

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.

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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Worship Services will be held on Facebook Live

Sunday morning at 9:30am

Sunday evening at 6pm

Wednesday evening at 7pm

There will be singing and a Bible study conducted via Facebook Live.

*I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all
my heart, and I will
glorify Your name forevermore.*

Psalms 86:12

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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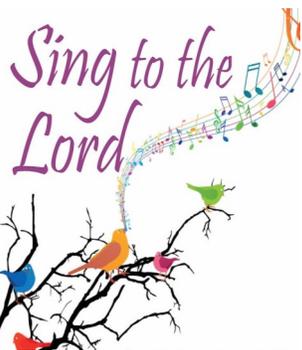
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Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Carol Fleak, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Sandy Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Tammy Kerns, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Helen Miller, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Betty Blair (neighbor of Dorothy Stevens), Kelly Boyce, Michelle Dailey, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, Danny Guard (friend of Saunders), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Ray Hoover (Cody Hoover's dad), Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins), Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams

Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.

Special Prayer Requests at this time...

- ◆ Ray Hoover- Cody Hoover's dad battling Covid-19
- ◆ Sharon Armstrong - in CCMH ICU
- ◆ Jasmine Fitcher- in respiratory therapy school in Myrtle Beach, SC , on the front line
- ◆ Ambrosia Perry- ER nurse in Myrtle Beach, SC positive for Covid-19
- ◆ Bill Lemley- In Columbus hospital, due to symptoms from his autoimmune disease
- ◆ Carol Hargrove- Hardman's daughter, RN on the front line
- ◆ All of those on the front-line

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Ron & Peggy Riddle on the passing of John Lowther, the husband of Peggy's niece Veronica. There will be a private service.

Announcements

BULLETIN- If you know of anyone who would like the bulletin mailed to their home during this time please let the office know.

PROM ALTERNATIVE- May 2, 7pm. North End church of Christ is holding the prom alternative. Murder Mystery Dinner at OVU chapel.

YOUTH WEEKEND- May 29-30, Sponsored by Sunrise church of Christ at Cedar Lakes with Lonnie Jones. See the bulletin board for more info.

CAMDEN BIBLE BOWL- October 3, Hebrews & James. 6th grade and under Hebrews only.

OVCYC YOUTH CAMP- Items are needed for this years OVCYC camp. As of now the plan is to still have camp. They are in need of supplies. If you can help with any of these let the office know.

5 #10 cans of chocolate pudding

6 chocolate cake mixes

5 6-ounce boxes of strawberry jello

2 gallon syrup

3 boxes f Rice Krispies

5 bottles ranch dressing

500 Styrofoam 6-ounce cups

5 5# bags of sugar

5 #10 cans of pears

5 large bags of plain potato chips

3 boxes of Honey Nut Cheerios

5 squeeze mayonnaise

300 napkins

500 paper plates

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for April is Psalms 42-72. Read and then let the office know.

PICTURES & SELFIES- We want to see each other even when we are apart. Send your pictures to Laura at the office through email or text so they can be added in to the PowerPoint.

Thank You

♥ I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and phone calls. Your kindness has really meant a lot to me. I am recovering nicely and hope to see all of you soon when we can all be together again. In Christian Love, Sandy Hughes

♥ Thank you to all who sent us an anniversary card. We enjoyed each one and they made our day more special. Bill & Kay Mills

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

I am going to rejoice anyway!

Bad news. It seems like there is a lot of it these days. Our country is in a pandemic, there are people losing their jobs, some of our dear friends are fighting life-threatening diseases with little hope, and many of us are still grieving the deaths of dear friends and family members. Now I am not sure that these are the worst of times we have ever lived in, but never the less we are still living in some difficult times.

The question often is asked of me how will we cope? How will we deal with all these problems? Well, what I like to do is go to the Bible and see how the servants of God dealt with their problems, their difficulties, and their struggles. One example is the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk he prophesied in Judah just before Nebuchadnezzar first invaded Jerusalem in 605 BC, this was about the time when the prophet Daniel was taken in Babylonian captivity.

Now The Lord had spoke to Habakkuk and commissioned him to carry the message that He was going to punish Judah by the hand of the Babylonians. The result of this was that the Jews were going to be taken out of their homeland and carried off to another land because of their refusal to obey God and repent of their sins.

Now talk about bad news, Habakkuk is commissioned to tell the people of Judah they are going to lose their homes, land, and be put in slavery. This was such a difficult message for Habakkuk to preach that he spends most of the book of Habakkuk questioning why God would do this and of all things use the evil Babylonians as His instrument of punishment.

