

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

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Sunday AM Worship.....9:30

Sunday PM Worship.....6:00pm

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm

“Where you are always welcome!”

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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

To Keep in Prayer

Church Family in Need of Prayers

Sarah Buckley	Carolyn Henry	Bill Mills	Cotton Sayre
Linda Camp	Jon Hescht	Linda Moncrief	Eloise Smith
Harvey Caplinger Sr.	Jim & Sallie	Debby Nesselroad	Theresa Steed
Mary Caplinger	Hinzman	Dave Nulter	Dorothy Stevens
Carl Curtiss	Denny Keller	Ray Peters	Jim Stoops
Paula Franklin	Bill Lemley	Bill Porter	Darrell Vaught
Sandy Graham	Gwen Lucas	Summer Rich	Patty Workman
Susan Haid			Joyce Wright

Please Pray for Our Shut-ins

Bob Armstrong	Lucille Hardman	Michael Ludwig	Van Putnam
Naomi Carr	Rosie Knox	Doris Newberry	Jenny Reynolds
Keith Cowdery	Jo Langler	Calvin, Jean Martin	Ray & Bonnie Sams
Richard Cozad	Kim Ledsome	Merilee Morgan	Sue VanCamp
Patty Dawson	Janet Looney	Ed & Lois Porter	Dearll Vincent
Chelsea Doonan			Martha Whited

Prayer Request for Friends and Family

Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)	Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Mark Berry	Mike Lucas
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)	Helen May (Verna Huber's mom)
Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)	Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's G-G.son)
Delores Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)	Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kelly Boyce	Glen & Karen Morrell
Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle)	(Linda Moncrief's sister)
Roy Clark	Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Brian Decker (Ken Barnes's coworker)	Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Justin Curd (Cindy Huxley's nephew)	Kathy Plant
Betty Dunn (G-Grandma; Ryan Highman)	Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)	Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)	John Rockhold III
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's Brother)	Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Scott Gordon	Michele Scherer
Charles Gray (Steve Gray's father)	Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)	Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephew)
Charles (Bill) Haid	Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Judy Hall	Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Steve Higginbotham	Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's gr.dau.)
Mike Hill (friend Mike and Pam Bayer)	Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Jean Huber (Clayton Huber's mother)	Shawn Stephens
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, and Sonya)	Frank & Hazel Terry (fam., Eloise Smith)
Brenda Jones (friend, Rosemary Merrill)	Seth Waggoner
Chennie Jonas (Sandy Hughes's cousin)	Sara White (Randy White's Daughter)
Danny Keller (Denny Keller's brother)	Susan Williams
Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders's friend)	Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband)

Announcements

VISITORS - We are so glad that you are here today! Please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you and place it in the baskets on the communion table up front.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION - Our phones and email are now working. Thank you, everyone, for your patience while this issue was resolved.

CALENDARS - There are 2023 calendars available in the front foyer for anyone that can use them.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Boxes for Christmas Cards are available in the back hallway. Be sure to check them for some holiday cheer!

NEW YEAR'S EVE - The annual New Year's Eve get-together will be December 31 from 7-10:30 in the multipurpose room. Bring games and food to share while we celebrate the coming of the New Year together!

MEAL TRAIN - There is a sign-up sheet available in the foyer for anyone willing to provide meals for the Highman family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Starting in January, men from the congregation will be making announcements during worship services. Though they will no longer be the only ones making announcements, the elders will still be involved in serving in worship.

ATTENDANCE CARDS - We will once again be taking up attendance cards. This will help greatly in serving the congregation. Please be aware of this change as we implement this in the near future.

BUDGET - The 2023 budget has been prepared and copies are available on the counter in the foyer.

Updates to the Prayer List:

- ♥ Megan Daugherty got a promising report from the eye specialist at Cleveland Clinic, though she will still have a long road ahead.
- ♥ Charlotte Deem is in the hospital in Akron with the flu.
- ♥ Susan Haid will be moving from Belpre Landing to Cedar Grove.
- ♥ Madison Highman has been placed on bed rest for the duration of her pregnancy.
- ♥ Darrel Vincent fell and broke his leg. He had surgery in Columbus earlier this week and surgery went well.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Wells family in the passing of Doug's grandmother, Lillian Boone. The funeral was Wednesday in Rainelle, WV.

Deacons:

Ken Barnes
Membership

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Marion Goldsmith
Transportation
& Grounds

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Building
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Building
Maintenance

Bill Hoover
Worship

Cody Hoover
Education

Rob Hoover
Health &
Safety /Security

Kevin Inman
Youth:
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Scott Johnson
Evangelism

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

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Livestream:

