

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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BE JOYFUL IN HOPE,
PATIENT IN
AFFLICTION,
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.

Romans 12:12

In Our Prayers

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.

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

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Kevin Inman
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24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK

BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.

DISTRIBUTE THEM TO

FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS.



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Donovan Walton on the passing of his nephew, Samuel Riley.



A Note from the Elders:

The elders wish to let all the congregation know about a change in the holding of public services at the Camden Avenue building. Effective immediately and going to and including the Wednesday night 4/29 Bible class, there will be no services at our building.

Mark/Doug will be continuing their good work on Facebook Live. Beginning this Sunday, we will be adding a service on Facebook Live at 9:30am. The 6pm Sunday and 7pm Wednesday messages will continue.

During this time, we encourage everyone to check on each other and to stay as connected as possible while we endure this difficult situation. Please continue to pray concerning this pandemic and for all those affected by it.

If you have a need, please contact the office, the preachers or one of the elders so we can assist you.

We will continue to keep you informed as we move toward May as we look forward to the time of being physically together again.

Worship Services will be held on Facebook Live

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Sunday evenings at 6pm

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

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

Connect to our Camden Avenue Facebook page.



Invite others to join our page.

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

Youth News

PROM ALTERNATIVE

May 2, 7pm. North End church of Christ is holding the prom alternative, Murder Mystery Dinner at OVU chapel. More info and registration forms available on the youth bulletin board.

YOUTH WEEKEND

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

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Struggles in life

A little girl walking in a garden noticed a particularly beautiful flower. She admired its beauty and enjoyed its fragrance. "It's so pretty!" she exclaimed. As she gazed on it, her eyes followed the stem down to the soil in which it grew. "This flower is too pretty to be planted in such dirt!" she cried. So she pulled it up by its roots and ran to the water faucet to wash away the soil. It wasn't long until the flower wilted and died.

When the gardener saw what the little girl had done, he exclaimed, "You have destroyed my finest plant!"

"I'm sorry, but I didn't like it in that dirt," she said. The gardener replied, "I chose that spot and mixed the soil because I knew that only there could it grow to be a beautiful flower."

Often we murmur because of the circumstances into which God has placed us. We fail to realize that He is using our pressures, trials, and difficulties to bring us to a new degree of spiritual beauty.

The Apostle Paul reminds in 2 Corinthians 5:1-7, "For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight."

Christian there will be struggles, trails, temptations, and moments of pain in this life. It is important to develop and maintain a Christian attitude in the midst of our suffering. Remember in Romans 8:37 "... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. Every day, he prayed intently for God to rescue him, but it seemed He just wasn't listening. He eventually managed to build himself a hut out of driftwood to protect him from the weather and store what few possessions he had managed to salvage. Then, one day after scavenging for food, he arrived 'home' to find his hut was on fire after being struck by lightning. The worst he could imagine had happened. Everything he had was lost. He would surely just give up and die now.

"God, how could you do this to me!?" he cried.

Early the next morning, as he lie on the shore distraught, he was startled by a group of men who had arrived by boat to rescue him.

"How did you know I was here?" he asked.

They replied, "We saw your smoke signal."

It is so easy to get discouraged when things are going wrong and we are facing many trials. We may even blame God for the things that are happening, or complain because He doesn't answer our prayers in the way we want Him to. But God is always at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time 'your hut is burning'...it may be a 'smoke signal' given by the grace of God. He loves you and cares for you even if you can't always see it.

Today's Sermon Notes:

AM Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery through Facebook Live at 9:30am

My soul thirsts for God

Text: Psalm 42

What happens to people when discouragement sets in?

I. My _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

II. My _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

III. My _____

a. Longing _____

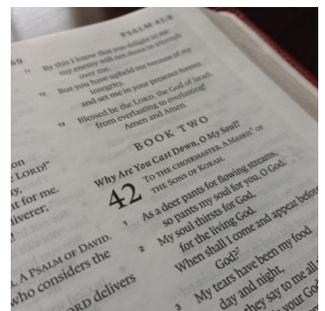
b. Long _____

c. Learn _____

PM Sermon with Doug Wells on Facebook Live at 6pm

"Red Letters are Better than Scarlett Letters"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:5-8





**LADS
TO
LEADERS**

LEADERETTES

Under normal circumstances we would be in our last week of preparation for the convention in Louisville. With much disappointment I looked at the normal preconvention information that is now on the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes web site. As I looked over the details my disappointment turned to pride as I looked at all our group had accomplished this year even without having a convention. As we all know this will pass. With that in mind we can now start the work for next year. The Bible Bowl book and theme have been identified. The Bible Bowl book will be Hebrews and the theme will be "Better Than."

