

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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For I know the *Plans*
I have for you,
declares the *Lord*
***Plans* to Prosper**
you and not to harm you
***Plans* to give you**
Hope* and a *Future

-Jeremiah 29:11

In Our Prayers

Elders:

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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, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells, Tammie Wilson

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), 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), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Randy Modesitt (Brittany Gray's uncle), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), John Rockhold III, Korbin Schaner (Great-Grandson of the Eplers), 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 updates to the prayer list.

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Elena Gray going through treatments
- Dot Haught- back surgery has been changed to November 11.
- Harvery Caplinger & Daughter Tammy having health problems.
- Mary Caplinger diagnosed with Covid.
- Shirley Martin having health issues.
- Kevin Rumbaugh, Cotton Sayre's nephew- continues to make progress in healing.
- Jerrilyn Kirkbride, a coworker of Paul Saunders, has 2 relatives in Morgantown hospital. Her husband Greg with heart issues and A newly born grandson Walker.
- Doug Freeman, friend of Paul Saunders, at home recovering from Covid.
- Ruth Wells in Camden Clark hospital improving.
- Gilbert Hardman, fell and broke his hip, he had surgery Wednesday and is in Camden Clark Hospital.
- Gary Farris is in the hospital.

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 3 is signed up to mow this week. Team 3 is Cody Hoover, Kevin Inman, Kyle Inman & Kody Inman.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Today, October 31st at Rockport church of Christ.

WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS- The 11:00am Wednesday class will begin November 10.

SOUP BEAN & HAM LUNCH- November 10 after morning Bible class. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the foyer for items to bring and a sign up sheet if you plan on attending.

CLOTHING ROOM NEWS- Our Clothing Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th. We had over 270 people last year so we need a lot of help. Thursday, November 11th there are two times that we need help to get ready for Saturday. From 9am-11am and from 6pm-8pm. The Giveaway will be Saturday from 9am-12pm. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for those who would like to help. Any questions contact Chris or Terry Hofmann.

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, VETERANS MEAL- Saturday, November 13. We are doing this as a curbside pickup service this year. We will be bringing your food out to your car. If you are a widow/widower or veteran and would like to pickup a curbside turkey meal please sign up in the foyer or call the office. The spouses of the veterans are also provided a meal. As the date gets closer, if you sign up, you will be contacted for your order and we will let you know your meal pickup time.

RAKE AND RUN- Sunday, December 5. If you need your leaves raked please sign up on the counter in the foyer.

CAROLING- Mark your calendars for December 11. More details will be coming.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH- Care Group 3 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch on November 14 after morning Bible class in the M.P. Room.

AREA BUDGET REQUESTS- Due to the Elders today.

LADIES DAY- At Harrisville church of Christ, November 13. More information on the bulletin board.

MEN'S INSPIRATION DAY- November 6, Pine Grove church of Christ in Scott Depot, WV. More information on the bulletin board.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Do you know whom you believe in?

Joe Bailey in his book "A View From a Hearse" tells of the day his boy died of cancer. He had returned to the clinic to thank them for their kindness and care of his son. As he spoke to the receptionist, she motioned toward a woman whose son was playing quietly with toys in the waiting area. "He has the same cancer your son had," she said. "Why don't you go over and see if you can talk with her." Bailey went reluctantly over to sit next to her and they whispered just out of hearing of the boy. "It must be hard bringing him in for the treatments," he said, more a statement than a question. "Hard," she turned with anguish in her eyes. "I die every time I have to bring him in. What makes it worse is that I know it's not going to stop the cancer and that he's going to die." Uncomfortable, Bailey ventured: "Still it is some comfort to know that when that happens there is no more pain and suffering and that they go to a better place." "No," with hardness in her voice. "When he dies, I'm just going to bury him in the cemetery, and I'll never see him again." Bailey wanted to leave. It was uncomfortable to be reminded of his loss and even more uncomfortable to speak with this woman who obviously had no hope in any way. Then he spoke quietly, "I buried my boy just yesterday, and I've only come today to thank the doctors and nurses for their kindness. I know what you're feeling but I also know that there is a better life for my son now." "How could you believe such a thing," she challenged. And then Joe Bailey told her about Jesus.

FAITH
in GOD
CHANGES
EVERYTHING

The hymn writer tells us "I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known. Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love, redeemed me for His own.... But I know whom I have believed...." (By Daniel Webster Whittle).

Do you know who you believe in? The Bible tells us that "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Then in Mark 16:16 we see that belief results in one being baptized into Christ, and once one is baptized, they continue believing in Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:6). Without the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, there is no Heaven for the sinner.

As we go through this week remember what Christ has done and is doing to give eternal life to those who believe and obey the Gospel. Ask yourself, "If the Lord were to come right now. Would I know for sure, nothing doubting that I would go to Heaven to be with Christ?"

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

How to Avoid Being a Fool – Speak Truth, Not Folly

Text: Proverbs 15:2, 15:14

- 1: What kind of “diet” do you have for your mind?

