

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

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**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34**



In Our Prayers

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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, 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), Roy Clark, 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), 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.



Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Elena Gray going through treatments
- Dot Haight- recovering from back surgery at Encompass Health.
- Shirley Martin having health issues.
- Gilbert Hardman has been moved to Ohio Valley Nursing Home.
- Joe Wilson
- Gary Burton in Camden Clark.
- Jim Hinzman- dealing with pain
- Roy Clark

Announcements

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

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.

TEACHER NEEDED- For the Wednesday evening Cradle Roll class and a helper for the Wednesday 3rd-5th grade class beginning in December. See Doug Wells if you can help.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING- November 21 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

BIBLE READING- Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board if you have completed reading the New Testament or the entire Bible this year.

OFFICE NEWS- Thanksgiving week the office will be closed Thursday and Friday. If you have anything for the bulletin, it will need to be turned in by Monday (November 22).

Thank You

- ♥ A special thank you to all who planned, prepared, and served a very good meal to veterans, widows and widowers. It is a blessing to be a part of the Camden Avenue family.
Agape, Bill Pralley
- ♥ We want to thank everyone who helped with the coat & clothing giveaway on Thursday, helping to prepare for the giveaway and those who helped with the giveaway on Saturday. Also, all those who gave donations. Everyone who received donated coats & clothes were extremely thankful. Chris & Terry Hofmann
- ♥ Thank you all for the help and donations with the Red Coat Project with Love and Care. The ladies all loved it. Sami Tonkery
- ♥ To all who worked so hard to see that the widows, widowers and veterans had a lovely meal, we send a big thank you. The meal was delicious. We appreciate so much all of the adults who spend so much time teaching our young ones the joy of serving. May you all be blessed. Jim & Sandy Hughes

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What does Thanksgiving Mean to You?

You ask any number of people what Thanksgiving means, and you will probably get that many different answers. For example, if you could have asked the first pilgrims who came to this country what thanksgiving meant to them, they might have said things like religious freedom, safety from the long journey across the sea, or expressed thankfulness that the Wampanoag Indians took pity on them and helped them plant corn, build shelter, and taught them how to survive in the new world.

Fast forward to 1789 and ask George Washington what thankfulness means to him and you would get these words, *"By the President of the United States of America. A proclamation: Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor..."*

"Whereas, Both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God. . ."

"Now, Therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. . ." So reads the very first Thanksgiving Proclamation. (Edited for space).

Fast forward to our day and time and ask people what thanksgiving means to them, and one might get answers such as, spending time with their friends and family, eating a large meal, or a day where one could watch football all day uninterrupted.

Now let's go to the Bible and see what it means when it teaches about "thanksgiving":

- 1 Thess. 5:18, "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
- Eph. 5:4, "Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving."
- Php. 4:6, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
- Col. 2:7, "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."
- Col. 4:2, "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."
- 1 Tim. 4:4, "For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,"

The Bible teaches that thanksgiving is one of the many attributes that each Christian should have in all circumstances. Although what we in America celebrate as a day of thanksgiving is a wonderful idea and a great reminder to be thankful, the Bible teaches us that thanksgiving is not seasonal but a way of life for the Christian.



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Thank you, Lord

Scripture Reading: Revelation 11:17

A. It is common to compile lists. We make to do lists, shopping list, we might make a wish list for Christmas, and some make up a list of resolutions for New Years. But there is another list we often overlook - a Thanksgiving Day list of all we are thankful for.

B. _____ be on your Thanksgiving list?

C. _____

I. We should be thankful for _____.

A. "although they knew _____, they did not _____ Him as God, nor were _____, but became _____ in their thoughts, and their foolish _____ were darkened." Rom. 1:21

II. We should give thanks to God for _____.

1. Mt. 15:36 Jesus gave _____ for the food.

2. Acts 27:35 Paul _____ the meal before they ate.

3. We are to receive our food and daily necessities with _____.

(Rm. 14:6, Jn. 6:11 & 23, 1 Tim. 4:3)

III. We should give thanks for our _____.

1. 1 Cor. 15:57, "But _____ be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

2. Rm. 6:17

3. Rm. 7:25

IV. We should give thanks for the _____.

1. As we come each first day of the week we are to give _____ for the bread and the fruit of the vine which is a memorial to Christ's death on the cross.

2. Lk. 22:19

3. 1 Cor. 11:24

V. We should give thanks when _____.

1. Has someone done something good for you? We are be _____.

2. Lk. 17:16 One Leper who returned to say _____.

3. What a striking illustration of the ingratitude of men! One returns, the alien; the other, saved from a living death, are heard no more.

4. Not only are we to be a _____, but we are receive a _____.

VI. We should give thanks for the _____ and all _____.

1. Yes, we are so _____ to be a part of the church, many do not know about the church.

2. Rm. 16:4, Paul said, "he gave _____ for all the churches..."

3. 1 Th. 1:2

4. 2 Th. 1:3

A. If you wrote a Thanksgiving list, what would you write down?

B. What kinds of attitudes characterize you?

C. Let's remember to _____.

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

Salvation Starts with Hearing

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:14

Doug's Discussion

You Can Tell

Jesus teaches that you know someone by their fruit (Matthew 7:16). I find this to be incredibly useful. I am not wise enough to make fair and accurate judgments on all things. I simply don't have time to do the necessary research or to conduct the necessary interviews to know everything about everything. However, it is usually not difficult to know the KIND of thing that something is. There are many times when I can make the distinction between evil and good based on how something or someone acts. Given enough time you can see that good things bear good fruit and bad things bear bad fruit.