With all the questions Habakkuk has, he does come to a point of surrender and relies on his faith in Almighty God. Notice how Habakkuk concludes his book:

Hab 3:16-19, "I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us. Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places."

Now I don't know what you are struggling with but I wonder if we could have the faith of Habakkuk and look at our struggles and rejoice anyway? Despite the bad, the struggles, and hardships can we see the goodness of God and still rejoice?

Matthew Henry, a well known Bible commentator who lived in the late 1700s, was one day robbed. He made the following entry in his diary: "Let me be thankful- first because I was never robbed before. Second, because although they took my wallet they did not take my life. Third, because although they took my all, it was not much. And fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."

Today's Sermons on Facebook Live:

A.M. Sermon on Facebook live by Mark T. Tonkery

Messianic Psalms

Scripture Text: Ps. 68:18

P.M. Sermon on Facebook live by Mark T. Tonkery

Creation Psalms

Scripture Text: Psalm 50

Communion . . . *Is it right to partake of it in our house?*

It is clear that, from its beginning, the Lord's Supper or communion was intended to be eaten when the church assembled together.

The first reference to the church's eating the Lord's Supper is in Acts 2:41, 42. Verse 42 is concerned with religious activities they continued faithfully in doing. So, this "breaking of bread" is not referring to the common, daily meal. It must, then, refer to the communion service. However, in this same context, in verse 46, the "breaking of bread" is from house to house – an obvious reference to their daily meals.

The second reference to eating the Lord's Supper is Acts 20:7. Paul and his co-workers tarried in Troas for seven days (counting the day on which they began) in order to be able to be with the church when it came together on the first day of the week to break bread. The passage also tells us that, evidently, after the communion service, Paul preached to them, and, later, they ate a common meal together.

The church at Corinth is an example of disciples coming together to partake of the Lord's Supper. 1 Cor 10:16, 17 and 11:17-34. It is clear that the purpose of their meeting together ought to have been to eat the Lord's Supper but they were perverting the communion by making a common meal of it. Paul firmly corrected this error. He asked, "Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?" 11:2 Did Paul condemn the eating of the Lord's Supper in our houses? No. His purpose was to command them to keep the Lord's Supper and common meals totally separate. Let us consider:

(1) In the first years, the church owned no "church" buildings. Like Jesus and His disciples, it was common to arrange to meet in guest chambers in "upper rooms," etc., for religious services. Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:15, 22-26; Lk 22:11,12, 15-20; Acts 1:13. This is perhaps what the church at Corinth was doing.

(2) The early church also met in the houses of members. A congregation of the church met in the house of Priscilla and Aquila in Rome. Rom 16:3-5. The church also met in their house in Ephesus (Asia). 1 Cor 16:19. See also Col 4:15 and Philemon 2. Of course, they ate the Lord's Supper in these houses each first day of each week.

(3) There were times, like us, when certain members could not assemble - due to personal sicknesses, sicknesses of others who needed care, travel, dangers from persecutions, pestilences, etc. Perhaps only a very few – perhaps only members of one family – were able to meet. What were they to do? Certainly, they would partake of the Lord's Supper in their houses, along with other worship activities they could do.

Today, the present health dangers of our world, nation, and state caused by the coronavirus, have restricted public assemblies – including church assemblies. In abiding in our houses, we are not guilty of forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. We are setting apart specific times for Bible study, prayers, singing, and partaking of the Lord's Supper. We are laying aside our offerings to be gathered together, later. We are also listening to good programs via TV, internet, CD's, etc., and reading good literature. We are calling and writing to check on one another. Jesus has promised to be in our midst, wherever, when only a few of us are gathered together *in His name*. Mt 18:20.

May all of us be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord! 1 Cor 15:58. **-Albert Farley**

Doug's Discussion

God Given Roles

In tabernacle worship responsibilities and roles were very clearly assigned. If you belonged to the Mushite clan you helped carry the tabernacle frames and posts. If you were in the Amramite clan you took care of the temple furnishings such as the table and the lampstand. Those in the Libnite clan took care of the tent, the coverings, and the curtains. Basically, you were born into your role. I can't help but wonder if some child said to their dad: "You know, I am really tired of folding these curtains. I would much rather carry the golden lampstand. That's WAY cooler!" (I can't say I disagree with the coolness assessment). But then the wise father takes the child aside and tells him gently but firmly: "God has given us our role. You're right where He wants you. Everything will work out best if we do what God has assigned, without trying to be something God did not make us to be."

