

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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IN
ALL THINGS
SHOW YOURSELF
AN EXAMPLE OF
GOOD
WORKS
TITUS 2:7

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Doug Hershman
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Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Don Dougherty, De Fleak, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Carolyn Henry, 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, Joyce Wright

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, Susan Williams.

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Jay Chevront in Special Select Hospital in Newark, Ohio.
- Ray Sams in Belpre Landing.
- Gary Herridge is having health problems.
- Dorothy Stevens at Camden Clark
- Greg Kirkbride, co-worker of Paul Saunders.
- Shirley Martin is home after a stay in the hospital.
- Dearll Vincent is home with home therapy and making some slow progress.
- Willadean Tallman, Chris Tallman's mother- in hospice house in Charleston following a stroke.
- Teresa Steed- had knee replacement surgery.
- Sandy Graham
- Jeff Fitcher
- Peg Phillips is in Camden Clark Hospital.
- De Fleak is in a Columbus hospital.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Betty Lamb and family on the passing of her nephews Robert Flinn & Lee Roy Lamb. Both passed away last week, there are no planned services.

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.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- February book of the month is Joel. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

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.

MONDAY NIGHT MERGE- Feb. 14 Monday Night Merge will be held at Camden Avenue. Desserts and help with serving and with clean up are needed. See Jeff Taberner with questions.

SOUP BEAN DINNER & GAME NIGHT- February 18, Sign up on the counter if you plan on attending.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- Care Group 3 invites everyone to the fellowship meal today after morning worship and Bible class.

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING- February 20 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

WIDOWS SWEETHEART LUNCHEON- at 36th Street church of Christ, February 15 at 11am. More information is available on the bulletin board.

CYC MEETING- There will be a brief meeting Sunday, February 20 after P.M. Services in room 109.

VBS MEETING- March 6 after P.M. Services to discuss the date and theme. Meet by door 6.

TEACHERS NEEDED- for Cradle Roll and 2 year old classes on Wednesday evenings beginning in March. See Doug Wells if you can help.

GRIEF SUPPORT CLASS- there is a sign up sheet on the counter if you are interested, or see Mark Tonkery. The class will begin March 7 at 1:00pm and is open to anyone.

WEDNESDAY INVITATION- Beginning in March some of the men will be taking turns each Wednesday evening leading the devotional. For those signed up to lead there is a calendar posted outside the office and each month those leading will be listed on the monthly calendar.

PLEASE NOTE: CARE GROUPS

Ladies there is a care group volunteer sheet on the table please fill it out and return to the basket in the foyer or to one of the care group leaders by February 27.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Grief Support Class:

How many times have I heard those words, “after everybody went home”? That is when the harsh reality of death sets in. Life is hard, and it is often harder when a loved one dies. Home responsibilities change overnight. A rude awakening takes place concerning how much the deceased contributed to the family. One day you are accustomed to certain expectations and roles, and the next day everything has changed. I have often heard the days after death described in terms of resentment. For the living, everything changes. Not just a few things change, but everything changes. Life must go on for the living; but when everybody goes home, it is hard. These words from one preacher reminds us of the difficulty that comes when a loved one dies.

The bereavement and grief of a loved one who has died can last for a long time and sometimes a person might need the encouragement of others. This is why starting on Monday, March 7, 2022, and continuing on each Monday for 12 weeks I will be leading a Grief Support class here at Camden Ave. in room 119. Everyone is welcome. Each person is welcome to bring a friend or family member. The class will be discussion-based and will only last for an hour. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Tonkery. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested in taking the class.

Grief Support Class:

Who: Anyone who has had a loved one die at any time.

When: Mondays at 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Starting March 7).

Where: The Camden Avenue Church of Christ (Room 119)

What: We will be using the Bible and discussion to help people through the grief process.

How long: The class will run for 12 weeks.

Why: Sometimes people feel depressed, lonely, and have questions about death when a loved one passes away. It is during this time people need guidance from the scriptures about this topic.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

The Day of the Lord

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:28-32

“And it shall _____ to pass that whoever calls on the _____ of the _____ shall be saved. For in _____ and in _____ there shall be deliverance, As the _____ has said, among the _____ whom the _____ calls.” Joel 2:32

1. First _____.

2. Second _____.

3. Third _____.

P.M. Sermon Mark T. Tonkery

God is Love

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:8- 12

Doug's Discussion

They Like Us More Than They Think

We're not Christians because we want to be praised. We don't expect anyone to put us on a pedestal because of our faith. No, we want to humble ourselves and let God be lifted up. Which is good, because sometimes it seems like the world doesn't appreciate us at all! Ever walk into a room as one of those "Jesus people" and things get uncomfortable? People relax when you walk out? Once again – it's fine. We don't do this for the approval of men. HOWEVER – if people knew how much faithful people matter to their lives they might be singing a different tune.

