

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

“Where you are always welcome”

Bible Call 304-420-2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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If my people, who are called by MY NAME,  
**WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES**  
and PRAY and SEEK MY FACE  
and TURN from their wicked ways,  
**THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN,**  
and I will FORGIVE their sin and will HEAL their land.

————— 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 —————

# *In Our Prayers*

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Rob Hoover  
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## **Our church family in need of prayers**

Bob Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Patty Dawson, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Carolyn Henry, Jon Hesch, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Merilee Morgan, Debby Neselroad, Ray Peters, Bill Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Cotton Sayre, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Jim Stoops, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Joyce Wright

## **Prayers requested for family and friends**

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Mark Berry, Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Kevin Britton (Cody Hoovers Cousin), Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle), Roy Clark, Megan Bailey Daugherty, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Charles (Bill) Haid, Judy Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Greg Kirkbride (friend of Paul Saunders), Allison Kirkland (friend of Gwen Johnson), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), Dave Nicholson (friend of the Hofmanns), Michael Parsons (friend of Billie Coe), Kathy Plant, Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend), John Rockhold III, Korbin Schaner (Great-Grandson of the Eplers), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Frank & Hazel Terry (Eloise Smith's family), Jay & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

## **Updates to the prayer list this week:**

- Megan Daugherty- Is recovering from surgery last week.
- Eloise Smith
- Justin- Cindy Huxley's nephew is making progress but still has many surgeries and procedures to go.
- Helen May- Verna Huber's mother is Home.
- Leo Blair- Robin Anthony's brother, has stage 4 melanoma.
- Paul Guinn- Robin Anthony's brother in law, has non Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- Richard Cozad beginning cancer treatments.
- Patty Workman- is in Belpre Landing room 302.
- Sara White- Randy Whites Daughter and Terry Hofmann's niece is having health issues.
- Daniel Epler- David Epler's son has been in a Charlotte, NC hospital.

# *Thank You*

♥ We extend our sympathy to Dave Nulter and all of the many family and friends of Lois Nulter. Her funeral was held last week.

# *Announcements*

**VISITORS**- We are happy you can be with us today! Please complete a visitor card and place it in the basket on the communion table.

**BIBLE BOWL**- The Camden Avenue Bible Bowl October 8, 2022, over Ezra and Nehemiah.

**KINGS ISLAND TRIP**- will be August 8.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**- August 15, 12:00-6:00pm in the multi purpose room. There is a sign up sheet on the counter.

**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC**- August 13th at Dupont Park.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**- The July book of the month is Nahum. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board after you have completed the reading.

**IN SEARCH PROGRAM**- Was preempted this morning for the US Open. To make up for the change it will be broadcast on the CBS station on July 24 & 31 from 7:00-7:30am in addition to the regular WTAP broadcast from 7:30-8:00am.

**TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP**- July 31st, 6:30pm at Lower Paw Paw church of Christ. The bus will be leaving at 5:45pm. Let Kevin or Amanda Cochran know if you plan on riding the bus.

**SECRETARY POSITION**- With the Tonkery's plans to move to Zanesville, Camden Avenue will be seeking a new secretary. Those interested in the position can submit resumes to one of the elders by August 14th.

**BIBLE BOWL MEETING**- There will be a Bible Bowl meeting for all people interested in helping August 14 after evening services in room 109. If you have any questions see Mark Tonkery.

**LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF**- will be August 7th more details to be announced.

## **BIBLE CALL**

**304.420.2416    [WWW.BIBLECALLINFO](http://WWW.BIBLECALLINFO)**

**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*

## A WATERSHED DECISION

In the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, there is a sign on Interstate 68 that reads, “Eastern Continental Divide.” This is the place if water is dropped on the center of the Eastern Continental Divide, half would go east to the Atlantic Ocean and the other half would go west towards the Mississippi River and then into the Gulf of Mexico.

Sometimes the decisions we make are called “watershed decisions” because of their importance and the direction they set for the future. As individuals, we can make a watershed decision that can set the tone and direction for the rest of our lives.

