

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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*“Now, therefore,” says
the Lord,
“Turn to Me with all your
heart...” Joel 2:12*

Come Back

H  M E

in 2022

In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Jim Hinzman, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsoe, 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 had a good report.
- Jay Chevront in Special Select Hospital in Newark, Ohio.
- John Rockhold is in Belpre Landing.
- Ray Sams in Marietta Memorial Hospital.
- Sarah Buckley is in the University of Pittsburgh hospital
- Don Dougherty recovering from heart surgery last week.
- Sandy Graham is home.
- Joyce Wright

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

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
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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.

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 **today** after morning worship and Bible Class.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE- February 21, 2022 from 12-6pm. There is a sign up sheet for those that would like to give blood on the counter.

JANUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH- Hosea. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

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.

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.

CYC- There is an important meeting **today** after evening services for anyone signed up to go to CYC.

CYC DONATIONS- If you would like to donate to help with the cost for those attending the Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) please see Jeff Taberner.

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

Disaster to Hope



It was a dark day in the history of Israel. Upon their first entrance into the promised land as a nation, God told Israel to conquer Jericho by marching around the city. On the seventh day of marching around the city as God instructed, the walls of Jericho came down (Josh. 6:15-21). God also commanded that Israel not take anything from the city, only Rahab and her family were to be rescued, everything else, the silver, gold, bronze, and iron was considered sacred to the Lord and must go into the Lord's treasury (Josh. 6:19). Later in Joshua chapter seven, we find out that Achan disobeyed the Lord and stole several of the items from Jericho. Joshua found out about the stolen items when his army was defeated by the city of Ai, and it was later determined that Achan had stolen from the remains of Jericho. Joshua and all of Israel took Achan, the items he stole, his family, and all his possessions to the Valley of Achor (Josh. 7:24). There all of Israel stoned Achan, and his family and then burned them and heaped up a large pile of rocks where their remains lay (Josh. 7:25-26).

The place where Achan and his family were stoned and burned was called "the Valley of Achor" which means the "valley of trouble or disaster." This area would be known for generations of Israelites as a place of disgrace, dishonor, and punishment. The pile of rocks would have been a perpetual reminder to all future generations that one must obey the Lord or there would be consequences for disobedience.

One can only imagine what it must have been like to pass by the Valley of Achor. Maybe it was like the time I went along with the church group from South Point, Ohio and we visited the old prison in Moundsville, West Virginia. As we went on the tour and saw the prison cells and then passed by the electric chair, there was a sickening feeling that came over me, even a type of fear. I was horror-struck at what I saw and heard as the tour guide shared stories about the people who were imprisoned and even died there. If you have ever visited that place, you know what I am talking about. The Valley of Achor was such a place.

Scripture does not say much about the Valley of Achor until we come to Hosea 2:15. In Hosea chapter two God declares that he is going to bring punishment upon Israel for her wickedness and unfaithfulness but after His punishment, He is going to restore Israel. Notice, Hos. 2:15, "And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt" (ESV).

This place of disaster is now going to be a "door of hope." It is a reminder that we each have our own "Valley of Achor." We each have had those times in our life where we have had terrible and disastrous things happen because of our poor choices and sin. The good news is that we do not have to live there, through Jesus Christ we can have a new beginning and a new start. Jesus is our "door of hope."

Jesus states in John 10:9, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

Only Jesus Christ can offer the troubled in our world the "door of hope." Through Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection our troubled past can be forgiven, and we can have a new beginning through Him. When we confess Christ as the Son of God (Mt. 10:32), repent of our sins, and put Christ on in baptism (Acts 2:38), we enter the door of hope in Christ. Christ waits for the lost to enter the "door of hope." Are you willing to enter through it? Think about it!

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

God's Redeeming Love

Scripture Reading: Hosea 1:1-3

"The word of the LORD that came to _____ the son of Beerai, in the days of _____, Jotham, _____, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the _____ of Jeroboam the _____ of Joash, king of _____. When the LORD began to _____ by Hosea, the _____ said to Hosea: "Go, take yourself a _____ of harlotry And _____ of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing from the _____." So he went and took _____ the daughter of _____, and she conceived and bore him a _____." Hosea 1:1-3

I. Picture of _____ (Hosea 1:2-3)

II. Picture of God's _____ (Hosea 1:4-5)

III. Picture of God's _____ (Hosea 3:1-5)

P.M.: Mark T. Tonkery

Outbreak of Christianity

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Doug's Discussion

The Bible's Answer: Baptism Needed

A large part of the religious world believes that baptism is not necessary for salvation. On gotquestions.com you can read that “baptism . . . cannot be a requirement for salvation.” The top result on Google for the question “do you have to be baptized to be saved” is bibles-tudytools.com. They say that their short answer is: “no.” The basic argument is that faith alone saves us and if we “add” any other requirement it becomes a works-based salvation. And I have to say that I find all this quite disappointing. After all, asking Google is how people get information these days. I would like to suggest a much better plan (especially when it comes to spiritual questions): ask your Bible instead.

