

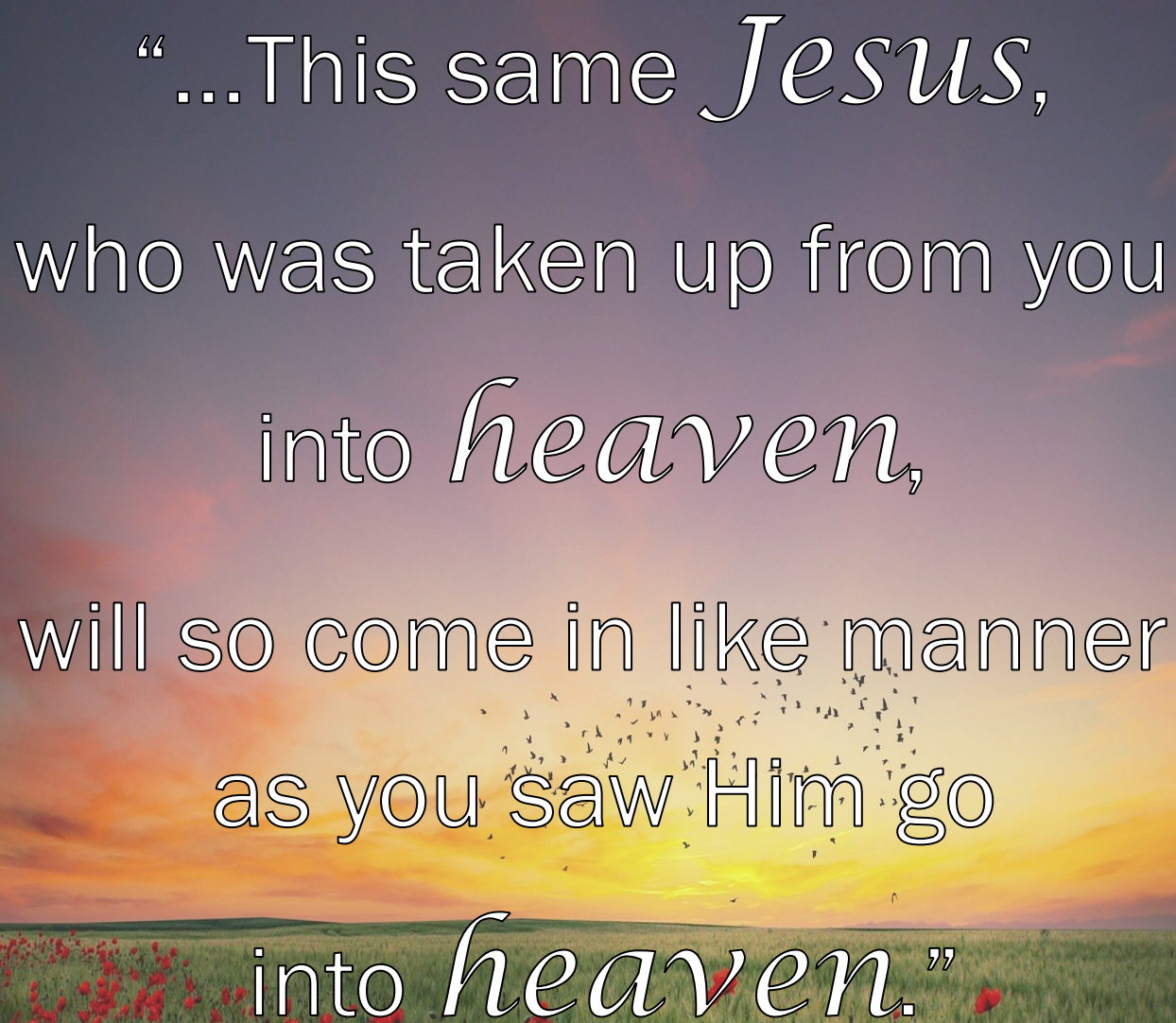
# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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“...This same *Jesus*,  
who was taken up from you  
into *heaven*,  
will so come in like manner  
as you saw Him go  
into *heaven*.”

Acts 1:11

# *In Our Prayers*

## **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  
Kyle Inman  
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## **Our church family in need of prayers**

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Patty Dawson, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Carolyn Henry, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Shirley Martin, Linda Moncrief, Debby 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, 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), Dave Nicholson (friend of the Hofmanns), 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 or corrections to the prayer list.

## **Updates to the prayer list this week:**

- Dave Rice, Ralph Fox's friend is having health problems.
- Ralph Fox is recovering from his latest surgery.
- Shirley Martin is in Belpre Landing.
- Vickie Shockey, cousin of Cindy Huxley is home.
- Bill Porter is home recuperating.
- Brenna, Vicki Shockey's daughter that lives in Nashville suffered a stroke.
- Kevin Britton, Cody Hoovers Cousins husband- has cancer.
- Jeff Huxley, Cindy Huxley's husband dealing with back problems & cancer.
- Linda Moncrief is in Camden Clark hospital. She will be having surgery in the next couple days. Visits and calls are appreciated.
- Daniel, Carol Peters son was to have surgery.
- Eloise Smith is recovering from a surgery on Thursday.
- Megan Bailey Daugherty, the niece of Sandy Hughes, is in Camden Clark with a brain bleed.

