

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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In Our Prayers

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, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsoe, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Neselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Betty Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Lenore Vaught, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Teresa Flinn (Shirley Martin's daughter), Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Chris Scott (Ron Riddle's nephew), Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Scott Stephens, Shawn Stephens, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson



New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Caplinger family dealing with health problems.
- ♥ Keith & Judy Carr & Bill Carr- Family of Delmas Carr dealing with Covid.
- ♥ Ron & Linda Moncrief, and Teresa Steed- All dealing with Covid. Ron is in the hospital and also has pneumonia.
- ♥ Jim Merrill- In Camden Clark for observation.
- ♥ Mike & Teresa Wade- Home dealing with Covid.
- ♥ Susan Anderson- Dealing with Covid.
- ♥ Love & Care- many residents and some workers have Covid.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
Todd Kirk
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
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Announcements

WVCYC CD'S- The camp has released an anniversary CD with new and favorite past songs. If you would like a CD there is donation request of \$20 per CD. You can pick them up in the office.

BIBLE STUDIES- Thursdays at 7pm through Zoom, all are invited to participate. Tuesdays at 7pm through Zoom, for all ladies.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE- If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send our youth to the conference, see Jeff Taberner or Doug Wells.

POTTERS GLEANER CANS- bring to the office by 12/6 for pick up.

CLASS HELPERS NEEDED- When classes begin again in December helpers will be needed in the 4 & 5 year old Wednesday class and the 3rd-5th grade Wednesday class. See Doug Wells if you can help.

PANTRY- With the end of the year approaching we have some food that will expire soon. To avoid waste, we would like to offer it to our members who may have need or anyone they know that may have need. We will be having sack the pulpit soon to replenish for next year. If you know of someone that needs food let Scott Johnson or the office know, or you can pick it up to take to them.

ITEMS AVAILABLE- There is a table in the front foyer with books, cd's, posters, audio books, and DVD's left from the seminar. Many of these items are now 50% off. Each are marked with their price. There is a cash box on the table for payment.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS- With the beginning of Bible classes on December 6th, the Ladies class will also meet to continue the study of the book of Ruth. We have had some wonderful comments and discussion during our class. I would like to encourage all ladies, who would like to join us, to come. We will be meeting on Sunday mornings after worship service in room 109. This should give us room to continue social distancing. Teresa Wade

TEACHERS- Bible curriculum for the winter quarter is ready for pick up in the teachers supply room.

Thank You

♥ Thank you so much for the flowers sent in remembrance of Len. Also, thank you for coming to the visitation and funeral and for the cards and prayers. I really appreciated them. Susan Haid

♥ I want to thank all that came to rake my leaves. Susan Haid

♥ Thank you for the birthday greetings. I appreciate each one. Love, Kimberlee Shears

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Thank You

It's an interesting fact that the Masai tribe in West Africa have an unusual way of saying, "I thank you." They say literally, "My head is in the dirt." When the Masai express thanks, they literally put their forehead down on the ground. They want to acknowledge gratitude with humility.

It is also interesting that members of another African tribe express gratitude by saying, "I sit on the ground before you." When one of them wants to express gratitude to another, he sits in front of the hut of the person to whom he wishes to express gratitude and just sits there in humility for an extended length of time. (*-- Joel Gregory, "The Unlikely Thanker," Preaching Today, Tape No. 110*).

How do we show our appreciation to those we want to thank? Maybe the best way is by just saying, "Thank You." Thank You is two words that seem to be rarely spoken today. Yet next to "I love you" it may be some of the most powerful and most thoughtful words we say to one another.

The Bible is full of examples of the thankful attitude that we as Christians are to have on a daily bases. The following list is just a sample of what the Bible teaches about giving thanks:

- 1 Th. 5:18, "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
- Col. 1:12-13, "Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,"
- 1 Chr. 16:8, "Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples."
- 2 Cor. 1:11, "you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."
- Eph. 1:16, "Do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;"
- Eph. 5:4, "And there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks."
- Eph. 5:20, "Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;"
- Col. 3:17, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."
- 1 Thes. 1:2, "We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers;"

As we think about giving thanks this time of year may we be reminded that the Bible tells us as Christians to have the attitude of gratitude every day. Happy Thanksgiving!

Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Sermon Title: True Friends

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 18:1-3

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Sermon Title: Give thanks to the Lord

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36

Sufficiently Blessed

“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” 2 Peter 1:3

How many of us would admit that we have everything we need in life? Everyone, it seems, would be happier with a bit more money, a nicer car, a roomier house, and the list goes on. Most people, if they're honest, are unable to rest assured that their position in life is sufficient.

Scripture talks about this problem quite a lot. We have many stories of the consequences people faced because they just couldn't feel satisfied with what God had given them. They always wanted more. Adam and Eve gave up Paradise because they thought they needed more.

Israel constantly made the mistake of putting their security and trust in earthly things (chariots, alliances with other nations, lying prophets, etc.) Yet, all they needed was God. When they trusted in Him, He took care of everything. He fought for them, gave them the instructions they needed and even provided the leaders. But eventually they got distracted and once again sought security in other people or human philosophies.

What about today? Do you have everything you need to live the Christian life? God says you do. In fact you have more than enough information. 2 Peter 1:3 says that you have everything you need. Are you using it? Or are you waiting until you receive more?

Fortunately, God does provide us with much more than we really need. But not because we deserve it. He blesses us with a lot more because He loves us and desires that we enjoy our relationship with Him.

So be thankful for the wonderful blessings God has given you. Especially for His written word. Use it. Share it. Don't be clamoring for more. Let those around you see and know that you are thankful for everything that God has done.

