

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Happy

NEW YEAR

MAY HE GIVE YOU THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART
AND MAKE ALL YOUR PLANS SUCCEED.

PSALM 20:4

In Our Prayers

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Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Jim Hinzman, 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, 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:

- Joe Wilson
- Roy Clark
- Jay Chevront moved to Special Select Hospital (specializing in people on ventilators) in Newark, Ohio.
- John Rockhold is in Belpre Landing.
- Ray Sams in Marietta Memorial Hospital.
- Sarah Buckley is in the University of Pittsburgh hospital. Cards can be sent to 3811 O'Hara St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213
- Belinda Buckley testing due to return of cancer.
- Don Dougherty will have heart surgery January 5.
- Sandy Graham is in the hospital with Covid and pneumonia.
- Ronnie Smith, Keith Smith's brother, is home after being in the hospital last week.

Please let the office know of any updates to the prayer list.

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.

BIBLE READING- If you have completed reading the whole Bible or the New Testament this year sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

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

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING- January 23rd at 4pm in the M.P. room.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- Care Group 2 invites everyone to the fellowship meal on January 9th after morning worship and Bible Class.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE- Mark your calendars for February 21, 2022.

JANUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH- Hosea. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board. This year the book of the month will be coming from the Minor Prophets.

HOLIDAY CARD BOXES- Pick up your cards in the folders on the tables in the back hallway. If you would like to deliver cards to the shut-ins feel free to take those cards.

CALENDAR UPDATE- Brandi Hescht's birthday is January 30.

MAYFIELD, KY WORK- If you would like to donate money to the work in Mayfield, Ky, it can be given to any of the elders or Bill Hoover.

CARD SHOWER- Kathleen Albright c/o Willow Brook Christian Village 100 Willow Brook Way South Delaware, Ohio 43015

Food Pantry

For the month of January the following items are being requested.

Care Group 1- Individual Fruit cups

Care Group 2- Canned Chicken

Care Group 3- Chicken Noodle/Tomato Soup

Care Group 4- Crackers

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Today is the day the Lord has made

There is a story told of a wise man who was being pursued by a ferocious tiger. He raced to the edge of the cliff, glanced back, and saw the growling tiger about to spring. The wise man spotted a rope dangling over the edge of the cliff. He grabbed it and began shimmying down the side of the cliff out of the clutches of the tiger. Whew! Narrow escape.

He stared down and saw a huge quarry of jagged rocks five hundred feet below. He looked up and saw the tiger poised atop the cliff with bared claws. Just then, two mice began to nibble at the rope. What to do? The wise man saw a strawberry within arm's reach growing out of the face of the cliffside. He plucked it, ate it, and exclaimed, "Yum-yum; that's the best strawberry I've ever tasted in my entire life." (Taken from Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, pg.54).

Moral of the story: If he had been preoccupied with the rock below (the future) or the tiger above (the past), he would have missed the strawberry God had given him in the present moment.

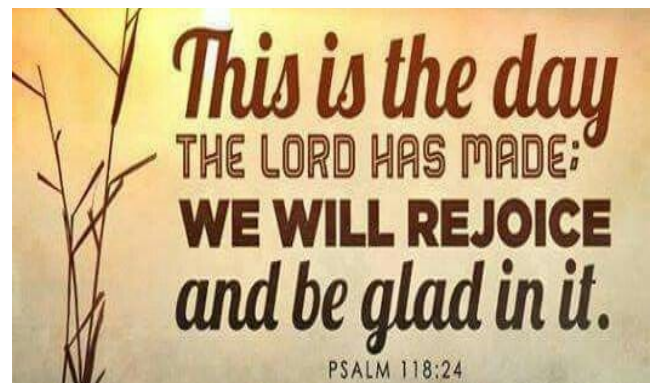
We must remember that today is the most important day we have because it may be the only day we have. James stresses the importance of today by saying in James 4:13-15, "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

As we close one year out and begin a new year, may we evaluate our past, and make goals for the future. But we also must remember the words of one wise person who stated, "whatever past achievements might bring us honor, whatever past disgrace might make us blush all have been crucified with Christ." We only have today.

The Latin phrase *Carpe Diem* meaning, "Seize the Day" reminds us to live life to the fullest, getting the most out of each day. Today is the best day ever, today is a gift.

The best way to live life to its fullest and the only way to live is to live for the Lord. Matthew 6:33 reminds us, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Are you seeking first the kingdom of God? Is the Lord the Lord of your life? There would be no greater way to start out the New Year than becoming a child of God through repentance and baptism today (Acts 2:38). Will you live for Christ today?



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
Come Back Home in 2022
Scripture Reading: Hosea 14:1,2

A. Signs you might not be reading your Bible.

B. Why we call them the Minor Prophets, _____.

The Minor Prophets:

A. Why study the Minor Prophets?

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

B. Who were the Minor Prophets?

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

C. How can we understand the Minor Prophets?

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

Their message:

A. Three things to keep in mind as we study the minor prophets:

1. Seek to understand _____.
2. Study God's _____.
3. See the teachings _____.

B. Themes of the minor prophets:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

C. The focus of 2022: _____

1. Come back to _____
 - i. For Israel it means _____.
 - ii. For Christians it also means _____.
2. How do we come back home?
 - i. _____.
 - ii. _____.
 - iii. _____.

Do you need to come back home? Do you need to come back to the Lord?

