

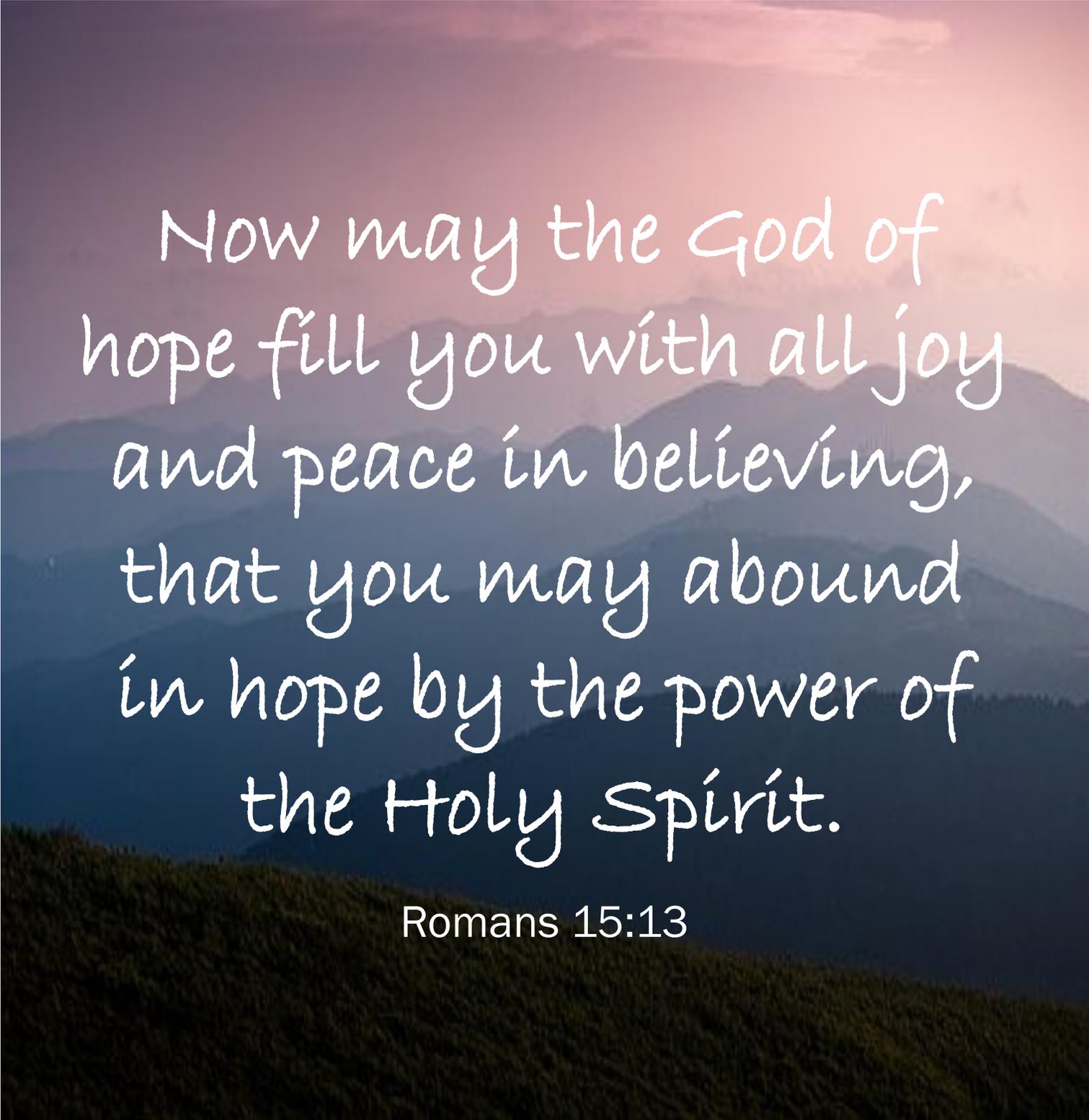
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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Now may the God of
hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing,
that you may abound
in hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
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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, 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, Dorothy Stevens, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Michelle Dailey, Randy Dean (Mark Dean's brother), Beth Ferguson, Lindsay French (Patrick Rine's niece), 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), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Tim Stewart (Brandi Heschts uncle), Hunter Thompson (Hupp's nieces grandson), Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins), Seth Waggoner, 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 Requests this week...

