

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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*Love the Lord
your God. With
all your heart,
& with all your
soul & with all
your mind.*

Matthew 22:37

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
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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), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill), Tom Little (Mark's uncle), Shawn & Madison Michael (Neighbors of Nulters), Mark Metz (Rick Stanley's Nephew), Bob Payne (friend of Tonkerys), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), John Rockhold III, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son). 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 Requests this Week

- ♥ Greg Smith- Keith & Eloise's son having health problems.
- ♥ Jon Hescht was in the hospital this past week but has been released.
- ♥ Mark Metz- Rick Stanley's nephew had bypass surgery Monday.
- ♥ Gavin Pfalzgraf- 6 year old has Leukemia, Grandmother is Kay Martin. Currently at Nationwide Children's Hospital.
- ♥ June Schultz- beginning physical therapy.

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 August is Psalms 73-89. Read and then sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the office to sign up.

LAWN CREWS- This week August 13-15 Team 3 is in charge of the lawn. Team 3 includes Kevin Inman, Kyle Inman, Kody Inman, Cody Hoover, and Jon Hescht. 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. Randy Baker will be speaking on, "What does the Bible say about Premillennialism?"

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

SONG SERVICE NIGHT- August 30 for our Sunday evening service.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jarad Collins. Jarad is the son of Harley & Carol Collins and brother of Amanda Cochran. His funeral was held on Friday.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Yes, we have music!

The first thing people seem to notice about the Churches of Christ is that we do not use instruments in our praise and worship to God. When people see this, they think that we do not praise God or do not have any type of music. This is far from the truth, because the Churches of Christ have the best music and the largest chorus in town (everyone is included).

The type of music that we use is biblical and it is how the first century Christians also praised God. The type of music we use is called congregational singing or a cappella music, which means in the likeness of the church, vocal music, or without instrumental accompaniment. The meaning of acappella comes from the historical way that the Christians in the New Testament sang to God. Although instrumental music has been around since Gen. 4:21; instruments were not brought into the church assembly until hundreds of years after Christ built His church (Mt.16:18). This was a new practice humans brought into the worship assembly, not Christ. If Christ had authorized instrumental music, He would have taught about the use of instruments in worship.

In reading the Bible we can see why the first century Christians were known for their acappella music and why it is so important for us today to sing without instruments. The Bible tells us to sing without instruments because: It is the sacrifice of praise to God which comes from the fruit of our lips, (Heb. 13:15); it shows our spiritual emotion, (James 5:13); it shows our unity, (Rom. 15:5-6); it is not only done with the mouth but with our minds, (1 Cor. 14:15); it shows that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, (Eph. 5:19-20); is a way to encourage one another, (1 Cor. 14:26); it shows that we are heart felt in our faith, and is a way to teach one another the faith, (Col. 3:16-17). These verses remind us that we are to sing with our mouths and minds because it honors God, shows our faith in Him, offers thanksgiving to Him, and shows our love for Him.

Not only is a cappella music biblical but also the Bible says, God inhabits the praises of His people (Ps. 22:3). That means he lives in MY PRAISE, not in the instrument, and means that no one else can do my singing for me, just as others cannot be baptized for me. As I worship God, I must give Him my heart, mind, and soul. And if we do not praise Him, the Bible says that the rocks will cry out in praise (Luke 19:37-40). God wants to hear us! One of the many problems with the instrument is that the people who use the instrument in worship will let the instrument worship for them. You can't do that with the voice because God inhabits the praises of His people. God wants us to praise Him, not sit there and let a piano or a chorus group do it while we mutter a few words in between. The Lord wants us as Christians to sing from the bottom of our hearts, and souls, with the fruits of lips (Heb. 13:15) that Christ is our Lord and King!



Today's Sermon Notes

Sunday AM Sermon Mark T. Tonkery

Father along we will understand it

Scripture Reading: Psalms 73:25-28

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Should we pray for evil to come to those who harm us?

