

# 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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*Happy* NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,  
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

# In Our Prayers

## Our church family in need of prayers

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, 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 Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Helen Miller, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Betty Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, 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), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Bob Bell, 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), Charles Lang (Lucille Hardman's brother), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Chris Scott (Ron Riddle's nephew), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Chris Truman (friend of Allen Coe), Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams, Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley family), Joe Wilson

## New Prayer Requests this week...

- ♥ Clifton Inman
- ♥ Joe Johnson, Scott Johnson's father dealing with Covid.
- ♥ Jim Dailey- At Encompass Health
- ♥ Our Families and Friends dealing with the Covid pandemic.
- ♥ Willadean Tallman, Chris Tallman's mother
- ♥ Gene Phillips- moved to Cedar Grove.

# Sympathy

- ♥ We extend our sympathy to Scott Johnson and family on the passing of his mother Celia Johnson.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Heather Oblisk.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Denzil Drain. His funeral can still be viewed through the Whitehall MT church of Christ Facebook page.
- ♥ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Linda Toothman. Her funeral was held last week.

## Elders:

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders

## Deacons:

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Doug Hershman  
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Bill Hoover  
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Keith Smith  
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# Announcements

**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.

**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.

**WVCYC CD's**- are still available in the office. There is a \$20 requested donation for each CD.

**DEACONS & CARE GROUP LEADERS**- be sure to check your mailboxes in the office. Get ready for the new year by cleaning them out.

**ELDERS, DEACONS, & PREACHERS MEETING**- January 17th at 4pm in the MP room.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS**- There is a booklet on the table in the foyer for class. Be sure to pick on up.

**VBS MEETING**-- January 24, 5pm, in the auditorium by door 4. This meeting will be to set up the date and planning our VBS. We will use the Apologetics Press material "The Flood".

## **Those that signed that they read the books of the month for December**

Barbara Cramlet	Bill Mills	Teresa Wade	Clyde Yoho
Rick Stanley	Eloise Smith	Dorothy Stevens	Mary Daniel
Dave Nulter	Lois Nulter	John Rockhold	Kay Mills
Joyce Wright	Susan Anderson	Naomi Carr	Delmas Carr
David Epler	Christine Epler	Jo Langler	Mark Tonkery
Jim Hughes	Sandy Hughes	Nancy Hughes	Nancy Inman
Charlotte Galloway	Robin Anthony	Shirley Martin	Verna Huber
Paul Saunders	Cindy Huxley	Charlotte Deem	Judy Hupp
Leon Hupp	Sandy Keller	Brenda Dougherty	Lucille Hardman
Alice Cochran	Rosemary Merrill		

**2021 BIBLE READING**- Pick up your Bible reading bookmark on the table in the foyer. The reading will also be listed in the bulletin each week.



## **BIBLE CALL**

**304.420.2416**

**WWW.BIBLECALL.INFO**

**24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

**BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.**

**DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.**

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## The Road of Resolution

It is this time of year many like to make New Year's Resolutions. A resolution is defined as, "a firm decision to do or not to do something." It is good to make godly resolutions or firm decisions. Maybe the following can help you to keep on the right road with God throughout the new year.

**Relationship with God** - Reaffirm your relationship with God.

*"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* (Mic. 6:8)

**Review** - Look back on the past year and ask God to show you areas of sin and weakness that might have hindered your spiritual growth.

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"* (Ps. 139:23-24)

**Repent** - Confess and repent of your sins and ask God to forgive you.

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 Jn. 1:9)

**Refresh** - Ask God to refresh your and to give you a new vision for the year ahead.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."* (Jer. 29:11)

**Renew** - Ask God to help you see your life from His perspective and renew your commitment to his vision and purpose for your life.

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Rom 12:2)

**Resolve** - Resolve to be faithful to God's purpose in your life and honor God in all areas of your life.

*"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* (Php. 3:14)

*(Author Unknown, adapted for our use)*

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# *Today's Sermon Notes*

Guest Speaker: Matt Derreberry

Matt is a student from the Southeast Institute of Biblical studies in Knoxville, TN. He plans to graduate this spring. Matt is originally from the Charleston, WV area. We have been helping to support him through his schooling.