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells
Don't Stop on the Steps
Scripture Reading: Acts 22:16

Doug's Discussion

Can't Not Talk

What would you say are the top two conversation topics people are told to avoid? You can talk about weather, no problem. The latest gossip is in. But don't talk about politics or religion. Right? And out of those two my experience says that people are more comfortable talking politics than religion. In American culture religion has become a conversation ender. It leads to "oh, you're one of those people" looks. A lot of people don't mind if you have faith but they mind you expressing it to them quite a bit. I find this all very unfortunate. The Christian faith is meant to be expressed. It is like a fire that cannot be held in. As Jeremiah said, "if I say, 'I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,' his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot" (20:9).

There are choices that have to be made about what kind of faith we're going to have. The world forces this choice upon us. Jesus calls us to speak up and the world calls us to be quiet. A real Christian faith is expressed in many ways: in character, in deeds, and definitely in words. Is that our faith, or do we live a kind of life that makes it really hard to tell that we're a Christian? Have we been conformed to the world's idea that religion should not be talked about? Or are we molded by a higher power? "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2).

Listen world, I get it. Talking about religion gets a lot of people really worked up. When someone says "don't talk about politics or religion" it might have been said out of a desire for peace. Uncle Bob and cousin Fred started talking about religion last year at the family picnic and the resulting fight ruined the whole day. Sure. But I don't want a false peace, I want real peace – for myself and for you. I will happily endure some dirty looks and cranky people now if the gospel message might bring someone true and everlasting peace later. So no, I will not be quiet about Jesus, no matter what Uncle Bob thinks. Sorry man, I can't. The Word of God is like a fire in my bones. I am weary of holding it in, indeed I cannot. Praise Jesus!



Who is your Barnabas, Paul, and Timothy?

Most young boys admire and look up to their father as they are growing up. I was no different. I wanted to be just like my father. Grow up to be strong, smart, funny, kind, loving, honest, hard working, a farmer, and many other things just like my father as I got older. As a little boy, a teenager, a young man, and even today, I look to my father as one to emulate.

I know that I was extremely blessed to have the loving, kind parents that mentored me. We all need mentors in our lives. Whether it be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins, other relatives, friends, neighbors, etc., we all need people in our lives that we can look up to. Jeff Jenkins recently said in a leadership training at South Green St., “Everyone needs at least one Barnabas, one Paul, and one Timothy in their life.” That phrase has stuck with me over the last couple of months since hearing it.

One Barnabas—As humans we all love to be encouraged. Encouragement from others is sometimes the only thing that gets us through difficult times. Barnabas was a man of encouragement. We need to have in our life someone that is reaching out to encourage and uplift others. They are selfless and always looking to others’ needs before their own.

One Paul—We need someone in our lives that has been through it before. Someone that we can go to when we need advice, guidance, or help with a problem/struggle that we are experiencing. Paul was a mentor to Timothy. Paul had seen it and experienced it. He was willing to lend advice and council to Timothy as Timothy was growing in the ministry.

One Timothy—As was just mentioned, Timothy was advised by Paul while he was a young man doing the work of the Lord. He was willing to listen and take the advice of Paul and use it. We need someone in our lives that challenges us to be the example that we should be. We need to have someone in our lives that we are looking to help and make a difference in their life.

Who is your Barnabas? Who is your Paul? Who is your Timothy?

Bulletin Digest

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for all the anniversary cards and messages. We had a great day. Cotton & Patty Sayre
- ♥ Thank you for all the anniversary cards, Christmas cards and get well cards. They are all very appreciated. Joyce Wright

Serving In Worship

January 9, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Daniel Rich
 PM - David Epler

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman
 Close - Klay Cochran
 6:00 PM - Jeff Taberner
 Close - Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Cody Hoover
 PM - Bill Merrill

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Inman
 PM - Chris Tallman



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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
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Facts and Figures

December 26, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....169
 Sunday Bible Class.....140
 Sunday PM Service.....146
 Wednesday AM Service.....32
 Wednesday PM Service.....125
 Contribution.....\$10204.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

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

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on FM 96.9

A story is told about an exchange that once happened between Muhammad Ali and a flight attendant. Apparently someone was being a bad boy and not wearing their seat belt, and the stewardess politely asked him to buckle up. Ali then said, "Superman don't need no seat belt." The stewardess quickly replied, "Superman don't need no airplane either." I think she won that round.

Former boxing champions are not the only ones who struggle with an overinflated ego. When things are going well for us it is easy for us to believe that we don't need help from anyone or anything. But is that really true? Maybe it seems like you're superman now but what happens if you take away the airplane? And if you can't fly to the clouds on your own how could you possibly hope to get to heaven?

The truth is that we need plenty of help, and most of all we need Jesus. He don't need no airplane to get to the dwelling place of God, and if we accept His help and His salvation we won't need one either.



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 AND CO-WORKERS.**

In Search of the
Lord's Way
Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP
January 9
" Lawless Ways"

Daily Bible Reading

January 3: Matt. 3 & Gen. 6 - 7

January 4: Matt. 4 & Gen. 8-10

January 5: Matt. 5:1-20 & Gen. 11-12

January 6: Matt. 5:21-48 & Gen. 13-15

January 7: Matt. 6:1-15 & Gen. 16-18

January 8: Matt. 6:16-34 & Gen. 19-20

January 9: Matt. 7 & Gen. 21-22

"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."