

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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LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS
BREATH PRAISE THE
LORD
Psalm 150:6

In Our Prayers

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John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Bill Hoover
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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, Kelly Boyce, Michelle Dailey, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, 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.

We update our Prayer List periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

Special Prayer Requests at this time...

- ◆ Ray Hoover- Is home recuperating
- ◆ Sharon Armstrong - is home recuperating
- ◆ Jasmine Fitcher- in respiratory therapy school in Myrtle Beach, SC , on the front line
- ◆ Carol Hargrove- Hardman's daughter, RN on the front line
- ◆ Bill Lemley- is home recuperating
- ◆ Theresa Steed- in Encompass Health
- ◆ All of those on the front-line

**TRUST
IN THE
LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR** ♥
{proverbs 3:5 }

Announcements

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.**

YOUTH WEEKEND- May 29-30, Sponsored by Sunrise church of Christ at Cedar Lakes with Lonnie Jones. Register: <https://sunriseccoyouth.wixsite.com/mysite>

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



OVCYC YOUTH CAMP- Has been cancelled for this year. The items that have been brought in for them already has either been saved for them for next year (paper products) or placed in our pantry.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Is planned for July 6, 7, 8, 2020. Theme: Flood. Teachers, email Mark at, preachertonk@cacoc.net with your class order. Materials can be found at <https://store.apologeticspress.org/collections/vbs-1> . There are teachers needed for the cradle roll and the 3-year old classes. Let Doug Wells know if you are able to teach.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for April is Psalms 42-72. Read and then let the office know. The book of the month for May will be 1 & 2 Timothy.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

SIN IS DEADLY

It was 1987 in Brazil, some children who were playing in a junkyard found a silver metal container. Someone cracked it open to reveal the most exquisite blue, round blob nesting inside. It was different from anything they had ever seen. It glowed even in the daylight!

Before long, a crowd had gathered to look at the glowing ball. Everybody wanted to hold this odd substance. One man dipped his finger in it and wrote his initials on his bare chest. Another couple of people played catch with it like it was a ball. Another man worked the pliable ball into various shapes while the crowd around him laughed.

Later that day, strange symptoms began to appear on the bodies of all the people who had touched the blue blob. Each person began to feel chilled, feverish, and generally weak. Every bit of skin that had come into contact with this glowing glob had burn marks. Within 24 hours the man who had written his initials on his chest had deep burns etched into his skin.

After some investigation, it was discovered that the canister had been stolen from an abandon hospital and sold to the junkyard. The contents had at one time been used to save lives by treating cancer. The highly radioactive material was never intended to be touched by human hands. Within a week all the people who had handled the radioactive material either died or were very sick. (Taken from Conspiracy of Kindness, by Steve Sjogren. For more info. on this story go to <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/accidental-poisoning-in-brazil>)

As I read this story, I could not help but think how this incident with the radioactive material is much like sin. Humans were not designed to deal with it, yet we see in Gen. 3 that Adam and Eve, along with Satan introduced sin into our world. Now people are fascinated with sin's pleasure, gratification, and excitement just as those people in Brazil with the radioactive material; yet not knowing what they were playing with. Then disaster hits those who continue to play with sin, they get the disease, a broken relationship, a lost job, or hundreds of other ill effects. Rom. 6:23 tells us that the ultimate problem with sin is that it causes spiritual death.

Rom. 6:23 continues and reminds us that Jesus Christ came to rescue us from our sin and gives us eternal life. Jesus had to give His life for us by dying on the cross for our sins. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins, this is where we begin our new life in Christ and die to sin (Rom. 6:1-6). Christ will continue to cleanse us from sin as we continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Sin like radioactive material is dangerous, lets follow Jesus so we will not suffer from eternal death. Think about it!

Today's Sermons on Facebook Live:

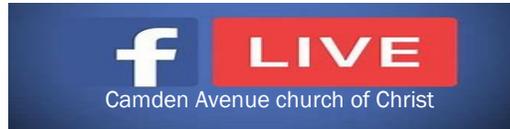
Sunday's Sermons by: Mark T. Tonkery

A.M. Sermon: Praise in the Psalms

Scripture Reading: Psalm 66:1-4

P.M. Sermon: The Rock of my Salvation

Scripture Reading: Psalm 71:1-3



Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Faith's Hall of Fame

The Baseball Hall of Fame is in Cooperstown, New York. The Football Hall of Fame is in Canton, Ohio. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is in Cleveland, Ohio and the Country Music Hall of Fame is in Nashville, TN. In the Bible Hebrews chapter eleven is faith's Hall of Fame.

As one reads this Hall of Fame of Faith one can recall:

Abel's sacrifice, Noah's boat, Sarah's laughter, Rahab's trust, and Abraham's conviction. These individuals trusted, persevered, and hoped in the face of a variety of trials.

One is reminded that God's evaluation of those holy people - was that, "the world was not worthy of them" (11:38a). Even though they died without receiving their reward in this world, they died in hope even yet to be verified (11:39).

The example of these saints shows a powerful example to us. Their courage should encourage us. 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.

