

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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*Be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the
Lord's Work
because you know that
your labor is not in
vain in the Lord.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

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, Bill Porter, 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, Frank & Hazel Terry (Eloise Smith's family), Jay & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

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.
- Nona Huxley, Cindy Huxley's mother-in-law
- Dave Rice, Ralph Fox's friend is having health problems.
- Patty Dawson is at her daughters continuing her recovery.
- Ralph Fox is home recovering from health issues, and dealing with significant pain. He will have a spinal procedure in the next couple weeks.
- Shirley Martin is home.
- Vickie Shockey, cousin of Cindy Huxley is in Camden Clark with cancer.
- Dave Nicholson, friend of Chris & Terry Hofmann has pancreatic cancer.
- Mark Armstrong, Susan Anderson's boss recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.
- Carolyn Eaton, friend of Charlotte Deem is in the hospital.
- Bill Porter is home recuperating. Cards are requested 2523 David Lee Dr. Parkersburg, WV 26101
- Brenna, Vicki Shockey's daughter that lives in Nashville suffered a stroke.

Sympathy

♥ We extend our sympathy to Keith & Eloise Smith on the passing of their niece Peggy Baker. Her funeral was held last week.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
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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. The book of the month for April will be Obadiah.

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.

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

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.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- Will be held at Camden Avenue tonight at 6:00pm. Drinks and cookies are needed. If you are able to help with set-up or clean-up, or have any questions see Kevin Cochran.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING - Sunday, April 10 after P.M. Services by Door 6. All teachers and those who want to help are asked to attend. Teachers who want to order VBS material, see Mark T. for order forms. Material orders are due May 1.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE- There will be no one in the church office from noon on March 31st through April 6th. Items for the April 3rd bulletin will need to be turned in to the office by March 29th.

WEDDING SHOWER- Everyone is invited to a wedding shower for Emily Saunders and her fiancé, Jackson Huddleston in the multipurpose room on Saturday, April 23rd from 10am-12pm. This will be a co-ed shower so everyone is welcome. If you have any questions see Alisha Hershman, Julie Taberner or Barbara Saunders. The couple is registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

LADS TO LEADERS SHOWCASE- The showcase will be held on Sunday, April 10 beginning at 4:15p.m. Please come support the students as they demonstrate what they have been working on this year.

LADS TO LEADERS RECOGNITION NIGHT- April 24 after P.M. services there will be an awards recognition for Lads to Leaders. All are invited to join us as we celebrate the achievements of our Camden Avenue Youth involved in Lads to Leaders.

CARDS REQUESTED- Kathleen Albright c/o Willow Brook Christian Village 100 Willow Brookway South Delaware, Ohio 43015.

LADS TO LEADERS PICNIC- There is a sign up sheet on the counter for items that are requested for the Lads to Leaders picnic. Any questions see Todd or Annette Kirk.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

The Value of a Smile

What does a smile mean to you? Whatever it may mean, it speaks a universal language.

A few years ago there appeared in one of the Louisiana newspapers the story of a little boy who had been struck on the side of the face by a broken electric cable. When the live wire touched the lad's face, it burned and paralyzed one side. While the matter was being settled in court, the boy's lawyer asked the little fellow to turn toward the jury and smile. He tried. One side of his face smiled but the injured side was unresponsive. The jury took just twenty minutes to award the boy \$20,000. That amount was thus certified as the legal value of a smile.



If a smile is worth \$20,000 after one loses it, what would it be worth while one still has it? Its value is counted in terms of how it enriches those who give and receive it. It happens in a flash, but the memory of it lasts forever. No one is so wealthy or so poor that he can get along without it. The smile fosters good will among men and creates joy in the home.

A woman in a tiff with her husband nursed a sour frown for three days. On the fourth morning he caught her smiling and suggested that she had last forgiven him. "Don't be silly" she retorted, "I'm just resting my face."

A smile provides rest for the weary, assurance for the discouraged, and sunshine for the broken-hearted. The Christian has so much to smile and be happy about. He knows that happiness does not depend on external things, but upon his proper relationship with God. He does not hide from the reality of the world about him, but he believes that he can smile in spite of it.

Let's be thankful for this joy in Christ and express our gratitude by how we look and live. And if in the rush of the day we meet someone who is too busy or too weary to give us a smile, let's give them one of ours.

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

People feel at ease when...

Scripture Reading: Amos 6:1-3

“Woe to you who are at _____ in Zion, And _____ in Mount Samaria, Notable persons in the chief nation, To whom the _____ of Israel comes! Go over to Calneh and _____; And from there go to Hamath the _____; Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you _____ than these _____? Or is their territory _____ than your _____?” Amos 6:1-3

- I. People feel at ease when they think they have _____.

- II. People feel at ease when they think they have _____.

- III. People feel at ease when they think they are _____ than others.

