

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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P R O V E R B S 3 : 5 - 6

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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I can do
ALL THINGS
through
CHRIST
Who
STRENGTHENS
ME Phil 4:13

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 Led-some, 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), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), 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 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
- ◆ Kathleen Albright- was in the hospital last week.
- ◆ All of those on the front-line

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Fleak. She passed away Thursday. There are no services planned.

We extend our sympathy to Bill Davis on the passing of his brother Karl Davis. There will be a memorial service at a later date.

We extend our sympathy to Clayton Huber on the passing of his father James Huber. There will be a memorial service at a later date.

We extend our sympathy to Daniel Rich on the passing of his grandfather.

Announcements

Worship Services will be held on Facebook Live

Sunday morning at 9:30am

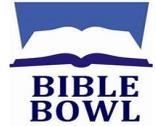
Sunday evening at 6pm

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. Has been canceled.

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



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>.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for May is 1 & 2 Timothy. Read and then sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

BIBLE CLASS INFO- The Bible class quarters are being changed. The summer quarter will now be June, July and August.

TEACHER NEEDED- A teacher is needed for the 4 & 5 year old Wednesday night class beginning in the summer quarter. Let Doug Wells know if you are able to teach.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

The New Birth

Jesus tells us in John 3:5, "...Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Jesus here teaches that in order for one to enter the kingdom of God; God's new nation of people; the church one must be born; baptized of water and in the Spirit.

There are many who want to argue that baptism, which one must enter to become a Christian is not immersion; some say it is sprinkling or pouring of water. A quick word study of the New Testament Greek can help us to understand that baptism is immersion.

When one compares the Greek words for sprinkling, pouring, and immersion the language is clear that the Holy Spirit meant immersion in regards for one to become a Christian.

The word "sprinkle" in Greek is (rhantizō - *hran-tid'zo*) (Strong's Complete Dictionary, G4472).

The word "pour" in Greek (ekcheō; ekchunō - *ek-kheh'o, ek-khoo'no*) (Strongs G1632).

Then the word baptism in Greek (baptō - *bap'to*) A primary verb; to *whelm*, that is, cover wholly with a fluid; in the New Testament only in a qualified or specific sense, that is, (literally) to *moisten* (a part of one's person), or (by implication) to *stain* (as with dye): - dip. (Strongs G911). The Greek verb baptizo translated in the First Century, would mean "dip", "submerge", or "immersion." (Vine's Expository Dictionary, p 96).

With this said if the Holy Spirit wanted to use the Greek words for sprinkling, or pouring for baptism, the Greek words were ready available in the First Century. So we can see that the meaning is clear that God desired people to be immersed into water, to experience the New Birth.

Some may say well that is pretty technical, I don't know Greek; is there a simpler way to understand this? The answer is yes. If one does not know the Greek then one could read our English Bible and get a clear understanding of one being immersed.

For example Col. 2:12 reads, "...Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead." (Also see Rom. 6:3-6). Notice it states that we are "buried" in baptism..." We understand what buried is; it is to cover completely up. Such as when one goes to a cemetery to lay to rest a loved one; we do not leave a body exposed to the elements, nor do we sprinkle or just pour some dirt over the casket. We "bury" them completely in the ground. In a similar way we are "buried," "covered," or "immersed" in water to get into Christ.

Then there is the example of immersion in John 3:23, "John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized." John's baptism which prepared the way for the baptism that Jesus authorized (Mt. 28:19-20) was done with much water, meaning immersion. We also see in Acts 8:38 that Philip took the Eunuch down into the water to be immersed into Christ.

As we have discussed the mode of baptism we must not forget why one is to be immersed into Christ. Mark 16:15,16 Jesus tells us that this is the proper response to the preaching of the gospel, in which one must believe and is baptized. Baptism is stated as the place where one is saved. On the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:38 baptism is the point of remission of sins in the name of Christ and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then in Romans 6:3-6; 17-18 baptism is enacting and obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Have you truly been born again, and thereby have entered the Kingdom of God? Have you confessed your faith in Christ, repented of your sins, and been immersed into Christ, or are you still spiritually dead? Think about it!

Today's Sermons on Facebook Live:

AM Sermon with Mark T. Tonkery
The Preachers Care for the Church
1 Timothy 1:2-7

PM Sermon with Doug Wells
Compelled by Christ
2 Corinthians 5:14-17



Send a card...

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Thank You

♥ First of all thanks to Mark for the beautiful scriptures and prayer each day. Thank you to all for the cards and calls. It helps so much to pass the days. Love you all so much. The Hardmans

♥ We would like to thank you all for the cards, texts, emails and calls expressing condolences for the passing of my father, Jim Huber. We especially appreciate your prayers on our behalf. Clayton & Verna Huber



Doug's Discussion

One > One Thousand

My wife makes some delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies. I had a couple yesterday. (In this case I am using the word “couple” very loosely). In fact, I would say they are so good I would rather have one of her cookies than a thousand pre-packaged, over-processed ones made by the elves. Eating a thousand cookies is really bad for you anyway. But that’s how I value them. Doesn’t that make sense? Wouldn’t you rather have one of something you really want than a whole bunch of something you don’t want?