# *Sympathy*

♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Jay Cheuvront. His funeral was held Wednesday.



# *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 April book of the month is Obadiah. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board after you have completed the reading.

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Teachers are needed! If you are able to help see Mark T. All teachers who want to order VBS material, see Mark T. for order forms. Reminder order forms are due May 1.

**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, 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.

**APRIL MEN'S MEETING**- April 24 at 4:00pm in the M.P. Room.

**TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP**- April 24th at Rockport church of Christ.

**LADS TO LEADERS RECOGNITION NIGHT**- May 1 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.

# *Upcoming Local Events*

## **MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE 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.

**NORTH END GOSPEL MEETING**- There will be a meeting at North End church of Christ April 24-27 with Tim Hatfield.

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

**6TH & WASHINGTON FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY**- May 22nd with Tim Hatfield.

**6TH & WASHINGTON LADIES TEA**- May 21st at 2:00p.m. with Tammy Hatfield.

**WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP GOLF BENEFIT**- Saturday August 13 at Mingo Bottom Golf Club.

**SPRING FORMAL/PROM ALTERNATIVE**- May 7th from 7pm-9pm for 9th-12th graders. Hosted by North End church of Christ.

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## Grumbling

“Do all things without grumbling or questing,” says the apostle Paul. His reason? “That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...” (Phil. 2:15).

We are in danger of dissipating our energies on insignificant things like quarreling, faultfinding, disputing, grumbling, and questioning. If we are not careful we will spend ourselves in foolish debate and senseless controversy. We must watch out because God’s purpose for our lives is something better and greater.

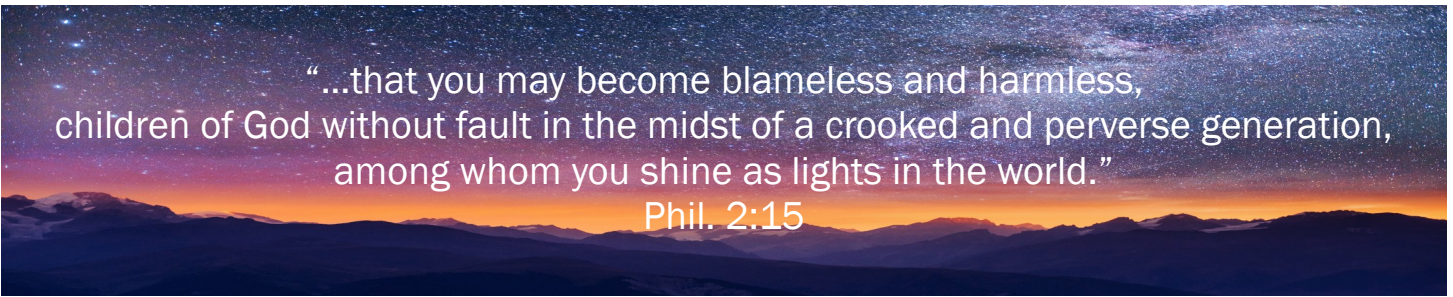
Halford E. Luccock observed, “Grumbling is more than a peccadillo, a somewhat unfortunate trait of personality. The habit of grumbling is a major sin, judged by what it does to character. It can spoil the whole climate of life.”

And as Paul says, it doesn’t set the right kind of example before “a crooked and perverse generation.” He knew what Philippian society was like. It was morally warped and spiritually perverted. (Is our society any different?)

The Christian is placed in the midst of such environments - not to be conformed, but to transform by being light-bearers to such a generation. Our influence should be shining like the stars of heaven against the dark sky of surrounding sin - an impossibility if we give in to pouting, sulking, and grumbling.

How are we going to affect those around us? Will it be for good or bad?

Written by: John Gipson



“...that you may become blameless and harmless,  
children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,  
among whom you shine as lights in the world.”

Phil. 2:15



# *Doug's Discussion*

## Ways that Work

I have to admit that I'm not particularly interested in practices and skills that don't work well. I don't want to spend hours learning how to tie a knot that won't stay tied. I'll pass on practicing cooking a dish that nobody likes. And you'll have to forgive me if I don't want to go to a training seminar for an evangelistic method that worked great in the fifties but has almost zero results today. If something doesn't work then why do it . . . am I right? I want to do things that are successful. I want to do things that lead to blessing instead of frustration.

That's why I'm so amazed at how interested the Israelites were in how the people of Canaan lived. God had to warn them "When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there" (Deuteronomy 18:9). This was a warning that was often ignored. But why? Think about this for a minute. These nations of Canaan lived a certain way. They embraced idolatry, murder of children, promiscuity, and all kinds of other evil practices. And . . . they were blasted off the map. I guess the real question here is – how did those things work out for them? And why would you EVER want to do the things they did – considering what happened to them in the end? Wouldn't it be better to try something different – something that works? How about: "Observe therefore all the commands [God is] giving you today . . . so that you may live long in the land" (Deuteronomy 11:8-9).