We will do something when we are able to celebrate all of the effort of our kids for this year. This week I would like to finish recognizing our kids. We have three seniors as part of our group that will be moving on with their lives. They are working on a way for the seniors to participate next year. Even with all we are dealing with at this time I would like to say thank you to the congregation for the support we receive!

Todd Kirk

Breanna Tonkery

Art Says It
Group Banner
Group Scrapbook
Bible Bowl Team
Bible Bowl Test
Speech Winner Circle
Centurion of Scripture
Good Samaritan
Keepers
Know the Books
Read the Word
Year-Round Song Leading
Teach to Teach
Mass Media
Pearls Test
Second Language

Dylan Muncy

Good Samaritan
Read the Word
Group Scrapbook
Song Leading
Year-Round Song Leading
Year-Round Speech

Clifton Inman

Art Says it
Oral Bible reading
Good Samaritan
Know the Books
Year-Round Song Leading
Providers

Edwin Hoover

Art Says It
Good Samaritan
Read the Word

Haylee Smith

Songs of Praise Winner Circle
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team

Levi Wells

Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Good Samaritan
Know the Books
Art Says It

Those that read the book of the month for March

Rick Stanley
Eloise Smith
Dot Haught
Debbie Amos
Sami Tonkery
Naomi Carr
Sandy Hughes

Sonya Hescht
Dorothy Stevens
Charlotte Galloway
Mark T. Tonkery
Nancy Inman
Bill Davis
Joyce Wright

Jo Langler
Charlotte Deem
Richard Cozad
Breanna Tonkery
Delmas Carr
Jim Hughes
Clyde Yoho

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



Camden Avenue Bible Bowl

October 3, 2020

Hebrews & James (6th grade and
under Hebrews only)

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I like the story of the little girl who heard a sermon on "Is God Dead?" That evening, as she said her prayers, she included the following: "And please, God, don't die, because if you do, we're all sunk!"

Prayer works, because God is alive, and He works. The Bible tells us because God works that we are to ask anything according to His will (1 Jn 5:14).

There is power in prayer, but too many of us use prayer like we use a spare tire, just in emergencies. Prayer is not just to be used in an emergency. To use prayer only in times of trouble deprives ourselves of a great source of daily strength. 1 Thess. 5:17, states to pray without ceasing and James 5:16 tells us, "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." Don't forget to pray!

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.



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 12: "A Man Attested"

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

Check out these ways to be encouraged and learn more about God's word...

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

Bible Call- 100's of subjects through your phone 304-420-2416

<http://www.cacoc.net> - We have many past sermons on our webpage

<https://www.truth.fm>- Internet Radio for Churches of Christ

<https://www.internationalgospelhour.com/free>—Video's and online Bible studies

<https://www.fhu.edu/lectureship/itunes>—many audio and video recordings from past lectureships.

<http://www.biblewaymedia.org> - podcasts for kindergarten through adults

<https://thelightnetwork.tv>- podcasts from many different speakers

<https://gbntv.org>- Gospel Broadcasting Network

<https://video.wvbs.org>—World Video Bible School

<http://www.audioevangelism.com>- Audio sermons

<https://bibletalk.tv>- Bible classes, sermons & devotionals

<https://searchingfortruth.org>— a program from world video Bible school

<https://scripturessay.com>— What do the scriptures say on different subjects

<https://www.wetrainpreachers.com/study-resources>— From Bear Valley Bible Institute

<https://truthfortheworld.org>— Video's and articles

<https://thegospelofchrist.com>— Free DVDs, CDs, and digital downloads

<http://www.keytothekingdom.com/KTTK/Resources.htm>—Audio & Video lessons

On Spotify, Amazon Music, You Tube, and other digital outlets you can search **"Teaching and Admonishing. Andy Robison"** for 68 original songs written and recorded. (every time you listen on these WVCYC gets a few cents with no cost to you)

Facts and Figures

March 29, 2020

AM Service.....	75
Facebook Live PM Service Views.....	193
Facebook Live Wed. Views.....	137
Contribution.....	\$5600.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

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



Daily Bible Reading

April 6: Luke 8:1-18, Jos. 10-12

April 7: Luke 8:19-39, Jos. 13-14

April 8: Luke 8:40-56, Jos. 15-16

April 9: Luke 9:1-27, Jos. 17-18

April 10: Luke 9:28-45, Jos. 19-20

April 11: Luke 9:46-62, Jos. 21-22

April 12: Luke 10:1-2, Jos. 23-24