Long ago merciful Abraham pleaded for the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. He was speaking with God and trying to figure out how many righteous people it takes to get a city spared. Some people think there were about sixty-five thousand people living in that area. When Abraham starts his plea he begins with fifty. "What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?" (Genesis 18:24). That's a pretty modest request. "God, if fifty out of the sixty-five thousand people are decent – please don't wreck the place." That's 0.0007%! And it went down from there. Abraham "bargained" all the way to ten. For ten righteous people God would have spared a wicked city.

I have a theory. I don't think this world would be around if there weren't any righteous people in it. Jesus surely would return long before then. And if that's true then everything anyone has in this world and continues to have is, in a way, because someone is worshiping God. Wouldn't that be a different way of looking at Christians! Seen that way perhaps someone goes from being slightly annoyed at us to being extremely thankful. But even besides that Jesus says that believers are the "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). As

in, we add some good flavor to the world around us. I can't even imagine how much believers, carrying the love of Jesus, positively impact those around them. Christians add kindness, save marriages, even influence society's laws in a positive direction.

No, we're not Christians because we want to be praised. But is the world a better place because Christians walk the earth? Yes. Are the fires held back because of the many righteous people who live here? Maybe. If only our critics knew! Someday they will . . .



Food Pantry

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

Care Group 1- Syrup

Care Group 2- Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti & Meatballs)

Care Group 3- Macaroni & Cheese

Care Group 4- Cereal

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for all the cards for my birthday and the kind words. Keith Smith
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and Facebook messages. I enjoyed all of them. Cotton Sayre
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and wishes of happiness that I received for my birthday. Paul Inman
- ♥ Thank you to those that came to sing, for the food brought, the beautiful flower, and the get well cards all while Gilbert was sick and for the funeral. Everything was very appreciated. Lucille Hardman

Placing Membership

We are happy to announce that Josh Carr is placing membership with Camden Avenue. Josh will be in Care Group 4.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE- February 21 from 12-6pm. There is a sign up sheet on the counter for those that would like to give blood. Watch the bulletin the next couple of weeks for more important information.



save lives.
donate blood.

Do I have to wear a face mask? Yes, everyone is asked to wear a mask. It can be cloth, purchased or home-made as long as it covers both the nose and mouth in alignment with CDC guidelines.

Serving In Worship

February 20, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway
 PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk
 Close - Scott Johnson
 6:00 PM - Paul Inman
 Close - Stan Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Gaston
 PM - David Epler

COMMUNION

AM - Dennis Keller
 PM - Mike Wade



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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

February 6, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....189
 Sunday Bible Class.....151
 Sunday PM Service.....154
 Wednesday AM Service.....27
 Wednesday PM Service.....138
 Contribution.....\$11487.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

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

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on FM 96.9

I like to hear someone say “Good job.” Don’t you? In fact, we might have to admit that seeking that praise can change how we act. Ever find yourself working harder when the boss walks into the room? Ever spend a lot more effort on something when you know someone is going to see your work? And if they don’t notice how much effort you put in you might even fish for a compliment. “Hey, what do you think of this? It’s good right? I totally did that.”



These are things we do because we want praise from people. But how much do we want praise from God? Jesus once asked in John 5:44, “How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?” Should we not work much harder for the praise of the Lord? What are you doing to seek that kind of praise? What good deeds are being done in secret? What sin are you resisting bitterly even though no one is watching? What sacrifices are being made for the cause of Christ?

The praise of people comes and goes but “Well Done” from God lasts forever.



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 AND CO-WORKERS.**

In Search of the Lord’s Way

Sunday mornings
 at 7:30 on WTAP
 February 20
 “God’s Word”

Daily Bible Reading

February 14: Matt. 26:57-75 & Lev. 5-6

February 15: Matt. 27:1-26 & Lev. 7-8

February 16: Matt. 27:27-56 & Lev. 9-10

February 17: Matt. 27:57-66 & Lev. 11-12

February 18: Matt. 28 & Lev. 13

February 19: Mark 1:1-28 & Lev. 14-15

February 20: Mark 1:29-45 & Lev. 16-17

“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.”