I love that we have inside information on what works and what doesn't. Thank you God for your Word! Complaining? Doesn't work. Living for the things of this world? Doesn't work. Rebelling against God and going your own way? Spectacular failure at every turn. Listen – other people before us have tried all these things. And how did that work out for them? Frustration and failure. No lasting legacy. Disgrace. Yeah, I'm not interested in any of that. That's why "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2). So no, don't bother asking about the ways that didn't work. Look into the Word and learn about the ways that do.



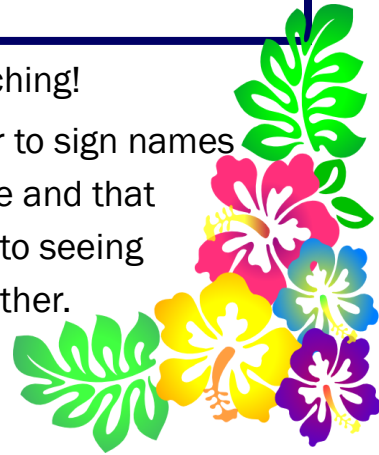
## *Ladies*



The Camden Avenue Ladies Hawaiian Luncheon is fast approaching! April 30, 2022 at noon in the Multi Purpose Room. Remember to sign names of those attending on the sheet in the foyer as soon as possible and that Hawaiian attire is welcome but not required! Looking forward to seeing middle school and older ladies, as we enjoy the afternoon together.

*Welcome one another...Romans 5:17*

*and above all put on love. Colossians 3:14*



## *Thank You*

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed them so much and all the cards I received while I was ill. (I'm still going through tests.) Mary Caplinger
- ♥ Thank you everyone for reminding me that I will be another year older. Mike Wade

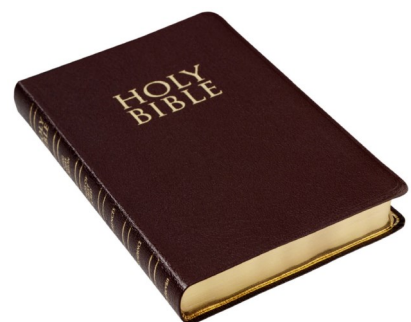
## *Book of the Month*

Great job to those that signed that they read Amos in March. The book of the month for April is Obadiah, read and then sign up on the bulletin board. The book of the month for March will be Jonah.

Eloise Smith  
Sonya Hescht  
Joyce Wright  
John Hall  
Rosemary Merrill  
Teresa Wade  
Mike Wade  
Bill Mills  
Kay Mills  
Bill Davis  
Robin Anthony  
Mark T. Tonkery  
David Epler  
Christine Epler  
Michaela Miller

Aidan Klinger  
Barbara Cramlet  
Linda Hall  
Gary Alton  
Dave Nulter  
Lois Nulter  
Charlotte Deem  
Mary Daniel  
Sandy Keller  
Denny Keller  
Dot Haught  
Naomi Carr  
Delmas Carr  
Charlotte Galloway  
Judy Hupp

Leon Hupp  
John Rockhold  
Donna Tice  
Linda Gray  
Steve Gray  
Keith Smith  
Larry Plant  
Jim Hughes  
Sandy Hughes





## Serving In Worship April 24, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Jim Galloway

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Stan Inman

Close - Brandon Sheppard

6:00 PM - Brian Haught

Close - Josh Carr

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Aidan Klingler

PM - Cody Hoover

### COMMUNION

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Dennis Keller



*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

April 10, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....230

Sunday Bible Class.....190

Sunday PM Service.....186

Wednesday PM Service.....161

Contribution.....\$6837.50

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....2

## May Birthday's & Anniversaries

2- Calvin Martin

3- Susan Anderson

3- Kristi Hoover

5- Belinda Buckley

7- Jim Hinzman

7- John & Karen Life\*

10- Dwain Shears

11- Herb Wright

14- Bill Pralley

14- Bob & Gala Miller\*

15- Sandy Graham

15- David Nulter

18- Alexa Inman

20- Rick Stanley

22- Mike & Kelly Fleak\*

23- Cindy Huxley

23- Breanna Tonkery

26- Kaleb Cochran

26- Klay Cochran

26- Delmas & Naomi Carr\*

29- John Rockhold III

30- Brooke Galloway

30- Mark & Laura Tonkery\*



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### In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

April 24

"Heaven"



IN  
**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

### Daily Bible Reading

April 18: Luke 12:41-59 & Jud. 11-13

April 19: Luke 13:1-17 & Jud. 14-16

April 20: Luke 13:18-35 & Jud. 17-19

April 21: Luke 14:1-14 & Jud. 20-21

April 22: Luke 14:15-35 & Ruth 1-2

April 23: Luke 15 & Ruth 3-4

April 24: Luke 16 & 1 Sam. 1-3

*"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."*