

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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In Our Prayers

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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, 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, Kevin Britton (Cody Hoovers Cousin), Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle), 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), Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband), 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), Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend), 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

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Ralph Fox continues to have back pain and will be having another MRI.
- Megan Bailey Daugherty, the daughter of Jim and Linda Bailey, is at home still experiencing rather severe symptoms. She will be reassessed in a few weeks, and continues to need prayers.
- Jenny Reynolds is in The Willows.
- David Epler is recovering from surgery for his broken shoulder.
- Belinda Buckley is in Camden Clark.
- Jim Stoops
- Judy Kerns, Bob Millers sister, is in the hospital in Morgantown. She has begun to show some signs of improvement.
- Cotton Sayre has been diagnosed with lymphoma. He will meet with an oncologist and then begin chemotherapy.
- Glen Hawkins, Melva Farris brother-in-law, has cancer.
- Judy Shutts Hughes, Melva Farris sister has been dealing with cancer.

Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Verna Huber and family on the passing of her uncle, Paul McClung.

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 May book of the month is Jonah. 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.

BIBLE BOWL- Mark your calendars for the Camden Avenue Bible Bowl October 8, 2022, over Ezra and Nehemiah.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- The May fellowship meal has been moved to May 15. Care Group 2 will be in charge.

UKRAINE RELIEF- The elders have determined to send relief funds to aid struggling Christians in Ukraine. Members who would also like to personally contribute towards the relief efforts in Ukraine can give their contribution to one of the elders.

MEN'S RETREAT- May 13-14 at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Cost is \$50 per person. All men are invited. There are classes for teens, young adults, and adults. If you are interested see Mark Tonkery for more information.

ADULT CLASSES- All adult classes will remain in the auditorium today. Jon Galloway will be conducting Bible class to report on the work in Scotland.

GRADUATING SENIORS- Turn in a picture, school graduating from, and after graduation plans to the office for an upcoming bulletin.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GRADUATION NIGHT- Come celebrate our high school graduates, June 5 after evening services in the multipurpose room. Everyone is invited. Bring snacks and desserts. Pizza and cupcakes will be provided.

MEN'S MEETING- The men's meeting will be May 15 at 4:00pm in the multipurpose room.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- May 29 at Ullman Street church of Christ in Beverly Ohio.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

A Day to Honor Mothers

Growing up between Fairmont and Grafton, West Virginia, I learned very quickly about Mother's Day. The elementary school I went to was Anna Jarvis elementary school, in Grafton, WV named after Anna Jarvis the founder of Mother's Day, who once lived in Grafton.

The story goes that Anna was so impressed by a prayer she had heard her own mother pray on behalf of the mothers who had lost sons in the Civil War she decided to establish a day in her honor. It was the day of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May.

What started out as a local observance in 1908 soon spread to other cities and states. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson designated the second Sunday of May as a day for displaying the American Flag and for the public expression of love and reverence for mothers of the country. Anna Jarvis also helped establish the wearing of a carnation on Mother's Day. (Information from <https://www.internationalmothersdayshrine.org>).

Anna Jarvis highlighted the importance of mothers, but before she ever was born the Bible had already been teaching the honor and value of mothers. Exodus 20:12 commands, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." Then Proverbs 1:8 teaches, "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching," Also, let us not forget the many godly examples of mothers in Scripture such as Sarah, Jochebed, Naomi, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, Lois, and Eunice, to just name a few.

God designed motherhood to be an essential part of the family. Even those who are not in the Bible recognized a mother's value. Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my mother." Napoleon stated, "The destiny of the child is the work of the mother." Then Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said, "Even He that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of His mother as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought, the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven."

Regardless of the changing world's view about motherhood the Bible still teaches us to honor our mothers and to value their essential place in the family. May we give "honor to whom honor is due" (Rom. 13:17). Today and every day may we show our grandmothers, mothers, and the mother of our children the appreciation and gratitude they deserve.

Happy Mother's Day



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
Will The Real Mother Please Stand Up?

Text: 1 Kings 3:16-28

"Give the _____ woman the _____ child, and by no means
_____ him; _____ is his _____."? 1 Kings 3:27 NKJV

What do two prostitutes teach us about motherhood?

I. There is no such thing as a _____.

II. There are _____.

III. There is _____.

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
What Keeps Us from leaving?
Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:3-4

Doug's Discussion

Why Oppose a Christian?

