johnson | 22- Rob & Kathy Hoover |
| 5- Todd Kirk | 23- Sue VanCamp |
| 5- Josh & Zoe Hall* | 27- Gwen Lucas |
| 9- Samantha Tonkery | 27- Kay Mills |
| 10- Brandon Sheppard | 27- Joe & Sharon Wilson* |
| 11- Kevin & Amanda Cochran* | 28- Nina Chevront |
| 12- Peggy Cowdery | 28- Julie Taberner |
| 16- Earl & Donna McConnell | 30- Kelly Sheppard |
| 16- Raeanne Wells | |
| 18- Bill & Rosemary Merrill* | |
| 20- Mary Lemley | |
| 21- Susan Haid | |
| 21- Earl McConnell | |
| 22- Kassi Adkins | |



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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

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Facts and Figures

September 12, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	204
Facebook AM Service Views.....	129
Sunday Bible Class.....	129
Sunday PM Service.....	160
Facebook PM Service Views.....	150
Wednesday PM Service.....	149
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	150
Contribution.....	\$6125.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

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

September 26
"Will God Hear My
Prayer"

Daily Bible Reading

September 20: Ezekiel 23 - 25

September 21: Ezekiel 26 - 28

September 22: Ezekiel 29 - 31

September 23: Ezekiel 32 - 34

September 24: Ezekiel 35 - 37

September 25: Ezekiel 38 - 40

September 26: Ezekiel 41 - 43

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