Thank You

- ♥ Ron and I appreciate the cards, text messages and phone calls in the passing of my niece's husband, John Lowther. Their son is a high school senior - their daughter a junior. John's seven year battle with cancer is now over. Thank you for caring! Love, Peggy Riddle
- ♥ Thank you for the many cards I received for my birthday from you. Made me want to see all of you again. I receive the bulletin every week, Thank you. Kathleen Albright
- ♥ Thanks for all of the thoughts, prayers and support during my dads/brothers hospital stay. Prayer is powerful and it showed. In Christian love, Cody, Kristi, Edwin, Leah, Henley, Parker, Ellie & Oliver Hoover & Phyllis Fox

Doug's Discussion

Looking for Loopholes

The people of Gibeon tricked the Israelites. Even though they lived nearby they made Joshua believe that they lived very far away. “Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath” (Joshua 9:15). Now, I’m not privy to every word that was said in this sworn treaty but it looks like it was basically “we promise not to kill you.” And then they smacked their own foreheads later because they soon realized someone pulled a fast one on them.

But what if someone else would do the job FOR the duped Israelites? It just so happens that the Israelites were in luck. The five kings of the Amorites were not big fans of this treaty. They assembled their forces and go march against Gibeon to make them . . . less alive. So Gibeon goes to beg Israel for help. And do you know what Joshua could have said? Something like “hahahahahahaha!” Then he could explain, “listen, WE promised not to kill you even though you are taking up the land God gave us. But they are not us. Good luck! We’ll come to finish them off after they have worn themselves out fighting you.” Of course, if you know the story you know that’s not what happened.

Why didn’t Israel just let the Gibeonites die? That could have made life easier for the Israelites for generations. Perhaps their rescue came at the command of God, who used the situation to defeat the armies of the Amorites. Perhaps also Joshua realized using someone else to do your dirty work doesn’t mean you failed to “let them live.” Remember that David didn’t kill Uriah himself, he just put him in a situation that was very likely to lead to pointy things headed Uriah’s direction. But that didn’t stop God from saying “You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites” (2 Samuel 12:9).

If you want to be a champion of what is right (like Joshua was) you have to take some responsibility for what happens – even if your hand is not the one doing the deed. How many times have we just shrugged and said “well it wasn’t me”? Maybe not, but can you help? Can you prevent what is unjust? Can you make something right? Will you refrain from attempting to get out of a promise because of the way it was technically worded? Doing what is right is not compatible with searching for loopholes and shirking responsibility. I think Joshua knew that. Do we?

Bible Call Update

We had 356 Calls in March which represents over 44 hours of Bible teaching via the phone. The highest day was March 2 with 24 calls. The most listened to lessons 111 Loneliness and What To Do About It (19), 652 The Rapture (17), 110 Overcoming Worry (15), 115 Overcoming Depression (12), 407 Divorce and Remarriage (9), 121 Facing the Storms of Life (8).

We continue to have requests for Bible Studies and for leaflets to be sent to sister congregations. 600 leaflets were sent to a small congregation in Texas. We provided the information so a congregation in VA can print their own leaflets. We have mailed 5 carrier routes in Parkersburg in April.

If you are willing to mail the carrier route you live in or help with funds to mail more of Wood County at this time let me know. Carrier routes are between 500 – 600 homes and that costs about \$165 to process. At this time when people are confined at home and more open to searching for answers would it not be good to double up our efforts. --David Epler



BIBLE CALL

304.420.2416

WWW.BIBLECALL.INFO

24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK.

BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.

DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.

WHY NOT USE YOUR EXTRA TIME TO PREPARE TO TEACH OTHERS THE WORD.

I CAN DO A WEEKLY CLASS TO HELP YOU WITH THIS. USING ZOOM WE CAN HAVE A CLASS TOGETHER. WE WOULD GO OVER THE OPEN BIBLE STUDY "SAFETY CHAIN", the training that we were going to have a workshop on preparing to teach. With the help of Ken Barnes we have a power point presentation using this material that you then could go over with a friend via ZOOM. I could assist you with the class. Don't we all know someone who would be interested in this type of study at this time. All we need to do is ask them. I can do the class with you and them until you feel confidence to do it yourself. Let me know if you would be interested in the workshop via ZOOM and if Sunday's or Friday's at 7pm would be best for you. Email me at djepler@hotmail.com 304 834 1935. --David Epler

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.

May 3 "Born in Sin?"

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

Six Little Stories with Lots of Meanings

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

What **ARE** You Thankful for?

Facts and Figures

April 19, 2020

Facebook Live AM Service Views.....	329
Facebook Live PM Service Views.....	219
Facebook Live Wed. Views.....	241
Contribution.....	\$8328.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

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



Daily Bible Reading

April 27:	Luke 18:1-17, 1 Sam. 10-12
April 28:	Luke 18:18-43, 1 Sam. 13-14
April 29:	Luke 19:1-27, 1 Sam. 15-16
April 30:	Luke 19:28-48, 1 Sam. 17
May 1:	Luke 20:1-26, 1 Sam. 18-19
May 2:	Luke 20:27-47, 1 Sam. 20-22
May 3:	Luke 21:1-24, 1 Sam. 23-24