

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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My Heavenly Father

My dear Heavenly Father
So holy and divine
It's such a wonderful privilege
To hear Him say "you're mine"

My dear Heavenly Father
Knows all about me and you
His eyes are forever upon us
To Him why not be true

My dear Heavenly Father
For Him I will obey
And faithfully do His will
So I won't be led astray

Now I submit my life to Him
Was blind and couldn't see
Each day I study and learn His word
He knows what's best for me

Written by: Jo Langler

In Our Prayers

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John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Our church family in need of prayers

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Barbara Cramlet, Jim Dailey, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Richard Marshall, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, 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, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Charles & Paula Hill, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Nona Huxley (Cindy Huxley's mother-in-law), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill), Shawn & Madison Michael (Neighbors of Nulters), Bob Payne (friend of Tonkerys), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Tim Stewart (Brandi Heschts uncle), 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...

- ♥ Charles & Paula Hill home recuperating from Covid-19
- ♥ Clarence Deloach moved to rehab last week.
- ♥ Tom Little- Mark's uncle will be having cancer surgery next week.

BIBLE CALL

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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.



Announcements

PLEASE NOTE- We are meeting at the building for all worship service times, including Sunday Morning 9:30am worship, Sunday Evening 6pm worship and Wednesday Evening 7pm worship. There will not be any classes meeting.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for July is Acts. Read and then sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the office to sign up. The book of the month for August will be Psalms 73-89.

LAWN CREWS- This week July 30-August 1 Team 1 is in charge of the lawn. Team 1 includes Gene Dulaney, Doug & Drew Hershman, Ryan Highman and 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. Doug Wells will be speaking on "What does the Bible say about Abortion"?

WVCYC GOLF BENEFIT- Saturday August 8. At Mingo bottom Golf Club. All proceeds go directly to WVCYC's operating fund. More information available on the bulletin board.

BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE- Thursday at 7pm. Through Zoom and Kahoot. See Doug Wells for more details.

CONGRATULATIONS

Elijah Ray was born July 16. 6lbs 6oz, 21 inches long
Parents Bret & Sarah Wilcoxen,
Grandparents Steve & Linda Gray,
Great Grandparents Donna Tice, Bill & Carolyn Davis



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

We are Possible! Part 1

The story is told of a kindergarten class in Chattanooga, Tennessee in which the teacher had asked the children what they wanted to be when they grew up. After several interesting and typical responses, one little girl raised her hand and said, "Teacher, I just want to be possible." The teacher was a bit perplexed and asked, "Why, Mary, that's nice but why do you want to be possible?" "Because my mom is always saying to me, "Mary, you're just impossible.' So, when I grow up I want to be possible."

Like little Mary, we want to be possible, we want our loved ones to be possible and we want our congregation to be possible. So many times this world knocks us down and tells us we are impossible, then when we come to worship we are faced with more impossibilities, empty pews, negative people and more deaths. These things seem to scream, "We're impossible."

As easy as it is to get discourage we must keep in mind that we are not impossible. We are possible! God has always worked in his people to make them possible remember Gideon and his 300 men, God made the victory possible, what about Moses and the Red Sea, God made it possible for the children of Israel to walk on dry land and what about Jesus in the tomb, to the disciples it looked impossible but God made the impossible possible and because of that there is a empty tomb in Jerusalem today.

So when we are faced with difficulties, trials, and troubles remember the odds are in God's favor. He will make things possible that we could never have imagine.

Aren't you glad God looks at us as possibilities and never states we are impossible!

~~IMPOSSIBLE~~

Today's Sermon Notes

Morning Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery
The Resurrection Brought Joy
Scripture Reading: Acts 13:47-49

I. The Resurrection Brought Joy _____.

II. The Resurrection Brought Joy _____.

III. The Resurrection Brings Joy _____.

Evening Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery
Our Purpose
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:4-6

The Tonkery's will be taking Breanna to Freed-Hardeman next Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel. Doug Wells will be speaking Sunday August 2 for the morning and evening services.

Doug's Discussion

Do Better Than Close

There are some people in Scripture who are not far from the kingdom of God. In fact, Jesus said those very words to someone in Mark 12:34: "When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'" Not far . . . but apparently not there yet. If these close people never arrive that would be a tragedy. Can you imagine traveling all the way to Florida on a Disney World vacation, walking up to the gate, only to immediately turn around and go home? If you have your kids with you they would lose their minds. "We're SO CLOSE! What are you doing? Let's go in!" As painful as that would be it's nothing compared to being turned away from the gates of heaven after having stood only a few feet from Jesus.