Doug's Discussion

God Blessed WHO?

There is often something in us that doesn't appreciate it when someone gets a blessing we don't think they deserve. "Why does HE get the promotion? I work twice as hard!" "Why was SHE elected class president? She's the meanest person I know!" Let's just face it. Part of life is that blessings can and do fall on the underserving. As Jesus puts it, God "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45). What should our response be? To get mad when the rain clouds don't perfectly conform in such a way that rain only falls on the farms of the godly? No, I think the right response to praise God and follow His lead.

When someone receives a blessing that you think you were more deserving of just be happy for them. If you find that difficult spend some time reflecting on what God has done for you. "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live . . ." (Ephesians 2:1-2). Ask yourself: "was I deserving?" Were we deserving of the gift of Jesus' life? Were we deserving of salvation and an eternal home in a perfect place? I agree with your mommy (and Bob the Tomato) when they said you're special . . . but nobody deserves that. No one who has lived in sin, even momentarily, deserves these gifts. No, they are "the incomparable riches of [God's] grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:7). That's why we should praise God. He is One who gives to those who are underserving, including us.

The anger we feel when someone else is blessed comes from forgetting these truths. One: you are already, as a Christian, blessed more than you can possibly imagine. Two: these blessings could never be earned. Three: what we really deserve is death for offending a perfect God . . . even once. We THINK people should get exactly what they deserve but are we sure we want that? Listen, God is going to work it all out in the end – with perfect justice, mixed with the mercy that is found in Christ Jesus. Until that time be a blessing to even the underserving. That's what God did for you.

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Worship Services will be held on Facebook Live

Sunday Mornings at 9:30am

Sunday Evenings at 6:00pm

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm

For the latest information of worship service updates check out the Facebook page and update your email address with the church office.

Sack the Pulpit - Shopping List

Items can be left on either side of the auditorium

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Individual Applesauce

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Individual Peaches

Individual Mixed Fruit

Spam

Canned Chicken/Tuna

Spaghetti Noodles

Spaghetti Sauce

Corn

Green Beans

Pasta Noodles

Canned Potatoes

Boxed potatoes

Chef Boyardee

Cereal

Macaroni & Cheese

Saltine Crackers

Canned Carrots

Peas

Mixed Veggies

Baked Beans



Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Can be heard on AM 910

The wife of a hard-to-please husband was determined to please him. “Darling,” she asked, “what would you like for breakfast this morning?”

“Coffee, toast, hash browns, sausage, and two eggs - one fried and one scrambled,” he growled. She soon had the food on the table and waited for a word of praise. After a quick glare, he exclaimed, “Well, if you didn’t scramble the wrong egg!”

If you’re married to such a delightful individual then God be with you. It can’t be helped that such people exist. Critical people are everywhere. But what can be helped is how you respond to them. Responding with your own heaping helping of criticism to go along with those eggs is not the best way to go. God says in Romans 12:19, “Do not repay anyone evil for evil.” Later He says, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” We won’t help anyone by sinking to their level, so don’t let criticism discourage you from doing what is right.

Serving In Worship November 29, 2020

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber
PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk
Close - Ryan Highman
6:00 PM - Brian Haught
Close - Ryan Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM- Bill Mills
PM - Bill Hoover

COMMUNION

AM - John Life
PM - Keith Smith

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00am
Bible Study.....7:00pm

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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.

December Birthday's & Anniversaries

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| 1- Jeff Taberner | 16- Eric Young |
| 2- Bob Eddy | 16- Ron & Linda Moncrief* |
| 3- Chris & Debbie Tallman* | 17- Don & Sheri Gaston* |
| 4- Sheri Gaston | 19- Jordan Kirk |
| 5- Bram Mills | 20- Larry & Janet Plant* |
| 6- Kate Barnes | 20- Ray & Bonnie Sams* |
| 6- Dot Haught | 21- Brian Haught |
| 7- Don Nesselroad | 24- Kim Ledsome |
| 10- Jim & Sallie Hinzman* | 24- Herb & Joyce Wright* |
| 10- Mike & Teresa Wade* | 25- Josh Gray |
| 11- Allen Coe | 26- Annette Kirk |
| 11- Kathy Hoover | 26- Dana Sponseller |
| 11- Adeline Inman | 27- Cotton & Patty Sayre* |
| 12- Barbara Cramlet | 28- Rosemary Merrill |
| 12- Gary & Melva Farris* | 28- Jordan & Grace Smith* |
| 13- Haley Johnson | 29- Mike Fleak |
| 13- Hayden Kelly | 29- Jay Goldsmith |
| 14- Mary Daniel | 30- Madison Taberner |
| 14- Darrell Vaught | 31- Jim Dailey |
| 15- Janet Looney | 31- Ty Inman |
| 15- Jean Martin | |
| 16- Tammy Kerns | |
| 16- Amy Young | |



Facts and Figures

November 15, 2020

Facebook AM Service Views.....373
Facebook PM Service Views.....235
Facebook AM Wednesday Views.....129
Facebook PM Wednesday Views.....195
Contribution.....\$3505.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....6
Restored or Requested Prayers...2
Placed Membership.....3

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

December 6
"Praising God"



IN
SEARCH
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Daily Bible Reading

November 23: James 1, Eze. 18-20
November 24: James 2, Eze. 21
November 25: James 3, Eze. 22-23
November 26: James 4, Eze. 24-26
November 27: James 5, Eze. 27-28
November 28: 1 Peter 1, Eze. 29-31
November 29: 1 Peter 2, Eze. 32-33