

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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*Show me
your ways,
O Lord;
teach me
your paths*

PSALM 25:4

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 & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams.

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Elena Gray going through treatments
- Dot Haught- 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 has been moved to Worthington Nursing Home.
- Jim Hinzman- dealing with pain
- Roy Clark
- Jay and Lana VanCamp, the son and daughter in law of Sue VanCamp. Both dealing with cancer. Cards have been requested, 2720 Murraysville Road Ravenswood, WV 26164.
- Jay & Nina Chevront both dealing with Covid.

Sympathy

♥ We extend our sympathy to Dearll Vincent and family on the passing of his brother Everett Vincent. His funeral was held on Friday.

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- December 11.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST- December 11.

WINTER SHOVELING- There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer for anyone willing to help with shoveling snow this winter. See Kevin Inman for any questions.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Tonight at Barlow Vincent.

OHIO WINTER LECTURES- Fishinger Road church of Christ. January 28-30, see the bulletin board for more information.

AREA WIDE WORSHIP- January 16, 2022 at 3:00pm. Hosted by Barlow Vincent church of Christ held at the Lubeck church of Christ.

CLASS MATERIALS- Teachers your materials for next quarter are available in the Teacher's Supply Room. The next quarter begins December 5.

Thank You

♥ Dear Friends, I would like to thank all those that prepared the turkey dinner that was delivered to me. It was delicious. Thank you so much. Sue VanCamp

♥ I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards I have received. Dorothea Haught

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Always Give Thanks

A Chinese gentleman lived on the border of China and Mongolia. In those days, there was constant conflict and strife along the perimeter. The man had a beautiful horse. One day, she leaped over the corral, raced down the road, crossed the border, and was captured by the Mongolians. His friends came to comfort him. “That’s bad news,” they said sadly. “What makes you think it’s bad news?” asked the Chinese gentleman. “Maybe it’s good news.” A few days later the mare came bolting into his corral, bringing with it a massive stallion. His friends crowded around. “That’s good news!” they cried. “What makes you think it’s good news?” he asked. “Maybe it is bad news.” Later, his son, while riding the stallion and trying to break it, was thrown off and broke his leg. “That’s bad news,” cried the friends. “What makes you think it is bad news?” asked the Chinese gentleman. “Maybe it’s good news.” One week later, war broke out with Mongolia, and a Chinese general came through, drafting all the young men. All later perished, except for the young man who couldn’t go because his leg was broken. The man said to his friends, “You see, the things you thought were bad turned out good; and the things you thought were good turned out bad.” ^[1]



And therefore, it is with us. We don’t know if the things we want will really be good for us, or bad. We can’t see the future. That’s why Paul tells us in 1Th. 5:18, “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

“We can’t see the future. That’s why James tells to us to pray, saying, in 4:15, “If the Lord wills. . . .” But God *does* know the future. He is The Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He knows the end from the beginning, and He knows how all things will turn out.

Rom 8:28 reminds us, “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

God will work out the circumstances of our life out for good if we will only put our faith in Him and do not waver. So let us always give thanks to Lord for He has great things in store for us if we are willing to be patient and wait.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Warning from Israel's History

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

What are three things we can learn about God from Israel's history?

I. God cares for _____ (1 Cor. 10:1-4).

A. _____

1. 1 Cor. 10:1 - _____

2. 1 Cor. 10:2-3 - _____

a. Christ the _____ John 6:31-58 and

_____ John 6:53 - 55; 7:37)

B. _____

II. God was _____ always pleased with His people (1 Cor. 10:5-10).

A. _____

1. 1 Cor. 10:5 - _____

2. 1 Cor. 10:7 - _____

3. 1 Cor. 10:8 - _____

4. 1 Cor. 10:10 - _____

5. _____

III. God _____ His people today (1 Cor. 10:11-15).

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Qualities of a Great Congregation

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

Doug's Discussion

God Has Made it Plain

Once prominent atheist Richard Dawkins was confronted about his lack of faith. He was asked something like – what will you do if you die and you see God? How will you defend how you lived your life then? Dawkins said he would tell God: “I’m sorry sir but you didn’t give me enough evidence.” The best I can say about that is at least he plans to be respectful enough to call God “sir.” That seems wise. However, the idea that this man didn’t have enough evidence in order to believe is bogus. The evidence was there, it was just ignored. “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them” (Romans 1:18-19).

Richard Dawkins is now eighty years old. He doesn’t have too many more years left to acknowledge what is plain. I pray He does, since “it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31). There are no excuses that are good enough for that day, ESPECIALLY “you didn’t give me enough evidence.” The evidence is all around all of us. “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1). The sky. The earth. All the living things – all testify to the power and divine nature of God. One family fishing trip ought to bring a person to belief, provided they don’t “suppress the truth by their wickedness.”

Faith in God is the most reasonable, sensible conclusion to all that we see around us. Go outside. Look at that sky! Look at that cloud that looks like a bunny rabbit! Look at that sun! No . . . wait . . . don’t do that. But look at the moon! Anyone who is open to belief can easily come to the conclusion that a mighty hand made these things. God has made it obvious. Let all doubt fade away. Pray for others so their doubts may be vanquished as well.

Pray that their heart may be changed so they can see and accept what is right in front of them. For everyone, everywhere (including Mr. Dawkins), there is enough evidence to know God. Will we accept the obvious truth and glorify God? I pray we will!

HAVE *faith*

Encouragement for Missionaries

Camden Avenue church of Christ is involved in supporting evangelistic and mission efforts in many locations throughout the USA and across the globe. Missionaries work diligently to spread the Gospel of Christ to lost souls. Their efforts are often unappreciated. Have you thought about sending a note of encouragement to them? Here's an opportunity for you to do that! Listed below you'll find contact information for those supported by Camden Avenue. Why not send them a card or an email note of encouragement. Let them know their efforts are appreciated.

This is the first of two lists that will be included in the bulletin. The second list will be in next weeks bulletin.

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Serving In Worship December 5, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway
PM - Ryan Highman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson
Close - Keith Smith
6:00 PM - Ken Barnes
Close - Klay Cochran

SCRIPTURE

AM- Dave Nulter
PM - Rob Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade
PM- Dennis Keller



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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 21, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....197
Sunday Bible Class.....144
Sunday PM Service.....130
Wednesday AM Service.....37
Wednesday PM Service.....116
Contribution.....\$6572.62

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

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

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP

If you're not perfect then critics could find something to pick on, and probably do. Maybe you have someone in your life who is actively searching for your flaws, so they have something to criticize. It's not fun, is it? Wouldn't you rather people focus on the good things you're doing? Wouldn't you rather they dwell on and talk about the good choices you make? Since that's what we want others to do perhaps it's a choice we need to make ourselves.

The Bible describes a church that was doing all kinds of things wrong. Their worship service was nearly chaos. They were divided. They weren't doing the Lord's supper in a biblical way, but even with all this think about what Paul the apostle said to them in 1 Corinthians 1:4-5, "I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way."

Even in a world of bad Paul found something that was good and started with that. Is that how WE treat others? What are you seeking in other people - good things or bad things? In my experience people tend to find what they're looking for.



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AND CO-WORKERS.**

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

December 5
"Thy Will Be Done"

Daily Bible Reading

November 29: 1 Corinthians 13 - 16

November 30: 2 Corinthians 1 - 4

December 1: 2 Corinthians 5 - 8

December 2: 2 Corinthians 9 - 12

December 3: 2 Corinthians 13 - Galatians 3

December 4: Galatians 4 - 6

December 5: Ephesians 1 - 3

"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."