We could use a few more wise fathers and mothers in our world today. We need those who know enough scripture to realize that no good comes from rejecting a God given role because you'd rather have what was given to somebody else. In the nation of Israel priests had one role, kings had another. And wouldn't you say it's good to be king? I mean, you basically run the nation. You can marry just about anyone you want. You're rich. You're food tastes better than the barley bread of the common people. So yes, being king has many perks. BUT . . . being an Old Testament king doesn't make you a priest. That's not your role. At least a couple of times kings got cranky about that. "I'm king, I can do what I want!" King Uzziah once decided that he could do the priests job and burn some incense. The priests confronted him (which no doubt took a lot of courage) and said: "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is for the priests . . ." (2 Chronicles 26:18). Uzziah started raging, and his failure to respect the fact that God made him a king and not a priest led to the king contracting leprosy.

In the body of Christ every role is important. But what if the foot said to the hand: "I want your job!?" I can't help but notice as I try to get a toy that my kid dropped that slid halfway under the next pew that my feet are not as good at gripping things as my hands. That's not their role. If God did not appoint you to be an elder (for whatever reason) then maybe that's just not your role. If the church hesitates when you ask to songlead because all the notes sound the same to you maybe that's just not your role. If God did not give you the role of public speaking in the church then I suggest respecting that this role was given to someone else. Listen – what God HAS given you is perfect. You were made to be who you are and you are the very best at it. Forcing your way into a role that wasn't made for you isn't going to be good for anybody. I pray there is someone wise enough in your life to tell you that.

Good News

Lads to Leaders has released the Bible Bowl test and Pearls test High Score winners for this year. They must be in the top ten of the high scorers in their age division to be a winner.

Congratulations to the following Camden Avenue winners...



Bible Bowl High Scorers

Alice Cochran

Klay Cochran

Breanna Tonkery

Levi Wells

Pearls Test High Scorers

Alice Cochran

Breanna Tonkery

Samantha Tonkery

Liberty Wells

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Dealing with Stress

Counselors with Charter Hospital of Mobile, AL published “101 Ways to Cope with Stress.” Some of their suggestions are as follows: Get up 15 minutes earlier. Prepare for the morning the night before. Avoid relying on chemical aids.

Set appointments ahead of time. Don't rely on your memory - write it down. Make duplicate keys. Say “no” more often. Use time wisely. Simplify mealtimes. Always make copies of important papers. Repair anything that doesn't work properly. Smile. Pet a friendly dog or cat. Set priorities in life. Relax, take one day at a time - you have the rest of your life to live.

The Bible also teaches us how to cope with stress by saying, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Php. 4:6).

I am Mark T. Tonkery and this has been a Minute of Meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

Encouragement from God's Word

Continued from last week...

<http://www.churchofchristonline.org> -Aiding Christians in online worship

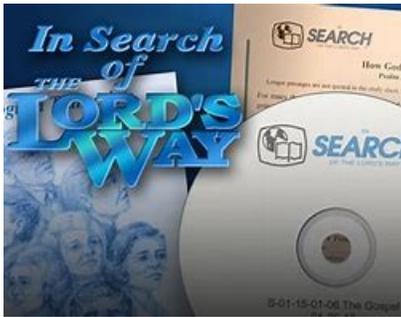
www.youtube.com/CoCRichmond - Richmond, KY worship and Bible class

<https://subsplash.com/sunsetinternationalb-1/media> - Sunset Digital Library

There are many local congregations that are holding services online through you tube and Face-book during the week.

At Camden Avenue we have many Bible correspondence courses, DVD's and past sermons on CD. If you would like any of these please let the office know and we will get them to you.

<http://www.cacoc.net> - The Camden Avenue webpage, we have many past sermons and articles on our webpage.



In Search of the Lord's Way with Phil Sanders
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.

April 19 "The Eternal Word"

There are past programs found on You Tube through <https://www.youtube.com/user/SearchTVMinistry>

You can also request materials by calling 1-800-321-8633

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Facts and Figures

April 5, 2020

Facebook Live AM Service Views.....325
Facebook Live PM Service Views.....227
Facebook Live Wed. Views.....177
Contribution.....\$5640.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....2
Restored or Requested Prayers....1
Placed Membership.....3



Daily Bible Reading

April 13: Luke 10:21-42, Jud. 1-2
April 14: Luke 11:1-28, Jud. 3-4
April 15: Luke 11:29-54, Jud. 5-6
April 16: Luke 12:1-21, Jud. 7-8
April 17: Luke 12:22-40, Jud. 9-10
April 18: Luke 12:41-59, Jud. 11-13
April 19: Luke 13:1-17, Jud. 14-16