- ◆ Those on the front line including- Jasmine Fitcher, Carol Hargrove and Jill Smith
- ◆ Jordan Smith- recovering from Covid-19
- ◆ Marv Williams (former member at Camden)- Requested prayers
- ◆ Len & Susan Haid- Health problems
- ◆ Ruth Wells- In the hospital for blood pressure issues
- ◆ Our Nation and leaders



Announcements

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for June will be Amos. Read and then call the office to sign up.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES- Wednesday at 7pm on Facebook Live. Dr. Robert Young from Oklahoma will be our speaker. He will be speaking on the subject of fasting.

TEACHERS NEEDED- When we begin classes back again we will need teachers for the Sunday Morning 3 year old class, the Wednesday evening 3 year old class and the Wednesday evening 4 & 5 year old class. Let Doug Wells know if you can help with any of these.



Please join us for a

Drive Through Baby Shower

Celebrating Parents-to-be

Bret and Sarah Wilcoxen

And the future arrival of

Elijah Ray

June 20, 2020

Drop by to show your love and support
anytime between 12-2pm
through the church parking lot:

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

To mail a gift or gift card please send to:

Bret and Sarah Wilcoxen

84 Mike Street

Washington, WV 26181

They are registered at Amazon and Target.



Worship Services
Sunday morning at 9:30
will be held at the building.

Worship Services
Sunday evening at 6pm &
Wednesday evening
at 7pm
Will be held through
Facebook Live



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

THE STONE IN THE ROAD

There is a story told of a king who lived long ago in a country across the sea. He was a very wise king, and spared no effort to teach his people good habits. Often he did things which seemed to them strange and useless; but all that he did, he did to teach his people to be industrious and careful.

“Nothing good can come to a nation,” he said, “whose people complain and expect others to fix their problems for them. The good things of life are given to those who take matters into their own hands.”

One night, while everyone else slept, he placed a large stone in the road that led past his palace. Then he hid behind a hedge, and waited to see what would happen.

First came a farmer with his wagon heavily loaded with grain, which he was taking to the mill to be ground. “Well, whoever saw such carelessness?” he said crossly, as he turned his team and drove around the stone. “Why don’t these lazy people have that rock taken from the road?” And so he went on complaining of the uselessness of others, but not touching the stone himself.

Soon afterward, a young soldier came singing along the road. The long plume of his cap waved in the breeze, and a bright sword hung at his side. He was thinking of the wonderful bravery he would show in the war. The soldier did not see the stone, but struck his foot against it and went sprawling in the dust. He rose to his feet, shook the dust from his clothes, picked up his sword, and stormed angrily about the lazy people who had no more sense than to leave such a huge rock in the road. Then he, too, walked away, not once thinking that he might move it himself.

So the day passed. Everyone who came by complained and whined because the stone lay in the road, but no one touched it.

At last, just at nightfall, the miller’s daughter came past. She was a hard-working girl, and was very tired, because she had been busy since early morning at the mill. But she said to herself, “It is almost dark. Somebody may fall over this stone in the night, and perhaps he could be badly hurt. I will move it out of the way.”

So she tugged at the heavy stone. It was hard to move, but she pulled and pulled, and pushed, and lifted until at last she moved it from its place. To her surprise, she found a box underneath. She lifted the box. It was heavy, for it was filled with something.

Upon it was written: “This box belongs to the one who moves the stone.” She opened the lid, and found it was full of gold! The miller’s daughter went home with a happy heart.