John Powel, S.J. said, “Making a commitment...will mean for me that certain experiences, which might otherwise have been mine, are now impossible for me. The man who chooses one woman for his wife and life partner by his very choice has eliminated all other women as possible wives and life partners. It is this very elimination that frightens us on the brink of commitment. Every commitment is like every moment of life: there is a birth and a death in every moment. Something is and something else can never be again. There is a choice and surrender a “yes” and a “no.”

Last Sunday I shared with the congregation a “watershed decision”; on Sept. 14, 2022, I will conclude my ministry here at the Camden Ave. congregation. Then on Sept. 18, 2022, I will begin working with the Norval Park church of Christ in Zanesville, Ohio. Laura, the girls, and I have been a part of the Camden Ave. congregation for almost six years, and we want to thank you for the experiences, fond memories, and the opportunity to be a part of the church family.

Our leaving is a voluntary choice. This decision is not an easy one to make and we ask for your prayers as we make this transition. Laura and I will be praying for the congregation here that the work will continue.

In Christ's Love  
Mark T. Tonkery



\* Mark will be out of the office this week. He will be helping to direct All-Age week at West Virginia Christian Youth Camp.

# *Today's Sermon Notes*

AM Sermon: Doug Wells  
**The Son is About to Rise**  
Scripture Reading: Romans 13:11-12

1: What kind of things could interrupt us right now? Psalm 70:5

2: In what sense is right now the nighttime? Romans 13:11, Luke 22:53

3: But at what point of the night is it? Middle of the night? Beginning of the night? Romans 13:11

4: How fun is it to try and wake someone up who doesn't want to get up? Ephesians 5:14

5: What are some scriptures that impress upon us that the Son could come at any moment?

6: How does knowing the hour help us live the way we should? Romans 13:12-13, 1 Corinthians 4:5

7: If you don't want the morning to come what should you do? Romans 13:14

PM Sermon: Doug Wells  
**Getting in Each Other's Way**  
Reading: Romans 14:13

# *Doug's Discussion*

## Conflict Avoidance

There are some fights that don't make a lot of sense. Take for example that random guy who thought it was a good idea to taunt Mike Tyson on a plane. You know . . . the Mike Tyson who once had a video game named after him called "Mike Tyson's punch out." Well, after he got punched out I hope he reflected on his life choices. A better policy is to think about a coming or potential conflict to evaluate if it's a good idea to be a part of it. As Jesus teaches, "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?" (Luke 14:31). If the fight doesn't make sense the wise king seeks to avoid it.

Or you could choose to be like the tribe of Benjamin when they refused to give up the evildoers among them. Rather than submitting their brothers to justice they mobilized to fight Israel, and they assembled twenty-six thousand swordsmen. Not bad, right? Well . . . "Israel, apart from Benjamin, mustered four hundred thousand swordsmen, all of them fighting men" (Judges 20:17). 26K verses 400K doesn't look like much of a fight on paper. What would have been wise at this point? I think they should have looked at the field and given the men up. Instead they fought to the bitter end. They did much better than expected – but when all was said and done only six hundred Benjamite men remained. And what did they really think was going to happen?

Some fights just aren't worth it. I mean, if God wants you to do it that's one thing. Fight on, the odds don't matter. But not every crusade people go on is done at God's command. I've seen people get stubborn about all kinds of things, even something as small as the next color for the church carpet. You and a few of your friends want blue. Twice as many want orange. "But orange is a hideous color!" But friend, are you with your ten friends able to oppose the twenty who oppose you in this matter? Just let it go. The fight isn't worth it. Of course, there are much weightier matter than this. All I'm asking is that you be wise. Think it through ahead of time. What is likely to happen if you fight this out? Will the church be stronger at the end of the struggle? Will people be blessed? Or is somebody going to end up with a pointless black eye? "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9).