Getting close isn't good enough. We must go in. And to do so we might need to deal with some obstacles between us and the gates. A man named Fenix once heard the gospel from the apostle Paul himself. But, as Jesus once predicted would happen in the hearts of some, the concerns of this life were choking out the Word. Like Judas, Fenix loved money. He was more interested in a bribe than the gospel. To accept this message Fenix would have to give up one of his masters. (I read somewhere that you can't serve both God and money.) I suspect his wife was a consideration as well. "His wife Drusilla . . . was a Jewess" (Acts 24:24). The Jews were accusing Paul of wrongdoing and the man's wife was a Jew. I don't know how much of a role this played – but I know that if my wife doesn't like something it's easier for me if I don't like it too. Life goes smoother that way. Fortunately I have a Christian wife – Fenix was not yet so blessed. He would have to make the decision to love Jesus more. But Fenix was shown the way to heaven. He heard the message clearly. Too bad his response to the gospel was ultimately "That's enough for now!" (Acts 24:25).

Close but not there yet. Friends, the reward is in the arrival. Journeys can be hard but we take them anyway for the joy that is before us. If Fenix never repented then he never arrived. God put the destination right in front of his face and he didn't get there anyway. So what's in your way? Money? A relationship? If something keeps you from the destination then I fear you have missed the point of the journey. Do better than just getting close. Make it all the way home.



Excuses, Excuses!

Excuses...we all make them! Perhaps you've seen some of the excuses kids have given for not having their homework assignments:

"I made a paper plane out of it and it got hi-jacked."

"I put it in a safe, but lost the combination."

"I left it in my shirt and my mother put it in the wash."

"My little sister ate it."

"I didn't do it, because I didn't want the other kids in class to look bad."

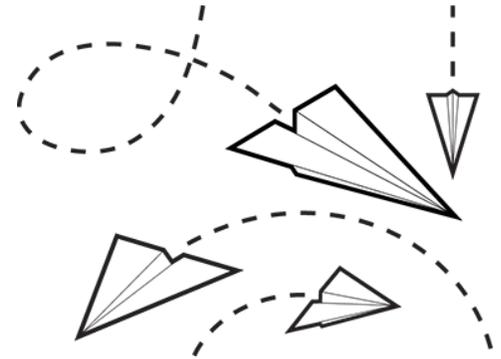
"I didn't do it because I didn't want to add to my teacher's already heavy workload."

Some are more inventive than others...

"My parents couldn't finish it, so they took it to work to get some help."

"With all the suffering in the Third World, how can you even think of something as insignificant as homework?"

"My hard drive, went all, like, whatever on me."



Unfortunately, excuses are not limited to children. Take, for example, the swiss driver caught speeding 100 mph in a 60 mph zone in Canada last week. His excuse? "As a motorist in Switzerland, one takes advantage of the highway and opportunities of driving fast when not in the mountains where you have to drive slow in order to avoid hitting a goat!" His excuse did him little good. He still had to pay the \$330 speeding ticket.

...Excuses Jesus heard them too. On one occasion, He told a parable to illustrate the importance of being His disciple and accepting His invitation to follow Him!

"A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, Come, for everything is now ready. But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me. Another said, I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me. Still another said, I just got married, so I can't come...not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet" Luke 14:16-24.

Are you following Jesus? Have you committed your life to Him or are you rejecting His invitation? If not...what's your excuse?

Taken from Bulletin Digest

Serving In Worship

Sunday, August 2, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - David Epler

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran

Close - Dennis Keller

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Jon Hescht

SCRIPTURE

AM - Don Dougherty

PM - Rick Stanley

COMMUNION

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Paul Inman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of teachers for the following classes when we start holding classes again...

- Sunday 2 year old
- Sunday 3 year old
- Wednesday 3 year old
- Wednesday 4-5 year old's helper
- Wednesday 1-2 grades
- Wednesday 3-5 grades

If you have any questions or can help let Doug Wells know.

Service Times

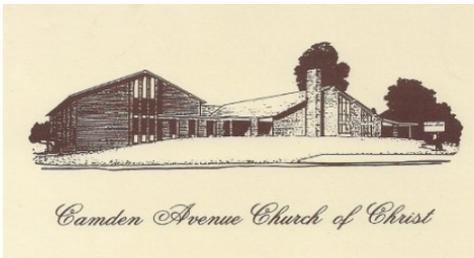
Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm



Children's Bulletins Update

Beginning next Sunday, August 2nd, we will discontinue for a time the use of the colorful bags for the bulletins.

Children's Bulletins will be found in large zip lock bags on the table in the entrance. Each one will contain 3-4 past weekly bulletin and activity sheets.

Crayons will also be available. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to also pick up a pack to take home for further Bible study. If you

have comments or questions, contact Verna Huber.



Facts and Figures

July 19, 2020

AM Service176

Facebook Live AM Service Views.....304

PM Service.....124

Facebook Live PM Service Views.....540

Wednesday PM Service.....no count

Facebook Live Wed. Views.....164

Contribution.....\$8085.00

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

August 2
"Why Jesus Died"



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Daily Bible Reading

July 27: Acts 21:17-40, Job 14-16

July 28: Acts 22, Job 17-19

July 29: Acts 23:1-22, Job 20-21

July 30: Acts 23:23-35, Job 22-23

July 31: Acts 24, Job 24-27

August 1: Acts 25, Job 28-29

August 2: Acts 26, Job 30-31

