

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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.

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Friends and Family Day

Sunday, November 10

Join us for

9:30AM Worship

10:45 Bible Classes (Classes for all ages.)

12:00 Fellowship Meal - Everyone invited!

6:00PM Service

Invite your family and friends!

Invitations are available in the foyers.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner

Ministers:

Mark Tonkery
740.350.5713

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I spell God
with a capital G.
He isn't just
A god,
He is THE God!



Dearll Vincent
Remember him and Carol in your
prayers and with cards.
They are missed at services.

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey,
Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Sandy Graham, Len Haid, Carolyn Henry,
Phyllis Johnson, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips,
Ed and Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp,
Dearll Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother),
Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents),
Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), David Lawson,
Ted Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's
brother)

We update our Prayer List periodically, removing names if we have no recent updates
on that person. Update the office of any changes.



Congratulations to Tyler and Tori Stevens in the birth of
their daughter, Blake Vivianne Stevens. She was born
August 25.

Congratulations to grandfather, Sean Plant and
great-grandparents, Larry and Janet Plant.

thank
you

- ♥ Keith and Eloise Smith thanks everyone for the cards for Eloise's birthday and the well-wishes for their anniversary.
- ♥ Bill Lemley would like to thank those who sent cards for his recent birthday and all the get well cards.



RESTORED - REQUESTED PRAYERS

Cindy Huxley came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers. Please continue to remember her in your prayers and be an encouragement to her.

CELEBRATION FOR RUTH WELLS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

Everyone is invited to a celebration for Ruth Wells' 100th birthday this evening after services. Cake and ice cream will be served in the MP Room. No gifts please, but let's shower her with cards.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER 15

Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting Sunday, September 15 with the Men's Meeting and Ladies meeting at 4:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet September 16 in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner ~ 6:30 work projects. Everyone welcome.

HAIID'S ANNUAL SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan Haid invite everyone to their annual Bean Dinner at their cabin Saturday, September 21 at 4:00PM. Bring items to go with soup beans and hamburgers. Also, bring lawn chairs. There is an attendance sign-up sheet on the counter.

BIBLE BOWL SCORE KEEPERS

Anyone willing to help keep score at the Bible Bowl September 28, please see Rick Stanley.

Résumés being accepted through September 15.

Kimberlee Shears is resigning as our church secretary. She has accepted a full-time with the Wood County Board of Education as a school secretary. Résumés may be given to one of the Elders by September 15.

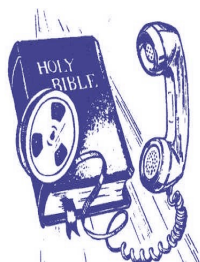
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Keep up the good work of telling others about this program. Brochures are in the foyers.

Distribute them to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.



Daily Bible Reading

September 1 - 1 Corinthians 6, Psalms 95-101
September 2 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-24, Psalms 102-103
September 3 - 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, Psalms 104-105
September 4 - 1 Corinthians 8, Psalm 106
September 5 - 1 Corinthians 9, Psalms 107-109
September 6 - 1 Corinthians 10, Psalms 110-114
September 7 - 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, Psalms 115-118
September 8 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Psalms 119

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Open Invitation to the congregation

Dear congregation,

I have a personal favor to ask each of you. Last Sunday it was announced that we will have a **“bring a friend day”** November 10, 2019. I would like for each member to do three things to help prepare for this special day.

First, will you pray? Pray for this day, pray for at least one person you would like to see come with you on this day, and pray for our preachers, elders, and those who will be leading in worship and Bible Classes, that they can preach and teach the truth and lead someone to Christ.

Second, can you save the date and make a special effort to be here for our Friend’s Day November 10? It would be wonderful if we had every member here; plus, guests!

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with worship and then followed by Bible Classes for all ages. Then following our Bible Classes everyone will be invited to join us for a covered dish lunch in the MP Room. Then at 6:00 p.m. we have our regular worship service.

Third, can you begin inviting someone to come with you on November 10? Our goal for this day is **“one”**. Just imagine if each member here at Camden Ave. would just bring one person with them, it would be a great day!

So, I am challenging each member in the congregation to invite at least one person who may have once attended here or have visited the congregation in recent weeks. Or maybe we can invite those who have never have worship with us. Or maybe you could invite a family member, a friend, or someone you have had a Bible discussion with recently.

We are looking forward to having many guests in our services on November 10 and our goal is to have **“one”**. **One** more person to teach. **One** more person to be added to the Body of Christ. Just **one** more person we can help get to Heaven.

I hope each of you will make plans to be with us on this special day and that you will bring a friend. Please start now by praying about our Friend’s Day. The devil would have you to delay. Do not cooperate with him.

Let’s have a great Friend’s day!

In Christ’s Love,
Mark T. Tonkery

Morning Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Ready to Act

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-11



I. Ready to receive _____.

A. _____.

B. _____.

C. _____.

II. Ready to be _____.

A. _____.

B. _____.

C. _____.

III. Ready to _____.

A. _____.

B. _____.

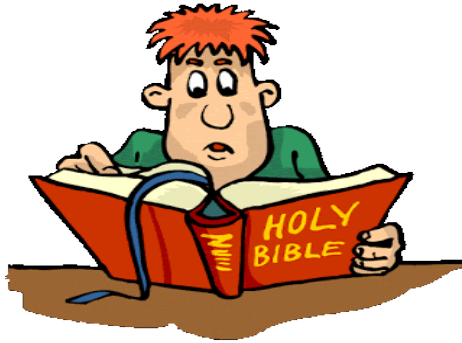
C. _____.