When the farmer and the soldier and all the others heard what had happened, they gathered around the spot in the road where the stone had been. They scratched at the dust with their feet, hoping to turn up a piece of gold.

“My friends,” said the king, “we often find obstacles and burdens in our way. We may complain out loud while we walk around them if we choose, or we can lift them and find out what they mean. Disappointment is usually the price of laziness.” Then the wise king mounted his horse and, with a polite “Good evening,” rode away. (Taken from William J. Bennett, *The Moral Compass* New York, Simon & Schuster, 1995).

This story reminds me of what Pro. 12:24 has been trying to teach us, “The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.” Many times people will chose to complain or chose laziness over trying to do something about a situation. May we be a people who strive to be a blessing and help one another, instead choosing to complain or do nothing. Think about it!



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery
Prepare to Meet Your God
Text: Amos 4:12

Are we prepared to meet our God?

i. We each _____

ii. We may _____

iii. We will _____

Do you have the confidence to stand before God today?

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells
We Fight Differently 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Doug's Discussion

Even the Smartest Aren't Smarter than God

One of the smartest people to ever walk the earth was a man named Ahithophel. He was one of David's counselors, a man so good at seeing the most desirable course of action that the Bible says "in those days the advice Ahithophel gave was like that of one who inquires of God" (2 Samuel 16:23). Unfortunately, this man betrayed David and joined his rebellious son who tried to take the kingdom by force. This is a major blow, to lose such a smart counselor, so David prays "O Lord, turn Ahithophel's counsel into foolishness" (15:31).

The thing is, going against the will of God is not smart no matter how smart you think you are. Ahithophel knew exactly how to beat David. The man was a genius - no doubt about that. He gives the revolting son the exact plan to secure the kingdom with minimal casualties. But it didn't matter because God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts. It was not God's will for David to lose the kingdom in this way and no one is smarter than God is. After being given the perfect plan the son decides to listen to someone else - someone who was actually helping David. God overcame the genius by making the losing plan sound better than the good one.

My friends, there are many smart people out there coming out with all kinds of schemes. Strategies and plots to overcome the kingdom of God. But I encourage you not to be worried, no matter how smart they are. "There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord" (Proverbs 21:30). There are a million different ways that God can turn an evil plan around and have it instead accomplish good. That's why things worked out for David. And that's why, if you are faithful to the Lord, things will work out for you.

Ahithophel knew exactly what would happen when his plan wasn't followed. He left the doomed conspiracy and went home to die, feeling a lot less clever. And that's how all those to work against the Lord will feel. "I thought I was so smart . . . what was I thinking?" I guess that you were smarter than God. But no one is. No one. God will always prevail.

Congratulations

Dad Kyle & Mom Brittany Knotts ,
Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles
on the birth of