PM Sermon: Doug Wells

Sermon: Fearlessly Make the Mystery Known    Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:19-20

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Valuing God's Word

The prophet Zechariah once had the job of bringing the Word of God to a group of people who didn't want to hear it. Talk about a thankless job! Eventually Zechariah wore out and told them "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not keep it" (Zechariah 11:12). This brought up an interesting question. Just how much was the Word of God worth? The people settled on an amount of thirty pieces of silver, which they gave to the prophet. God was not impressed with their pricing. He told Zechariah to throw the money into the house of the Lord for the potter. Was that really all the Word of God was worth? Less than a tenth of the price Abraham once paid for a field? To the Israelites . . . apparently so.



Later the Word of God walked the earth. He was Immanuel, God with us. Most knew Him as Jesus. Not everyone loved Him. Some loved money more, which brought up an interesting question. How much was the Word of God worth? That's what the Jews had to once again figure out after Judas asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" (Matthew 26:15). They came up with the same sum they paid Zechariah long ago: they counted out thirty pieces of silver. But was that all Jesus was worth? Was a month's pay or so a good enough incentive to hand over the Word of God? To Judas, at the time, apparently so.

What is the Word of God worth to you? I can tell you that its true value is far greater than thirty pieces of silver. "The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold" (Psalm 119:72). And every drop of blood that fell from the One who embodied the Word was priceless. That is the true value – but what price do you have in mind? Hopefully you are less like those who thought thirty pieces of silver was enough and more like the man who sold all that he had to acquire the treasure he found in the field. Is that what the Word of God is worth to you? Is it worth everything? I hope so!

# Thank You

- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful cards. It was so nice to receive them. Gilbert & Lucille Hardman
- ♥ We want to thank for all the encouraging cards and words after his resignation just knowing people care is very uplifting. Dearll and Carol Vincent
- ♥ Than you so much for the beautiful flowers, the phone calls, cards, the memories you shared with us, and to all who came to the visitation and funeral for Jim during this pandemic. We love and appreciate you. The family of Jim Merrill

***Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.***

*- Psalm 107:1-2 -*



## *Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery*

*Can be heard on AM 910*

Well, are you having a bad day today, a pretty tough time? If you are think about this. There is a story that was told of one little boy's rough day. while going to school he fell off the school bus and hit his head, and he needed two stitches. After returning to school he went to recess and ran into a classmate busting his lip and knocking two teeth out. Then that afternoon he broke his arm. As the principal was taking him to the hospital, he noticed the little boy clutching something in his hand. It was a quarter. The principal asked the boy about the quarter, the boy smiled and said, "I found this today, I've never found a quarter before. This is my lucky day!"

Every day has its problems, but faith can turn them into blessings. The Bible tells us faith is the victory that overcomes the world. 1 John 5:4 states, "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith."



## Serving In Worship January 10, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught  
PM - John Life

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders  
Close - Kevin Cochran  
6:00 PM - Dennis Keller  
Close - Dylan Muncy

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Ryan Highman  
PM - Kody Inman

### COMMUNION

AM - Doug Wells  
PM - Delmas Carr



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### Service Times

#### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30  
Bible Class.....15 minutes after worship  
PM Worship.....6:00

#### Wednesday

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

### Facts and Figures

December 27, 2020

Sunday AM Service.....	127
Facebook AM Service Views.....	513
Sunday Bible Class.....	118
Sunday PM Service.....	95
Facebook PM Service Views.....	311
Wednesday AM Service.....	20
Wednesday PM Service.....	70
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	240
Contribution.....	\$5845.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

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

## Too Busy To Study The Bible?

Who should read the Bible?

**The Young & Old-** to learn how to live & die.

**The Ignorant** - for wisdom.

**The Learned** - for humility

**The Rich** - for compassion.

**The Poor** - for comfort.

**The Weak** - for strength.

**The Strong** - for direction.

**The Haughty** - for warning

**The Humble** - for exaltation.

**The Weary** - for rest.

**The Doubting** - for assurance.

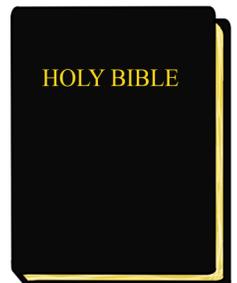
**The Sinner** - for salvation.

**The Christian** - for guidance.

**Are you reading your Bible?**

Join us this year as we read  
through the Bible together.

Pick up a chart on the table in  
the front foyer.



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

**January 10**  
"Saved or Lost?"

### Daily Bible Reading

January 4: Gen. 10-12

January 5: Gen. 13-15

January 6: Gen. 16-18

January 7: Gen. 19-21

January 8: Gen. 22-24

January 9: Gen. 25-27

January 10: Gen. 28-30