

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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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AND LET US
RUN HEBREWS 12:1-2 
WITH PATIENCE
THE RACE THAT
IS SET BEFORE US
LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
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Leonard Haid
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Our church family in need of prayers

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, 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, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Michelle Dailey, Beth Ferguson, Lindsay French (Patrick Rine's niece), 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), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill), Dale Lester (Ron Holleron's brother-in-law), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Tim Stewart (Brandi Heschts uncle), Katelyn Vincent (Vincent's Granddaughter), Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins), Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

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.



New Prayer Request updates this week...

- ♥ Ruth Wells- has been in the hospital for observation.
- ♥ Ray Peters- had stints put in last week and is home recuperating.

Announcements

PLEASE NOTE- Beginning today we will once again be meeting **at the building** for our 6pm worship service. We will also be meeting **at the building** this Wednesday July 1 for our Summer Sermon Series. There will not be any classes meeting.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for June is Amos. Read and then sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the office to sign up. The book of the month for July will be Acts.

LAWN CREWS- This week July 2-4 Team 1 is in charge of the lawn. Team 1 includes Gene Dulaney, Doug & Drew Hershman, Ryan Highman & Ken Barnes. If you have any problems call Jim Galloway.

BRIDGEPORT LADIES RETREAT- Sept. 18 & 19 held at Jackson's Mill. Registration has been extended to August 23rd. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Continues this Wednesday at the building at 7pm. Bob Crawford will be speaking on Spiritual Growth.

Thank You

- ♥ We want to thank everyone for the lovely cards for Jim's birthday and our anniversary. They were all so nice and had such lovely handwritten notes inside. We miss all of you and hope to see you soon." Jim and Sandy Hughes
- ♥ Thanks to you for the good wishes and kind words for our 68th wedding anniversary. Walter & Merilee Morgan
- ♥ Thank you Dylan Muncy for power washing the walk-ways.
- ♥ Thanks to all for the happy anniversary wishes we received. Jim & Charlotte
- ♥ Your Prayers have been a blessing - after many months my brother, Roger, has recovered from surgeries, finished his treatments and is cancer free! Love, Ron Riddle
- ♥ Thanks to each of you for helping us celebrate our 30th Wedding Anniversary - Love Ron & Peggy Riddle

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Class of 2020

"Long ago, in ancient Greece, when formal education was for the very rich or the very determined, a wise old teacher was approached by a group of noblemen. "Our sons have completed their studies and it is time for them to return to their homes and live in the style befitting their station. On the morrow, we will hold a great banquet in their honor and expect them to be dressed in their finest garment." The old man smilingly answered, "They will be there," and he added, "Appropriately dressed."

The following day, the banquet hall was filled with royalty and nobility dressed in dazzling jewels and costly finery. Then came the great moment when the students entered with their beloved teacher. A startled cry arose from the crowd. For here were their young men dressed, not in the garments of the noble, but in simple sackcloth robes, each carrying a mortarboard -- the mark of a common workman.

"Let me explain," spoke the teacher as he raised his hands for silence. "Your sons are dressed in the clothing of the mason, for their destiny is to build. Some will build cities, some will build lives -- perhaps one of them may even build an empire. But all will be builders in the solid foundation of knowledge."

And thus, over the years, the cap and gown have become a traditional part of graduation, symbolizing the fact that our young men and women are builders of their own future and the future of the world."^[1]

It is hard to believe all the class of 2020 has gone through during their twelve years of education. It has been a long time since one graduating class of high school seniors have faced as many obstacles as the class of 2020. This class has not known a world without the events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001. They came into a world knowing about terrorism, war on terrorism, and radical Islam. This class also had to deal with the fear of school and other mass shootings. They have known that the world is not a safe place with Hurricanes like Katerina and Sandy. There have been all kinds of disasters and diseases. Yet the obstacles still never seem to cease. Their final year of high school was interrupted with the Covid-19 pandemic, followed by the mass riots and protests around our country. With all this the class of 2020 still graduated, and they are still optimistic and making plans for the future.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020, you have earned not just an education in learning but also in life. It is through this learning maybe you can make the world a better place building with your knowledge and your faith.

With this thought in mind this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. here at the building we will honor our young people who have and are going to continue to be trained to be builders of the church, builders of their future, and builders of the world. Rom. 12:10 reminds us to honor one another, and graduation is something we should honor among those who have fulfilled the requirements that have been put before them. Young people keep up the great work and again congratulations.



[1] The Legend of the Cap and Gown, Belington Church of Christ Bulletin. May 26, 1996 Vol. 4 number 2

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Famine of the Word of God

Scripture Reading: Amos 8:11

How can there be a famine of the word of God?