- 2: What is the relationship between what’s in your heart and what comes out of your mouth?

- 3: Is what’s in our heart random, or do we have some decision about what’s in there?

- 4: When someone comes to you for wisdom do you have anything to give? And how could you have more?

- 5: What is the best kind of “mind food” there is?

- 6: What kind of differences have you noticed in the lives of people who read the Bible a lot?

- 7: What would it mean in your life if you had an abundance of wise things to say?

P.M Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

The Beginning of the Gospel

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-4

Doug's Discussion

Lasting Greatness

David's son Absalom wanted to be great. He was willing to do whatever was necessary to achieve this greatness – including betray his father. He did just that, and ended up doing quite well for himself. For a few moments he became king of Israel. How much greater of a title could you have? What's more, he even set up a monument to himself that endured for years. "During his lifetime Absalom had taken a pillar and erected it in the King's Valley as a monument to himself, for he thought, 'I have no son to carry on the memory of my name.' He named the pillar after himself, and it is called Absalom's Monument to this day" (2 Samuel 18:18). He's king. He has statues in his honor. Would you say that Absalom achieved the greatness he sought? Sure. But what did that all get him? In the end he was hanging by his long hair in the branches of an oak tree. How great are you really when your mule takes off leaving you hanging (literally) while surrounded by enemies determined to kill you? Absalom wanted to be greatest and ended being nothing.

The desire to be great certainly didn't end in that tree. There were times when Jesus' disciples had the same malady. They also wanted to be great, asking Jesus at one point: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (Matthew 18:1). In God's eyes greatness is something entirely different from the way people like Absalom view it. It's not putting yourself forward for honors and position. Greatness isn't squishing the person next to you so that you get more or you look better than them. Greatness, as you can see in the answer of Jesus, is the opposite. "And he said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven'" (Matthew 18:3-4). May God bless the many children who are just happy to be alive and who don't care about being better than everyone else! So many of them are too humble for that. We should join them.

There will be a great reversal in heaven my friends. The world is full of people who have achieved many things by putting themselves first. Jesus warns these about the danger of not getting to heaven at all. But there are even those in Christ who struggle with the temptation of self-promotion. Will they be first in heaven? I think that scripture teaches that those who are greatest in God's kingdom are those who put other people above themselves. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). It is a rare person indeed who lives this way. I encourage you to be the anti-Absalom! Put other people forward instead of yourself. Do that and your reward in heaven will be great indeed.

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP

It happened in South Africa some animal poachers snuck into an animal reserve to try to illegally kill some rhinos. They were caught, you might say, and will not do it again. The authorities found the poachers equipment and remains, yes that is correct, their remains were scattered over the ground where they were poaching. It seems they were not the only hunters on the reserve. The lions were hunting too, and the poachers became their prey.

It is a reminder that our sins will find us out. Numbers 32:23, tells us, "..., you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out." Before we are caught in our sins, may we apply 1 John 1:9 which states, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for your many prayers for our nephew. He has been discharged from the KY hospital and has been sent to a rehab facility for body strengthening. Continued prayers are appreciated. Cotton& Patty Sayre
- ♥ Thank you to all for the birthday cards and well wishes. Sami Tonkery
- ♥ Thank you to those men that serve as ushers and in security. You are appreciated!



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-** Spaghetti Noodles
- Care Group 2-** Carrots/Mixed Veggies
- Care Group 3-** Canned Potatoes
- Care Group 4-** Cereal

Serving In Worship

November 7, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman
 PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ken Barnes
 Close - Marion Goldsmith
 6:00 PM - Josh Hall
 Close - Chris Hofmann

SCRIPTURE

AM- Rick Stanley
 PM - Dave Nulter

COMMUNION

AM - Jimmy Galloway
 PM - Cody Hoover



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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

October 24, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....172
 Facebook AM Service Views.....
 Sunday Bible Class.....150
 Sunday PM Service.....142
 Facebook PM Service Views.....
 Wednesday PM Service.....134
 Facebook Wed. PM Views.....
 Contribution.....\$4865.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3
 Restored or Requested Prayers....1
 Placed Membership.....2

BASIC ELEMENTS

Science Says that we need at least 4 basic elements to survive.

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light



Look what the Bible tells us about Jesus.

1. I am the Living Water (John 4:10, 6:35, 7:38)
2. I am the Breath of Life (Acts 17:25)
3. I am the Bread of Life (John 6:25, 48)
4. I am the Light of the World (John 8:12)

Science was right. We need Jesus to live.

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 AND CO-WORKERS.



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

November 7
 "God is at Work in
 Baptism"

Daily Bible Reading

November 1: Mark 5 - 8

November 2: Mark 9 - 12

November 3: Mark 13 - 16

November 4: Luke 1 - 4

November 5: Luke 5 - 8

November 6: Luke 9 - 12

November 7: Luke 13 - 16

"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."