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Camden Avenue
coC Live

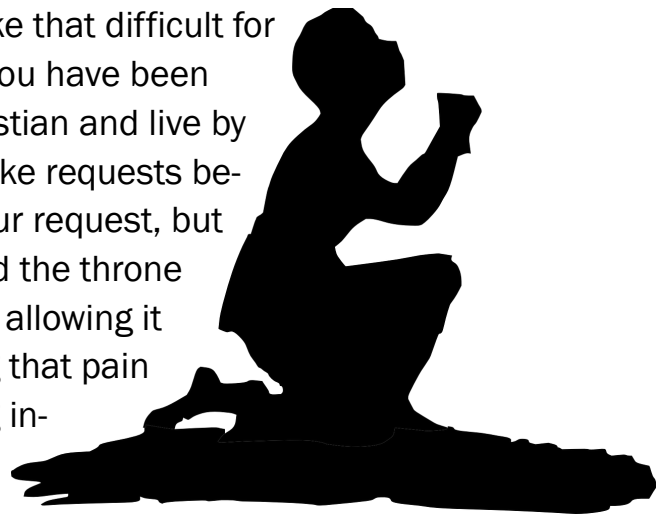
Doug's Discussion

The Prayer of Jabez

Those who have the fortitude to read large genealogies in their Bibles are treated to the story of Jabez in 1 Chronicles 4. (He serves as a great test to see if someone has REALLY read their Bible through – or if they skip the big sections of names. Those who know about Jabez have gone the extra mile.) If you're one of those gold star Bible readers, then you know that this man did not have a good start in life. His mother apparently had some difficulty with his delivery, and his name reflects that. Jabez sounds like the Hebrew word for pain. How would you like that? If your name was a constant reminder of the difficulty you brought your mother, that might be a hard thing to bear.

Jabez, however, clearly does not become bitter and wicked as a result of being labeled in this way. This is a lesson for all of us – difficult circumstances do not force us to make bad choices. In fact, Jabez made better choices than any of his more fortunately named siblings: “Jabez was more honorable than his brothers” (1 Chronicles 4:9). That being said, I think it's clear the idea of pain weighed heavily on Jabez's mind. He feels that disgrace, as any normal human being would. But instead of the pain and disgrace leading this man to lash out in anger, it builds up into a beautiful prayer to God. This is the prayer of Jabez: “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain” (4:10). The Bible says that God granted this request.

Do you feel like you have been dealt a bad hand in life? Then allow me to make some suggestions based on the story of Jabez. First, get your life right with God. Choose to live an honorable life. I am sympathetic to all the factors that may make that difficult for you – you had mean parents, the world is against you, you have been cheated and wronged, etc. Do it anyway. Become a Christian and live by the example of Christ. THEN, you are in a position to make requests before the throne of God. I can't promise God will grant your request, but the wise place to aim our thoughts and desires is toward the throne of God in Christ. Internalizing the pain of your heart and allowing it to curdle into bitterness is a waste of time. But directing that pain toward heaven in a heartfelt plea can lead to something incredible. Just ask Jabez.



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Sermon Notes

God Promises to Take Away Our Sins in Christ

“For I will be _____ to their _____, and their _____ and their _____ deeds I will _____ no more.” Hebrews 8:12

1: If every wrong thing you have EVER done (or even thought) was written down, how long would this document be?

2: If every wrong thing you were thinking about for the above question was given a fair sentence, and heaped upon you all together, what would your judgment be?

3: Have you sinned? What are you if you said “no?” (1 Kings 8:46)

4: What do you think your emotional and mental state would be if you thought you had to stand before God and account for every wrong thing you had ever done? (Psalm 130:3)

5: Sometimes judgment is postponed but is still coming. However, the love of God is so great that in Christ He removes our sins . . . how far away from us? (Psalm 103:12)


6: What did John the Baptist recognize about the mission of Christ in John 1:29?

7: According to 1 John 1:7, how much sin is removed from us by the blood of Jesus?

8: When these “books” at judgment are opened, will Christians have anything wrong about them written there? (see Hebrews 8:12)

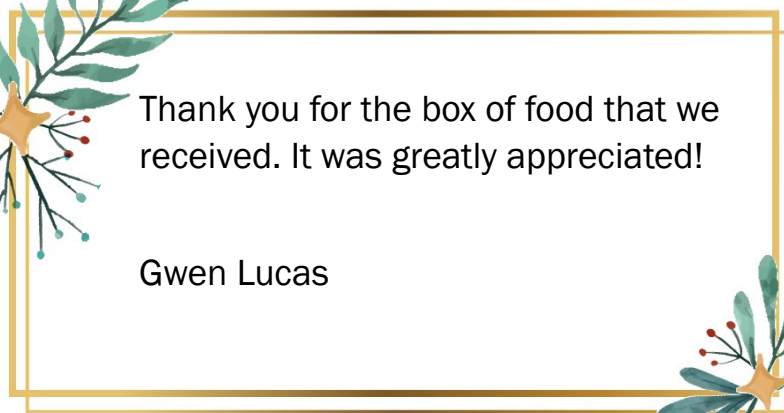
9: The choice between having a criminal record a hundred miles long and having a clean slate before God clearly hinges on whether or not we are in Christ. If you’re not, are you now ready to have your sins removed as far as the east is from the west?

Notes



I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Miss you all!

Love,
Lucille Hardman



Thank you for the box of food that we received. It was greatly appreciated!