Even though many deny it, our deepest desire is not for a cookie (or anything else) but for the Lord. “My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God” (Psalm 84:2). There’s a sentence from someone who understands. We have a bad habit of pursuing a million other things, thinking that’s what we really want, when all the while our true desire was for God. You thought your life’s meaning was to get that promotion. But did your “heart and flesh” stop crying out once you had achieved it? You thought chasing that addiction was your deepest desire. But did your soul still yearn, even faint, for something else all the while? I bet it did.

Don’t settle for something you don’t really want just because you can get a whole lot of it. Quality over quantity my friends! Those who come near God find that time so precious that they wouldn’t trade it for mountains of anything else. “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked” (Psalm 84:10). Three years spent living off of cheap substitutes is not better than one moment spent in the presence of God.

If our heart has been twisted by sin we may want all kinds of things that are not good for us. The more the better we think – to our own detriment. But I hope the day comes when you finally find what you should have been seeking all along. Then you will say along with Paul, “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Philippians 3:8). You’ll look back at your time away from God and think, “you know, I wouldn’t trade a thousand of those days for just one of these. That would be a bad trade.” And you’ll be right.

God's Invitation

Those who obey God are His chosen people, a royal priesthood and a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9). There is no difference whether one is a Jew or Gentile, a American or Russian, Indian or Arab (Galatians 3:27-29; Ephesians 2:13). God is not concerned with who we are, but through Christ He offers salvation to all who obey Him (Hebrews 5:9). God wants His people to be holy and righteous (Colossians 1:20-22; 1 Peter 2:5-10).

Through the Word, God's invitation has gone out to all who will listen. "And the spirit and the birds say, Come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

Is there something that stands between you and answering God's invitation, or service Him as he has commanded? Newspapers are full of obituaries every day. The writer of Hebrews affirms that "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Whosoever will...will you come and take of the Water of Life?

Taken from Bulletin Digest

The Need to be Baptized

If the Jews on the Day of Pentecost needed to be baptized (Acts 2)...and if the Ethiopian nobleman needed to be baptized (Acts 8:26-40)...and if Paul needed to be baptized (Acts 9, 22:16)...and if Cornelius needed to be baptized (Acts 10)...then don't you need to be baptized? Yes you do, because baptism saves (1 Peter 3:20-21)

Taken from Bulletin Digest

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4



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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.

Serving In Worship

Sunday, May 10

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ben Haught

PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jordan Smith

Close - Brian Knotts

6:00 PM - Brian Haught

Close - Levi Wells

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Gaston

PM - Ryan Logston

COMMUNION

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Kody Hoover

Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1- Mike Wade
2- Paul Saunders
3- Dennis Keller

PM
1. Josh & Zoe Hall
2 Denny & Sandy Keller
Doors 3 & 4 Unattended
3. Rick & Kay Stanley
4. Scott & Gwen Johnson

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Bible Quiz

Do you know the distance from Jerusalem to Jericho?
Solve the following:

Divide the number of fish caught in the Sea of Tiberias _____ by the number of days Jonah was in the great fish _____, from which subtract the number of jars used in Jesus' first miracle _____, add to this the number of persons Jesus took into the room when Jairus' daughter was raised _____ subtract the number of years the man healed at the pool of Bethesda was afflicted _____ multiply by the number of times Peter denied the Lord _____, from which subtract the sum of the foolish virgins _____, and the number of baskets gathered after feeding the four thousand _____, then subtract the number of demons cast out of Mary Magdalene _____ you will have _____, the number of miles from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Taken from Bulletin Digest

*Don't **SHINE** so others
can see you. **SHINE** so that,
THROUGH you,
OTHERS can see*

HIM.

Facts and Figures

April 26, 2020

Facebook Live AM Service Views.....261

Facebook Live PM Service Views.....204

Facebook Live Wed. Views.....151

Contribution.....\$3621.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....3

In Search of the
Lord's Way
each Sunday morning
at 7:30 on WTAP

May 3
"Born in Sin?"

Daily Bible Reading

May 4: Luke 21:25-38, 1 Sam. 25-26

May 5: Luke 22:1-23, 1 Sam. 27-29

May 6: Luke 22:24-53, 1 Sam. 30-31

May 7: Luke 22:54-71, 2 Sam. 1-3

May 8: Luke 23:1-25, 2 Sam. 4-6

May 9: Luke 23:26-56, 2 Sam. 7-10

May 10: Luke 24:1-12, 2 Sam. 11-12