P.M. Worship: Traveling Youth Group

Doug's Discussion

A New Tomorrow By the Power of God

In a dream our minds create as we go. Landscapes, people, everyday objects . . . all these are made in an instant. Granted, they are imaginary, but have you ever considered how impressive that is? Sometimes what your mind makes is so convincing that, upon waking, it takes you a couple of seconds to realize that it actually was a dream. Is this an echo of God's creative power that we retain since we are made in His image? Perhaps. Of course, what God can do is so much more impressive. We only dream. He speaks and what He says comes to be. And since God can do that the world we had yesterday doesn't have to be the world we have today. We should sit up and take notice when the Word says "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:5)

Once in a desert some complainers started whining about the manna-only diet. It was a world without an Arby's. They didn't have the meats. But God told them that the world they would have tomorrow wouldn't be like the world they have today. Tomorrow they would have meat. In fact, they would have so much meat they wouldn't know what to do with it all. They would have meat for a month! Moses has a really hard time imagining this world. He says "Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!' Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?" (Numbers 11:21-22). Moses' problem is that he underestimates the creative power of God. It rained three feet of quail the next day. Not a dream – that actually happened. Such is the power of God.

In fact, the power of God is so mighty that EVERYTHING we think we know can be changed in an instant. Behold He is making everything new! Today's world of eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage may just be entirely different tomorrow. Tomorrow we could be living in a world that is beyond all that we could dream of. He "is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). Friends, if you're a Christian I suspect this world isn't everything that you hoped for. There might be some serious issues with the world that you're experiencing today. But fear not. We serve a God that can change it all in a flash. In the time it takes to sound a trumpet. Someday He will.



AWESOME POWER

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on FM 96.9

When I was a boy I had a paper route. For my efforts in avoiding German shepherds and the neighborhood gang I was paid fifteen dollars a week. I wonder, however, if I would have received that massive fortune if I decided to skip the house with the German shepherd who wanted to eat me. Yeah...how about skipping that one and all the houses with an absurdly long driveway? Would that work? After all...I delivered most of them! But most...is not all. And only all was good enough.

That's the way it is with many things. Coaches aren't interested in players who only follow some of their instructions. Teachers tend to give failing grades to students who only do some of the homework. And Jesus isn't looking for disciples who only follow Him some of the time. That's why He says "those of you would do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." You have to be willing to give all. Not just what you want to do or what you're comfortable with - all. Are you ready to be that kind of disciple today?

Thank You

- ♥ Thanks so much for the nice cards and birthday wishes. I appreciated each and every card. God's Blessings to All, Penny Eddy
- ♥ For the many prayers and beautiful flowers sent for our mother's service we thank you! Special thanks for the ladies and lunch we had after. Bill and Sherry Hoover you helped make it easier on us girls. We love and thank you! The Family of Peggy Phillips
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I really appreciated all of them. Dennis Keller

Upcoming Local Meetings

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

GOSPEL MEETING- There will be a meeting at North End church of Christ April 24-27 with Tim Hatfield. More information is available on the bulletin board.

GOSPEL MEETING- There will be meeting at Bridge Street church of Christ in New Martinsville April 3-6 with Steven Haguewood. More information is available on the bulletin board.

SPRING APOLOGETICS LECTURES- Through Warren Apologetics at Marietta College May 12.

Serving In Worship April 3, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Doug Hershman

6:00 PM - Kody Inman

Close - Ken Barnes

SCRIPTURE

AM - Levi Wells

PM - Klay Cochran

COMMUNION

AM - Josh Carr

PM - Stan Inman



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.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

March 20, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....	218
Sunday Bible Class.....	178
Sunday PM Service.....	167
Wednesday PM Service.....	162
Contribution.....	\$5866.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....1

Bible Call Report: February 2022

We had over 22 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in February with 198 calls. Some of the most called topics this month were

- (8) 110 Overcoming Worry
- (6) 901 Sex Before Marriage
- (5) 111 Loneliness and What to Do About It.
- (5) 906 Homosexuality
- (5) 115 Overcoming Depression
- (4) 101 What is Bible Call?
- (4) 112 God's Answer for Guilt
- (4) 312 How Do You Know You Have Been Saved?

49 times people listened to the same lesson again. We have members giving out the leaflet everywhere they go. Thank the Elders for their commitment to this work. We have mailed 3 routes in Parkersburg in February. Also Salem did a mailing of their area 2913 piece in Eight postal routes. It is good to see other congregations also using this work. Hopewell is doing another mailing of their area in March. I have also been talking to another congregation in town about mailing in their area of Parkersburg. Pray about this work and think about areas you might want to fund a mailing to or a congregation you want me to talk with. I had contact also with brethren taking the information to KY and seeking to know more about this work. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world. David Epler cell 616-554-0990 house 304-834-1935. Could you give a special contribution for Bible Call to mail a mission area in West Virginia?



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AND CO-WORKERS.

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

April 3

"What Happens at Death"



Daily Bible Reading

March 28: Luke 3:19-38 & Deut. 23-25

March 29: Luke 4:1-15 & Deut. 26-27

March 30: Luke 4:16-44 & Deut. 28-29

March 31: Luke 5:1-16 & Deut. 30-31

April 1: Luke 5:17-39 & Deut. 32

April 2: Luke 6:1-26 & Deut. 33-34

April 3: Luke 6:27-49 & Jos. 1-4

"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."