Once there was a great contest going on in the minds of men between two groups. Were the apostles, representing Christianity, right or were the Jews right? In the city of Iconium "The people of that city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles" (Acts 14:4). And how could people decide, especially those who haven't spent a lifetime reading scripture? Both groups spoke persuasively. Both were very passionate about what they believed. However, despite all this, I don't think it was difficult to perceive who was on the side of God. How do I know? Based on what they did. In one place the Jews "were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying" (Acts 13:45). In another they plotted to mistreat Paul and stone him. Such was what Paul faced wherever he went, enduring all these troubles with grace. Who then was on the side of God? Those with hearts full of hate and murder, or the ones proclaiming the gospel? Even if I knew nothing about the gospel I don't think that would be hard to tell.

I would like to say that I stand against abortion. I believe, after studying the Bible, that the Bible stands against abortion. I have made a careful study of this and have reviewed many arguments from both sides of the issue. I would like to think I have something of an informed position. However, even if I didn't go through all this effort I don't think it would be difficult to tell what was right. Take one shift on a public abortion protest and I think you would be able to figure it out. Expect hate filled words. I've even had things thrown at me, once at the pregnant woman next to me. Can you not tell who stands in the right, based on how people act? Good trees bear good fruit. Bad trees bear bad fruit. I encourage you all to apply this principle as you consider what or who to support. If it doesn't bear good fruit it's not from God. Find what does.



Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP

Happy Thanksgiving. This is always a special time of year to gather with family and friends, to share a nice meal together, and a time to watch football. But, Thanksgiving is really more than that. It is a reminder to be thankful for all the blessings we have.

The Bible teaches us that thanksgiving is something we are always to do. The apostle Paul was a thankful man. He was thankful to Jesus for putting him into the ministry (1 Tim. 1:12), for the faith of his fellow Christians (Col. 1:3-4), for those who risked themselves for his ministry (Rom. 16:4), for salvation (1 Cor. 15:57), and indeed for all things (Eph. 5:20).

What sort of "thanksgiving list" would we put together? Perhaps it would include our family, our home, the church, our health, and our job, in addition to the spiritual blessings Paul mentions. Whatever the case, the important thing is to remember to be thankful every day; because ultimately, God is the source of all blessings (James 1:17).

December Birthday's & Anniversaries

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| 1 - Jeff Taberner | 15 - Jean Martin |
| 2 - Bob Eddy | 16 - Tammy Kerns |
| 3 - Chris & Debbie Tallman* | 16 - Amy Young |
| 4 - Sheri Gaston | 16 - Eric Young |
| 5 - John (Bram) Mills | 19 - Jordan Kirk |
| 6 - Kate Barnes | 20 - Larry & Janet Plant* |
| 6 - Dot Haught | 20 - Ray & Bonnie Sams* |
| 7 - Don Nesselroad | 21 - Brian Haught |
| 10 - Jim & Sallie Hinzman* | 24 - Kim Ledsome |
| 10 - Mike & Teresa Wade* | 24 - Herb & Joyce Wright* |
| 11 - Allen Coe | 25 - Josh Gray |
| 11 - Kathy Hoover | 26 - Annette Kirk |
| 11 - Adeline Inman | 26 - Dana Sponseller |
| 12 - Barbara Cramlet | 27 - Cotton & Patty Sayre* |
| 13 - Haley Johnson | 28 - Rosemary Merrill |
| 13 - Hayden Kelly | 29 - Mike Fleak |
| 14 - Mary Daniel | 29 - Jay Goldsmith |
| 14 - Darrell Vaught | 30 - Madison Taberner |
| 15 - Janet Looney | 31 - Ty Inman |



Serving In Worship November 28, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Highman

Close - Todd Kirk

6:00 PM - Bill Hoover

Close - Jimmy Galloway

SCRIPTURE

AM- Steve Gray

PM - Daniel Rich

COMMUNION

AM - Jim Galloway

PM- Stan Inman



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Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Class...15 minutes after worship
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00am
Bible Study.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

November 14, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....201
Sunday Bible Class.....156
Sunday PM Service.....146
Wednesday AM Service.....36
Wednesday PM Service.....119
Contribution.....\$8317.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

October Bible Call Report

We had OVER 21 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in October with 236 calls. Some of the most called topics this month were:

- 652 The Rapture (8)
- 706 Scientific Accuracy of the Bible (7)
- 813 Planning for Marriage (6)
- 110 Overcoming Worry (6)
- 201 Why Does God Allow Trouble? (5)
- 650 Life After Death (5)
- 811 Going Steady (5)
- 902 Situation Ethics Does Love Make our Wrongs Right? (4)
- 951 The Kingdom and 1000 year Reign (4)

Nine times people listened to the same lesson again. We have members giving out the leaflet everywhere they go. Let the Elders know your commitment to this work as they plan the budget for 2022. This year they set aside \$5000 for this work and thanks to some members who gave special contributions for this work we were able to do a little more. We mailed 5 ROUTES in Parkersburg at the end of the September. The high days were the 7th with 19 and the 17th with 18 calls. It is good to see other congregations also using this work.

Also, are you willing to fund mailing these into mission areas? This can be another way we can help find contacts for our missionaries, too.

What are you doing to enlarge the borders of the Kingdom? Any questions or aware of needs call David Epler cell 616-554-0990 house 304-834-1935.

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

November 28
"Is the Truth
Important"

Daily Bible Reading

November 22: Romans 1 - 4

November 23: Romans 5 - 8

November 24: Romans 9 - 12

November 25: Romans 13 - 16

November 26: 1 Corinthians 1 - 4

November 27: 1 Corinthians 5 - 8

November 28: 1 Corinthians 9 - 12

"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."