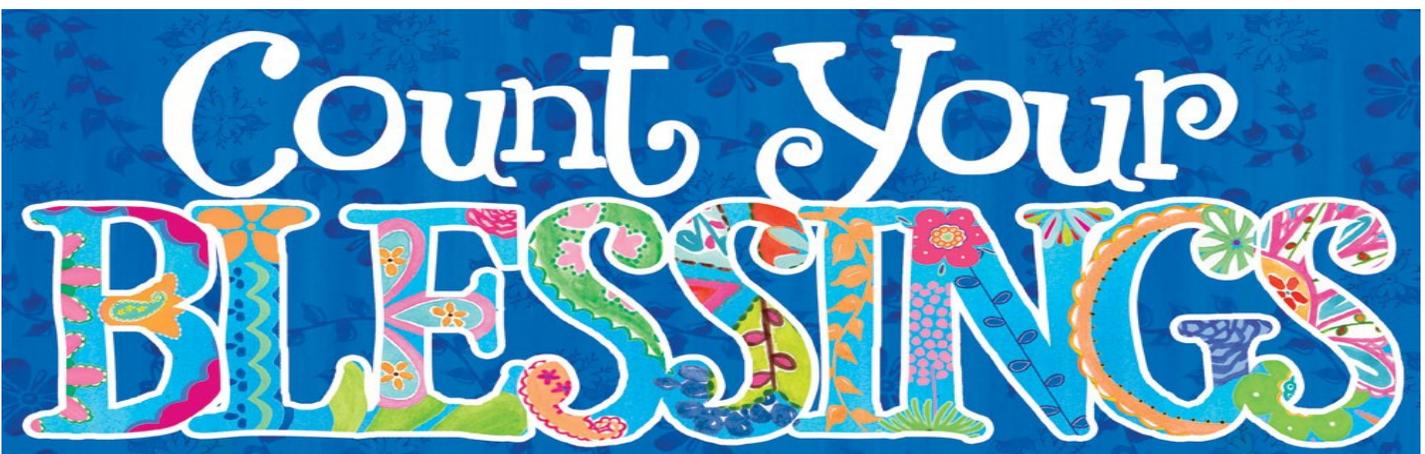
Amelia Ann Knotts, 4 pounds and 15 oz
&

Waylon Ralph Knotts, 4 pounds and 10 oz.
Born Wednesday all are doing well.



Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for the daily devotions. I miss everyone! Melva Farris
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and phone calls. Bill & Carolyn Davis
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards they were really nice. Carolyn Davis
- ♥ Thank you to Paula Stone for donating the masks for us to use.
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and Facebook messages for our anniversary. Mark & Laura Tonkery
- ♥ Thank you Joe & Sharon Wilson for the cookies for the office staff. They were delicious!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who sent me birthday cards! It was a great day! Breanna Tonkery



Serving In Worship

Sunday, June 14

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Mike Wade

Close - Clayton Huber

6:00 PM - Todd Kirk

Close - Walter Morgan

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Donovan Walton

COMMUNION

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Brian Haught

Ben Haught

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1- Dwain Shears

2- Jeff Taberner

3- Julie Taberner

PM

1. Josh & Zoe Hall

2 Denny & Sandy Keller

Doors 3 & 4 Unattended

3. Paul & Barb Saunders

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

Those that read 1st & 2nd Timothy in May

Dave Nulter

Lois Nulter

Paul Saunders

Jo Langler

Eloise Smith

Sandy Hughes

Jim Hughes

Mark Tonkery

Bill Mills

Kay Mills

Debbie Amos

Charlotte Deem

Cindy Huxley

Sonya Hescht

Marvin McMaster

Peg Phillips

Gene Phillips

Arrahwanna McMaster

Dorothy Stevens

Delmas Carr

Naomi Carr

Rick Stanley

Amanda Cochran

Klay Cochran

Kaleb Cochran

Alice Cochran

Susan Anderson

Lucille Hardman

Breanna Tonkery

Charlotte Galloway

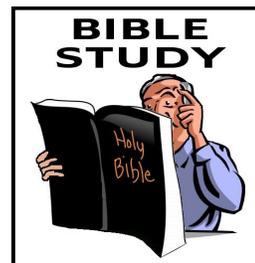
David Epler

Christine Epler

The Book of the month for June is Amos. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board or let the office know.

Good News

Dave Nulter has read the entire Bible through in 2020!



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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.



Facts and Figures

May 31, 2020

AM Service160

Facebook Live AM Service Views.....315

Facebook Live PM Service Views.....420

Facebook Live Wed. Views.....259

Contribution.....\$7214.00

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

JUNE 14
"A Servant's Heart"

Daily Bible Reading

June 8: John 13:1-20, 2 Kings 20-21

June 9: John 13:21-38, 2 Kings 22-23

June 10: John 14:1-14, 2 Kings 24-25

June 11: John 14:15-31, 1 Ch. 1-2

June 12: John 14, 1 Ch. 3-5

June 13: John 16, 1 Ch. 6

June 14: John 17, 1 Ch. 7-8