

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Amos 5:14

This world is not our destination;
it is our journey!

Seek good,
not evil, that you may live.

Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

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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, 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, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, 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, Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle), 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), Greg Kirkbride (friend of Paul Saunders), 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.

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

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.
- Jeff Fitcher
- Nona Huxley, Cindy Huxley's mother-in-law
- Joe Wilson
- Franklin & Hazel Terry, Eloise Smiths Brother & Sister in law- having health problems.
- Dave Rice, Ralph Fox's friend is having health problems.
- Patty Dawson is in Encompass Health recovering from surgery.
- Ralph Fox is home recuperating after a stay in the hospital.
- Bill Porter in Belpre Landing.
- Delores Boyce, Jo Langler's friend, is having tests in Morgantown.



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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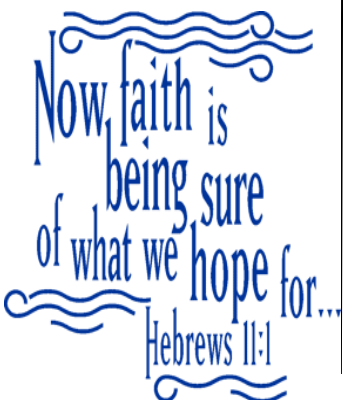
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Announcements

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.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The March book of the month is Amos. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

LADIES DAY- The Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies Day for 2022 will be April 23 at the North End church of Christ.

YOUTH RALLY- AT North End church of Christ, March 18 & 19. More information on the bulletin board.

LADS TO LEADERS- If you would like to donate to help with the cost of the Lads to Leaders trip please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

PENNSBORO GOSPEL MEETING- March 13-18 with Bob Vincent

HOPEWELL GOSPEL MEETING- March 13-17 with Larry Fife

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Saturday, June 18. Theme: Fearless Deeds of the Defenders

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- Care Group 4 invites everyone to the fellowship meal today after Bible class in the M.P. Room.

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

HOMEMISSION- John Orr from HomeMission will be here to speak on April 3.

CHURCH PICNIC- Mark your calendar for the church picnic this summer on August 13, 2022.

MARCH CALENDAR ADDITION- Oliver Hoover's birthday was on March 6.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Will be held at Camden Avenue March 27th at 7:00pm.

Thank You

♥ Thank you very much for the prayers, cards and well wishes I received. Thank you again.
Dorothy Stevens

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

He died a hero

On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded the country of Ukraine. Since Russia's assault on Ukraine, there have been many sad as well as heroic stories of the Ukrainian people trying to defend themselves from the invasion of the Russian military.

One such story is that of Vitaliy Volodymyrovych Skakun who was an engineer for a battalion of marines on the Crimean isthmus, where Russian tanks and military forces began to advance into Ukraine. The marines decided to blow up the Genichesky Bridge to stop the invasion, a task for which Skakun volunteered despite being in a different battalion.

Skakun placed mines on the bridge and told his fellow soldiers that he was blowing up the bridge. The bridge blew up before Skakun was able to run away, and he died in the explosion.

"His heroic deed significantly slowed the advance of the enemy, which allowed the unit to redeploy and organize the defense," wrote the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine of Skakun in a Facebook post. (Story taken from The Hill, <https://thehill.com/policy/international/russia/595914-ukraine-military-says-soldier-blew-himself-up-on-bridge-to-halt> By: Chloe Folmar)

What love for country, family, and friends Skakun must have had to volunteer and then ultimately give his life in battle for his country. His sacrifice is a reminder of what Jesus stated in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Although Jesus' words may apply to the way Skaku died, as well as other soldiers and people who have died for another. Jesus did not have these people in mind per se when He spoke these words. Jesus was talking about Himself, His sacrifice on the cross, and the fulfillment of God's plan of Salvation. Unlike Skakun's death, and others who have died rescuing others, Jesus' death has spiritual implications. Yes, Skakun is a hero, and he died helping his country, he should be honored for this but his death, cannot give life to those who are dead in their sins (Rom. 6:23).

Rom. 5:8 and 10 explains Jesus' death and resurrection in this way, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.... For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."

I am thankful for men and women who have died for their country like Skaku, but I am even more thankful for Jesus. He died to show us that God loved us, and to reconcile us to God.

We are reconciled to God through Jesus... when we believe in Him (Mark 16:16), repent of sin (Acts 2:38), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 22:16). Christ continues to be our "hero" as we "walk in the light as He is in the light," then the blood of Jesus Christ continues to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

Jesus died a "hero", but He was also raised from the dead and continues to be our "Living Hero."

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

How to prepare to meet God?