# *Bible Call Report: June*

We had OVER 19 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in June with 159 calls. Some of the most called topics this month were:

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| (7) 110 Overcoming Worry                   | (6) 115 Overcoming Depression       |
| (5) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About It | (4) 658 Heaven                      |
| (4) 707 Scientific Humanism 1              | (4) 906 Homosexuality               |
| (4) 951 The Kingdom and 1000 Year Reign    | (3) 757 Evidence of God             |
| (3) 405 Divorce Is It Really the Answer    | (3) 117 Strengthening Our Faith     |
| (3) 221 When Silence is Sinful             | (3) 304 Are We Saved by Faith Only? |
| (3) 331 Repent or Perish                   |                                     |

Eight times people listened to the same lesson again. We have members giving out the leaflet everywhere they go. Thank the Elders for their commitment to this work. We have mailed four routes in Parkersburg recently. Pray about this work and think about areas you might want to fund a mailing to or a congregation you want me to talk with. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world. Let us help each other to keep this work effective. David Epler cell 616-554-0990 house 304-834-1935. Could you give a special contribution for Bible Class to mail a mission area in West Virginia?

# *August Birthday's & Anniversaries*

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 2- Nancy Stanley             | 17- Sallie Hinzman        | 27- Clyde Yoho    |
| 2- Bella Inman               | 17- Steve & Linda Gray    | 29- Keith Cowdery |
| 2- Paul & Nancy Inman*       | 18- John Life             | 31- Laura Tonkery |
| 4- Scott Johnson             | 19- Ryan & Cheryl Logston |                   |
| 7- Richard Cozad             | 20- Drew Hershman         |                   |
| 7- Bill Davis                | 20- Chad Turner           |                   |
| 8- Bill Camp                 | 22- Ray Sams              |                   |
| 8- Ed Porter                 | 24- Larry Stanley         |                   |
| 8- Charlotte Deem            | 26- Sherry Sponseller     |                   |
| 10- Ron Riddle               | 27- Linda Gray            |                   |
| 10- Donna Tice               | 27- Karen Life            |                   |
| 10- Marion & Jo Goldsmith*   | 27- Eloise Smith          |                   |
| 10- Brandon & Calle Sheppard | 27- Brandon Sheppard      |                   |

*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

*happy birthday*

## Serving In Worship July 31, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Daniel Rich

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ken Barnes  
Close - Bill Mills  
6:00 PM - Brian Haught  
Close - Rob Hoover

### SCRIPTURE

AM - John Life  
PM - Kody Inman

### COMMUNION

AM - Paul Inman  
PM - Scott Johnson



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### Service Times

#### Sunday

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

#### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

### Facts and Figures

July 17, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....205  
Sunday Bible Class.....157  
Sunday PM Service.....129  
Wednesday PM Service.....102  
Contribution.....\$4909.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....4  
Restored or Requested Prayers.....1  
Placed Membership.....3



## Mowing Group for July 28-30

### Team 1

Kevin Inman  
Kyle Inman  
Kody Inman  
Korey Inman

## Upcoming Local Events

There is more information available on the bulletin board

DUNBAR CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUTH DAY- July 30 2:30-9:00pm.

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP (WVCYC)- All Age Week July 24-29 and Singing Week July 31-Aug. 5. Registration forms are on the youth bulletin board.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO BIBLE LECTURESHIP- Held in Lorain, Ohio. August 7-10

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP GOLF BENEFIT- Saturday August 13 at Mingo Bottom Golf Club.

VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL- Bridgeport church of Christ August 13, 9:30-12:00. Theme: Digging into God's Word.

WIDOWHOOD WORKSHOP- 36th Street church of Christ, October 7-9.

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF PREACHING LECTURESHIP- October 23-27, 2022

### In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings  
at 7:30 on WTAP

July 31

"Keeping our Zeal"



### Daily Bible Reading

July 25: Acts 20:17-38 & Job 9-11

July 26: Acts 21:1-16 & Job 7-8

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

*"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."*