I am often fascinated by the attitude that unbelievers have toward Christians. Not that this attitude is any surprise to God: “Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you” (1 John 3:13). I’m glad that’s in there because I have a hard time not being surprised. I was reading the other day about how Chick-fil-A treated an exhausted homeless man asking for scraps. I suppose the manager must have been a Christian because he asked if he could pray for the man. Which he did – and then fed him a lunch off the menu. Awesome story, I enjoyed reading about it. But then I made my classic mistake. I started reading the comments section. I don’t know why I do that to myself . . . The first commenter stated in no uncertain terms that religion should be kept in the church building and out of restaurants. The rest of the page was people agreeing with him. Happy feeling gone.

But why? Why would someone be afraid of or opposed to a genuine Christian person? I mean, what’s the worst a Christian is going to do to you? Tell you about their faith? If you want . . .you can say no, so what’s the big deal? Someone who has forsaken God could possibly (with a clear conscience) rob you, hate you, use you, lie to you, hurt you, or even kill you. And you’re afraid of the Christian? THAT’S the guy you want to see go away? THAT’S the guy you want to be quiet? Yes, and I think that’s evidence of the truth of our message. The Bible teaches us that there is a spiritual war going on between good and evil. The attitude we see in the world doesn’t make sense unless this is true. It just doesn’t make sense to oppose the guy who feeds the hungry and loves the broken unless good and evil are a very real thing. “Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous” (1 John 3:12). Brothers and sisters, I encourage you to turn from evil and do what is right. Not everyone will love you for it, but you will have a reward in heaven.



Teachers Needed

The following teachers are needed beginning in June. If you can help see Doug Wells.

Cradle Roll - substitute for Sunday A.M.

2 year old - Sunday A.M. & Wednesday P.M.

3-4 year old - Sunday A.M.

3rd grade - Sunday A.M. & Wednesday P.M.

6th-8th grade - Sunday A.M.



Postal Food Drive



The Postal Food drive is Saturday, May 14th, after a 2 year pause due to COVID. Parkersburg mail carriers will be using the area outside our main entrance to drop off canned foods that they pick up along their postal route. We are in need of those to help unload, sort and box up canned goods that are collected. We will need help from 12-6 that day. Pizza and drinks will be provided around 1 pm. Our church food pantry benefits from this event along with other food pantries throughout Parkersburg. If you can help please let Jeff Taberner know.

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on FM 96.9

How do you respond when you're blessed? Do you respond gratefully when someone says something nice to you, or does something for you?

Picture a wife who spends two hours making a delicious meal for her husband because she wants to give him something special. The husband eats it without comment and then heads straight to the T.V. or picture God answering prayers, as he did in the Bible when someone asked him for a longer life. But then 2 Chronicles 32:25 says that after this man's answered prayer his "heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him."

Why do we do that? Why do we ignore blessings? Maybe we think we are due these blessings. My wife SHOULD make me a two hour dinner every night, my parents SHOULD give me expensive gifts for my birthday. God SHOULD keep me healthy and safe. I deserve it and that's their job.

Well aren't you fun? No one is going to enjoy giving you anything if that's your attitude. I suggest a different approach when you're blessed: appreciate it. Be thankful. Otherwise your blessing can become a curse.

Serving In Worship May 15, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Daniel Rich

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ken Barnes

Close - Rick Stanley

6:00 PM - Josh Hall

Close - Brandon Sheppard

SCRIPTURE

AM - Donovan Walton

PM - Aidan Klingler

COMMUNION

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Kody 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

May 1, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....	235
Sunday Bible Class.....	193
Sunday PM Service.....	162
Wednesday PM Service.....	127
Contribution.....	\$10178.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....2

Upcoming Local Events

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

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

CENTRAL W.V. LECTURES- May 13-15 Dunbar church of Christ

SUNRISE YOUTH RALLY- May 20-21 with Keith Parker.

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

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

MID-OHIO VALLEY AREA WIDE SING- Hosted by Hopewell church of Christ. May 22 from 3:00-4:00pm.

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



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In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

May 15

"God's Inspired Word"



Daily Bible Reading

May 9: Luke 23:26-56 & 2 Sam. 7-10

May 10: Luke 24:1-12 & 2 Sam. 11-12

May 11: Luke 24:13-35 & 2 Sam. 13-14

May 12: Luke 24:36-53 & 2 Sam. 15-16

May 13: John 1:1-34 & 2 Sam. 17-18

May 14: John 1:35-51 & 2 Sam. 19-20

May 15: John 2 & 2 Sam. 21-22

"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."