Gwen Lucas



Camden Avenue
Church Family:

Thank you one and all for the thoughtful greeting cards, also for the very nice caroling visit. It is nice to be remembered.

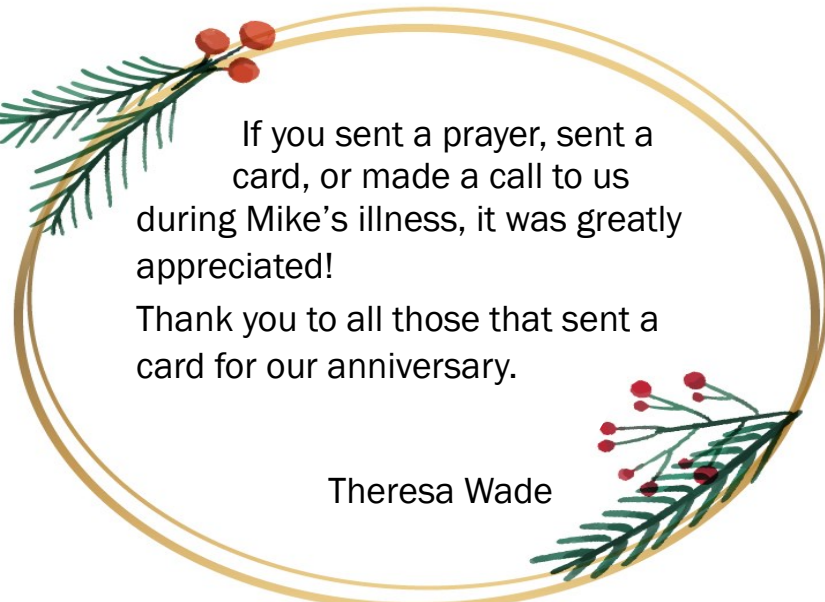
In Christian Love,
Bill Pralley



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday cards and Christmas cards! Each one is very special to me. I am wishing for all of you much happiness in the New Year!

Tammy Kerns



If you sent a prayer, sent a card, or made a call to us during Mike's illness, it was greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all those that sent a card for our anniversary.

Theresa Wade

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 30 **New Year's Eve Get-Together - 7 - 10:30 pm**
multipurpose room
Bring games and food to share while we
celebrate the coming of the New Year together!

JANUARY

- 7 **L2L Art Class 10-2**
- 8 **Fellowship Meal**
- 15 **Men's Meeting**
- 27 **Ohio Winter Lectures (and Teen Lec.)**
-29 "The Shadow King"
Fishinger Road church of Christ
Housing available upon request.
- 29 **Traveling Youth Group - 5:00pm**
Dewey Avenue Church of Christ



MARCH

- 4-5 **Miami Valley Bible Bowl**
"By Faith" Hebrews and James (ESV)
4th-6th, 7th-12th, and adult teams
Housing may be available upon request.
- 6 **Monday Night Merge 2023 Begins**
- 25 **Lubeck Youth Rally**

Minute of Meditation

Heard on FM 96.9

At Camden Avenue, visitors make us happy. We love having another voice join us in song. We love getting to know new people. So, of course, I hope you come to visit us sometime. I think God would also approve of you visiting, but our All-Knowing Father might have something he wants you to do first.

Too many people think going to church cancels out any wrongdoing in their lives. Too many people think putting something in the collection plate means the rest of their lifestyle is okay. However, Jesus has something to say about that: "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24). I'm quite sure God wants you in church. I'm equally sure that God wants you to make things right with anyone you have wronged. So go, be reconciled to your brother, and then come visit us at church.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving in Worship

Jan 1, 2022

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Cochran

Song Leader

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Ryan Highman

Scripture

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Brandon Sheppard

Prayer

9:30 AM - Ken Barnes

Close - Doug Hershman

6:00 PM - Brian Haught

Close - Korey Inman

Communion

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Delmas Carr

Welcome Center

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - JoAnn Goldsmith

Announcements- Scott Johnson

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Ron Riddle

Food Pantry

December Needs

Care group 1 - apple sauce cups

Care group 2 - canned sweet potatoes

Care group 3 - instant oatmeal packets

Care group 4 - shelf stable milk



Items can be placed on the table in the food pantry.

New Year's Eve

Get-Together

December 31

7 - 10:30 PM

multipurpose room

Facts and Figures

December 18, 2022

Sunday AM Worship.....190

Sunday Bible Class.....160

Sunday PM Worship.....127

Wednesday AM.....27

Wednesday PM.....118

Contribution.....\$5,757

Membership 2022

Baptisms.....7

Restored/Req. Prayer.....1

In Search of the

Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

January 1

"Your Time"



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Daily Bible Reading

Dec 26: Rev 17 & Haggai

Dec 27: Rev 18 & Zec 1-5

Dec 28: Rev 19 & Zec 6-8

Dec 29: Rev 20 & Zec 9-11

Dec 30: Rev 21 & Zec 12-14

Dec 31: Rev 22 & Malachi

Jan 1: Matt 1 & Zephaniah

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.