Scripture Reading: Psalms 74:22-23

Doug's Discussion

Never Serve Alone

Working alone has some major disadvantages. First: there is no one to share the load. Some jobs are really big. Trying to do them yourself is setting yourself up for failure. Second: sometimes you are in trouble and you need help to get out of trouble. As Solomon says, "If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" (Ecclesiastes 4:10). On our own we can only accomplish so much before we fall. On our own if we fall it's hard to get back up.

For these reasons and more I would prefer not to work alone. I'm not sure why people try to! Is it that sometimes it's hard to get along with people? Is it that we don't want to share the credit for whatever we try to accomplish? Is it just pride, as we think we just don't need help? Well . . . I'll admit it. I need your help! The work of the Lord is simply too great to accomplish alone. So I'm here to recruit anyone and everyone willing to lend a hand.

At the moment I'm in the business of recruiting teachers. Thank you to those of you who have stepped up and taken on the responsibility of a class. I still need several more teachers and helpers for when classes start up again. If you can help with this work please let me know. But I'm also recruiting prayers. I don't just need the help of people to do God's work, I need the help of God. I know I will accomplish nothing of significance without this help. Paul knew it too – and that's why he was recruiting. "I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me" (Romans 15:30).

Praise God that I work among a people willing to help and pray! I thank you for all the prayers you have already offered for me and what I'm trying to do for the Lord. I ask for as many as you are willing to give. And I ask for your help in this work whenever you are able to give it. It makes no sense to work alone . . . so I thank God that I get to work with you.



We Are All Here

It's Sunday morning. The church lights have been blinked and it's time to begin morning worship. You work your way to your seat and then begin looking around for your son and daughter. Just as you begin to wonder what had happened to them, there they come, rushing in like a cold winter breeze. You're all present and ready to worship!

It's Judgement Day. The trumpet has sounded and it's time to stand before the Lord to give account. One by one, the masses are brought before Him. Most are condemned, but some receive eternal salvation. Angels assist in the separation process. It's your turn. You approach the Lord and He says to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" You're overwhelmed with joy! As you enter through those pearly gates, you begin looking around for those you loved. "Where are they? Did they make it? Had they remained faithful?" At that moment you look up to find them all present and ready to worship!

Whether we want to accept it or not, the day of Judgement is approaching (Matt. 13:47-50). All will give account of themselves to the Lord (2 Cor. 5:10). Those who have been faithful and obedient to Him eternal life is promised (2 Tim. 4:7-8), and to those who have not, eternal destruction (2 Thess. 1:8-9). But what about those whom we love: our spouse and children? Will they be assembled with me in glory? The likelihood of all of us being together on that side of eternity will be greater if all of us are present and ready to worship on this side of eternity!

"Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord" (Acts 10:33).

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Written by: Terry R. Townsend

Congratulations

Navy Claire Sheppard
born Friday July 31
to Brandon & Calle Sheppard.



Serving In Worship

Sunday, August 16, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Cody Hoover

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - Daniel Rich

6:00 PM - Mike Wade

Close - Kevin Cochran

SCRIPTURE

AM - Cody Hoover

PM - Brandon Sheppard

COMMUNION

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Kyle Inman



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 4-5 year old's helper
- Wednesday 3-5 grades helper

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



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7 DAYS A WEEK.

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AND CO-WORKERS.



Facts and Figures

August 2, 2020

AM Service176

Facebook Live AM Service Views.....217

PM Service.....134

Facebook Live PM Service Views.....197

Wednesday PM Service.....114

Facebook Live Wed. Views.....126

Contribution.....\$8929.00

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 9

"The Sacrifice"



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Daily Bible Reading

August 10: Romans 3, Psalms 13-17

August 11: Romans 4, Psalms 18-21

August 12: Romans 5, Psalms 22-24

August 13: Romans 6, Psalms 25-29

August 14: Romans 7, Psalms 30-33

August 15: Romans 8:1-17, Psalms 34-36

August 16: Romans 8:18-39,
Psalms 37-38