I. _____ powers withheld the word of God.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

II. _____ withheld the word himself.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

III. _____ withheld themselves from God's word.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

David's Fallen Tent Scripture Reading: Amos 9:11-12

Doug's Discussion

Good Job Graduates!

We have so many graduates at Camden Avenue this year! I would like to personally congratulate Haylee Smith, Ben Haught, Gavin Hilliard, Dylan Muncy, Dalton Turner, and Breanna Tonkery for their accomplishment. A certain virus which shall not be named didn't make it easy! But you all adapted and overcame, and I'm proud of you.

I will always be available to any of you. You can text me anytime. There's no doubt as you travel this world that your faith will be questioned. College professors at secular schools are notorious for that. I assure you that there are reasonable answers to their objections. As Paul once said to Festus, "What I am saying is true and reasonable" (Acts 26:25). The unbiased evidence is on the side of the believer! If someone discourages you tell me – and I will do my best to help you guard your faith, which is more precious than gold.

You all have a chance to be such a blessing to this world. Once the early church was scattered, and everywhere the believers went they were a blessing to the community. They brought the gospel and healing to the lost and hurting people. You can do the same! Perhaps one of your roommates doesn't know their purpose. Maybe there is someone nearby who has never known the love of Jesus. Or maybe there's someone out there who just really needs a hug. There will be so many opportunities out there for you to share the good things that God has given you.

Bottom line: I love you. Jesus loves you better. I encourage you to remain in this wonderful love. Yes, there will be many who will try to get you to leave the narrow way. But what they are offering is nothing compared to what you have if you are in Christ. So, congratulations on graduating high school! That's a big deal. But graduate this world holding a crown of life and I will congratulate you forever.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE CELEBRATION Today beginning at 3pm in the auditorium

Come spend some time with the graduates.

We will have a brief speaker and bible presentations at 3:30. Due to COVID 19 concerns we have had to make modifications to our normal recognition. For this year we will not be having the congregation sign the Bible's. In addition, we will not be having food.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our High School Graduates are...

Haylee Smith

Ben Haught

Gavin Hilliard

Dylan Muncy

Dalton Turner

Breanna Tonkery

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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, July 5

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kody Inman

Close - Dave Nulter

6:00 PM - Scott Smith

Close - Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Josh Hall

COMMUNION

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Todd Kirk

Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1- Clayton Huber

2- Verna Huber

3- Josh Hall

PM

1. Jimmy Galloway & Ron Holleron

2 Brian & Natalie Haught

Doors 3 & 4 Unattended

3. Kevin & Becky Inman

4. Bill & Sherry Hoover

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Bible Call Update

We had 208 Calls in May with Bible Call. This represents 23 hours of Bible teaching on the phone lines.

High calls were for lessons 126 :The Secret of Contentment, 122 How to Help Yourself Become Better, 325 How Can Man Be Justified with God?, 601 When and Where Did the New Testament church Begin, 556 Instrumental Music in Worship, 650 Life After Death, 951 The Kingdom and 1000 year Reign, 602 Why are There so Many Different Churches?, 304 Are We Saved by Faith Only? 124 Take a Look At Your Honesty. 112 Gods Answer for Guilt, 111 Loneliness and What to Do About It.

As you see there is a great variety in peoples' interest. We continue several studies by Bible correspondence. I usually start people on the Topical Study by Freeman and then the Survey of the Bible in 30 lessons. From there we use the Study of Acts by David Pharr. We are using several of Joe Galloway's studies for those who have completed these. When talking to others about Bible Call why not ask them if they are interested in a personal study or talking a Bible course via mail.

Would it not be great if we could mail Wood County twice a year with the Bible Call? Can you commit more to this good work? If so Let the Elders know.

We sent 2000 leaflets to a congregation in Texas that is using this in a door knocking campaign this month.

The Steelton congregation in New Martinsville is preparing to mail that area twice a year.

Let us continue to do all we can to reach out with the gospel of Christ. Would you join a weekly class with Zoom to learn more and share with others? Let David Epler know. djepler@hotmail.com

Facts and Figures

June 21, 2020

AM Service178

Facebook Live AM Service Views.....234

Facebook Live PM Service Views.....277

Facebook Live Wed. Views.....389

Contribution.....\$6728.00

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

JULY 5
"Only One Life"

Daily Bible Reading

June 29: Acts 5:17-42, 2 Ch. 12-14

June 30: Acts 6, 2 Ch. 15-17

July 1: Acts 7:1-19, 2 Ch. 18-20

July 2: Acts 7:20-45, 2 Ch. 21-23

July 3: Acts 7:46-50, 2 Ch. 24-25

July 4: Acts: 8:1-25, 2 Ch. 26-28

July 5: Acts 8:26-40, 2 Ch. 29-30