I don't even think this concept is that difficult, really. What do you think would happen if I handed a Bible to someone who had never read it, and gave them the page numbers to every text that had to do with baptism and salvation? I ask them: “I want you to read all the relevant passages and answer this question: do you need to be baptized to be saved?” If that person has no religious background what do you think they will say? In answering the question “what must we do?” they read, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). They read that the ark which carried people through the water of the flood “symbolizes baptism that now saves you also” (1 Peter 3:20). What conclusion do you think this new Bible reader will come to? That baptism is only an “outward sign”? That obedience to this command is not required to be saved? Common sense tells you that to say you don't need baptism means that you must also be willing to say that you don't need your sins washed away to please God.

When I encourage people to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins I'm not “adding” anything. I'm simply sharing the scriptures as they are written. No, I don't think you can earn salvation through works. Yes, I think the power of salvation is in the cross. I agree with all of that. But how can you not see that you enter into the power of the cross through baptism? That this is not our work but is in fact the work of God? How can you not see (in Romans 6 for example) that baptism is the moment when you join Jesus in his death burial and resurrection? I fear that much of the religious world has been deceived on this matter – the sad result being many finding themselves outside of Christ. Check your Bibles on this one (and every other one) friends and neighbors. The answer of “what do I need to do be saved” is in there, and it's not hard to find.

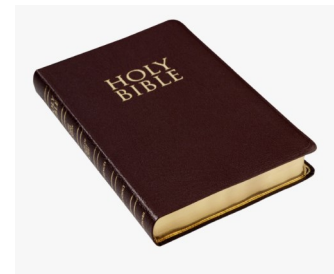


Those that signed that they read the entire Bible in 2021.

Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Bill Mills
Kay Mills
Keith Smith
Linda Gray
Steve Gray
Donna Tice
Delmas Carr
Naomi Carr
Sandy Keller
Robin Anthony
Bob Miller
Gala Miller
Sonya Hescht
Joyce Wright
Mark Tonkery

Paul Inman
Jennifer Thomas
Brenda Dougherty
Stan Inman
Debi Inman
Kayla Inman
David Epler
Christine Epler
Pam Bayer
Jim Hughes
Annette Kirk
Todd Kirk
Dave Nulter
Lois Nulter
Leon Hupp
Judy Hupp
Charlotte Deem

Addie Miller
Sherry Hoover
Bill Hoover
Mary Daniel
Rosemary Merrill
Charlotte Galloway
Dot Haught
Debbie Tallman
Sandy Hughes
Sherry Sponseller
Susan Haid



Those that signed that they read the New

Charlene Donahue
Larry Fleak

Barbara Cramlet
Laura Tonkery

Larry Plant

Great Job to everyone that read! In 2022 we will be reading the Minor Prophets. In January read Hosea and sign your name on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for all the prayers, the sciatic nerve pain is gone. Jim Hinzman
- ♥ Thank you for all of the cards and goodies for Christmas. As well as the prayers while we were sick. The Tonkery's

Serving In Worship

January 16, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Marion Goldsmith

6:00 PM - Jon Hescht

Close - Kody Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Chris Hofmann

PM - Ken Barnes

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Delmas Carr



Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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

January 2, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....188

Sunday Bible Class.....156

Sunday PM Service.....124

Wednesday AM Service.....27

Wednesday PM Service.....131

Contribution.....\$7328.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....

Restored or Requested Prayers....

Placed Membership.....

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells *Heard on FM 96.9*

2 Timothy 3:16 makes the claim the “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God.” Of course, this is a claim that has been challenged ever since the Garden of Eden, when Satan asked Eve, “Did God really say...?”

One of the many things that makes me confident that God really did say, is the Bible’s habit of predicting the future. The coming of Christ and many details about His life and ministry were foretold hundreds of years before His birth. There are over 300 predictions about Jesus in the Old Testament. Peter W. Stoner, in his book *Science Speaks*, takes eight of the predictions and estimates the odds of them being fulfilled as 1 in 10^{17} . That’s a big number. 10^{17} silver dollars would cover the state of Texas two feet deep. Can you imagine the odds of picking up one specific silver dollar in that pile? That’s just as likely as these predictions about Jesus coming true, but they did. Do you now believe the Bible is the Word of God? I do.



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AND CO-WORKERS.

In Search of the Lord’s Way Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP January 16 “Jesus is the Lord”

Daily Bible Reading

January 10: Matt. 8 & Gen. 23-24

January 11: Matt. 9:1-17 & Gen. 25

January 12: Matt. 9:18-28 & Gen. 26-27

January 13: Matt. 10:1-15 & Gen. 28-29

January 14: Matt. 10:16-42 & Gen. 30

January 15: Matt. 11 & Gen. 31-32

January 16: Matt. 12:1-8 & Gen. 33-34

“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.”