Scripture Reading: Amos 4:12

"Therefore thus _____ I do to _____, O Israel; Because I _____ do this to you, _____ to _____ your _____, O Israel!" Amos 4:12 NKJV

I. Prepare to meet God on _____ Day

II. Prepare to meet God _____ day

III. Prepare to meet God on _____ Day

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Facts about Angels most people get wrong

Scripture Reading: Psalms 148:2-5

Doug's Discussion

Imaginary Pots of Meat

There is no doubt in my mind that the Israelites had a pretty miserable existence while under Egyptian rule. The Bible says about this time that “The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God” (Exodus 2:23). Does that sound like any fun to you? They were oppressed with hard labor. Their babies were thrown into the Nile. I don't think there is any doubt that it was a terrible time to be an Israelite. There did come a time, however, when the Israelites themselves would disagree with that statement. To hear them talk you would think their time as Egyptian slaves was just delightful.

Now . . . to be fair, a little time had passed. And now times were hard in a different way. As the people walked through the desert food had become scarce. Of course, it was God who had brought them out into the desert and it is God who would provide their needs. All they had to do was ask. Instead, the people looked to the past and had some very interesting selective memory. “If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted” (Exodus 13:3). Do you think that's true? That as brutally oppressed slaves they sat around heaping pots of high-end consumables? Yeah . . . I don't think so either. Isn't it interesting how they exaggerated their past to assist them in being miserable today?

I think we have to be careful to avoid doing the same thing. Let's face it – all days have their challenges. All days have their blessings. Challenges in the present can seem harder than the ones in the past. After all, yesterday's problems are over and done with – so we can mercifully forget how hard they were. Unfortunately, this can lead to the idea that our best days are behind us. It is only in the past that we sat around pots of meat. Now we have to live on table scraps. Do you think that's true? When we serve a God who can rain down bread and meat from heaven is that kind of mindset reasonable? No! I serve a God who can bring blessings upon every day. I serve a God who can meet every need and who promises that the best days are yet to come. If I sat around a pot of meat yesterday I'll be sitting at a banquet table tomorrow. If you're a Christian so will you.



A Note from the Elders

From the Elders,

To better serve the Camden Avenue family we have changed some of the roles and responsibilities for our Deacons. This was completed with a great deal of thought and prayer. The Deacons are now in a time of transition. It is our goal for most of this transition to be completed this month and starting in April the Deacons will assume their new roles. We understand that for a time there may be some carry over from previous duties. Please help support each one of these men as they serve the Camden Avenue family. Here is a list of the new duties for each of our Deacons.

In His Service,

The Camden Avenue Eldership

Deacon	Service Area
Kevin Cochran	Youth: 6 th -12 th grade
Marion Goldsmith	Transportation/Grounds Maintenance
Steve Gray	Membership/Congregational Activities
Doug Hershman	Financial
Jon Hescht	Technology
Bill Hoover	Worship
Rob Hoover	Health, Safety & Security
Kevin Inman	Youth: Lads to Leaders
Kyle Inman	Youth: K-5 th grade
Scott Johnson	Evangelism
Keith Smith	Building Maintenance
Jeff Taberner	Benevolence

Food Pantry

Pantry items requested for March. Items can be left on the table in the pantry.

Care Group 1- Tomato Soup

Care Group 2- Spaghetti Noodles

Care Group 3- Chicken Noodle Soup

Care Group 4- Spam

Serving In Worship March 20, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Levi Wells

6:00 PM - Keith Smith

Close - Delmas Carr

SCRIPTURE

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Chris Hofmann

COMMUNION

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Bill Hoover



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

March 6, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....197

Sunday Bible Class.....149

Sunday PM Service.....150

Wednesday AM Service.....25

Wednesday PM Service.....No count

Contribution.....\$9983.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....1

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on FM 96.9

Let's talk about the good 'ole days. I'm sure you've heard about them. Perhaps from a sentence starting with "back in my day..." And that's followed by all kinds of things. Back in my day kids respected their parents. Back in my day you didn't have to spend your whole paycheck on gasoline. Back in my day if you broke your leg you walked it off. You guys are soft.

I know it's very tempting to see past times as better...and to dwell on them. But before you do I want to tell you the Bible says that isn't wise. Ecclesiastes 7:10 says "Do not say, 'Why were the old days better than these?'" For it is not wise to ask such questions." Remembering the lessons of the past is good - but let's not live there. God has something in store for us today. As the Word says: "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." When you're with God today is a good day.



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In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

March 20

"Overcome"



Daily Bible Reading

March 14: Mark 13:1-23 & Num. 29-30

March 15: Mark 13:24-37 & Num. 31

March 16: Mark 14:1-21 & Num.32-33

March 17: Mark 14:22-52 & Num.34-35

March 18: Mark 14:53-72 & Num. 36

March 19: Mark 15:1-20 & Deut. 1-2

March 20: Mark 15:21-47 & Deut. 3-4

"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."