Doug Wells will preach at the evening service.

PM Sermon: There is Still Hope

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-5

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Do Better than Job's Friends

Job had been sitting on the ground in misery. Everything had been taken from him. He showed amazing restraint after losing all his possessions. Even more incredible self-control was on display when he was told about the death of his children. Even after being afflicted with a painful illness, even after his own wife told him he should just curse God, Job still would not do it. In fact, the Bible says that he worshiped (Job 1:20)! However, everyone has a breaking point. When three of his friends came by they sat with him for seven days. Afterward Job finally speaks and curses the day of his birth. Understandable? Yes, I think so. But I'm sure at the time what he said was shocking to his friends. Job just wants to die.

Now here's what I want you to consider. If one of your friends (who is suffering for some reason) went on a ten-minute rant cursing the day their mother gave them birth how would you reply? Yes, they are hurting but what they said offended your sensibilities. What you want to do is let them have it, right then. You want to tell them how they're so wrong to talk that way, how they better snap out of it and be a little more grateful for the good things God gave them. And that's what Job's friends did. In the first reply Eliphaz says "Call if you will, but who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn? Resentment kills a fool and envy slays the simple" (Job 5:1-2). Of course, this damages their friendship. Job later says "Now you too have proved to be of no help" (Job 6:21).

I suggest that in times of pain and crisis sometimes people say things that they don't really mean. Some of these things will seem insulting to you. You might have some righteous indignation when they question God's plan or justice. However, wisdom shows us that instead of replying right away there are times when it is a good idea to wait until they (and you) have calmed down. That remains true even if you are personally insulted: "Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult" (Proverbs 12:16). When someone is struggling they will appreciate your loving presence much more than your indignant snap-judgements on something that was misspoken due to pain. In my experience nine times out of ten the person apologizes later anyway. If you remember love is patient and love is kind you will be way more helpful than Job's friends.

THANK YOU



Just want to thank all who came to the Blood Drive. We had 22 out of the scheduled 30 show up and give. Thanks to all workers, we needed your help. Bill Mills, Linda Camp, Sandy Keller, Sandy Hughes, Robin Anthony, Karen Life, Jo Goldsmith. A special thanks to Jim and Sandy for the homemade cookies. Plan ahead---our next Blood Drive is February 17, 2020.

Marion



We will be having new church directories printed with Lifetouch. Photos will be taken **October 24, 25 and 26**. Sign-up sheets will be available on the counter. You will receive a free 8x10 photo, printed directory and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photos with each photo session. You must get your photo taken to receive a free directory.

See Steve Gray for details.



Happy 100th Birthday to Ruth Wells this Thursday, September 5!

We love and appreciate you, Mrs. Wells. You are a wonderful Christian example.

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

It turns out that Christianity is good for you, and good for your kids. Aren't I Captain Obvious? Well, I suppose if you have been listening too much to certain atheists it might not be obvious. Richard Dawkins has claimed teaching children to accept their parent's religion is child abuse, suggestions it's even more damaging than sexual abuse. Interesting attention-grabbing statement - and completely wrong.

If you look at Christian families with unbiased eyes it is to see how beneficial practicing Christian faith can be. If you need further proof, consider a 2018 Harvard Study. Researchers kept track of over five thousand youth for over a decade. Their findings? Young people who went to church and prayed were more likely to say they were happy, more likely to volunteer, and less likely to use drugs. The study's author, Ying Chen, said "Many children are raised religiously, and our study that this can powerfully affect their health behaviors, mental health, and overall happiness and well-being."

I didn't need Harvard to tell me that but it's nice when someone sees the truth.

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





Seven Things You Will Never Regret

1. Showing kindness to another person.
2. Saying "I'm sorry" when you've hurt someone.
3. Refusing to destroy someone's reputation through gossip.
4. Refusing to do something that is wrong.
5. Doing something that is right.
6. Giving honor to your parents.
7. Giving God the priority He deserves.

Selected

Upcoming Events

September 1-6

Spencer Church of Christ
Speaker: Steven Haguewood

September 8

75th Anniversary and Homecoming North End congregation

Speaker: John Miller

September 8-11

Bridge Street Church of Christ
Speaker: Matt Thomas

Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards

Our Bible Bowl will be Saturday, September 28.

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:00 for the sing at the West Union congregation



Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

will air each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, Dish Channel 239, Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV Channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM.

September 1
THE GOSPEL

Serving In Worship

Sunday, September 8

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Mike Fleak

6:00 PM - Kyle Inman

Close - Jeff Taberner

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ray Peters

PM - Chris Hofmann

COMMUNION

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Len Haid

Ben Haught

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week will include Stan Iman, Bill Merrill, Kevin Inman, and Clayton Huber.



Facts and Figures

August 24, 2019

AM Service.....	239
Bible Study.....	178
PM Service.....	170
Wednesday.....	161
Contribution.....	\$7365.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....	2
Restored or Requested Prayers...	2
Placed Membership.....	1

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....	9:30
Bible Study....	15 min. after worship
PM Worship.....	6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....	7:00PM
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