

# Camden Church of Christ

## Christ Centered ~ Bible Based



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### Schedule of Services

#### SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 am

Morning Worship 9:50 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Note:** It was requested that I include the following article by Malcolm Parsley in the bulletin. I am glad to do so and plan to continue our series on the Restoration Movement next week. – Daniel Cook

### **Transforming into His Likeness**

ESV **Romans 12:2** “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.”

This is one of my most pondered verses of our Lord's precious Word. This transformation and the way it takes us to the place we should arrive is, of necessity, one of the most important goals of the true child of God. This is a type of central concept required for all who desire to enter the portals of peace and joy with our Father. It is easy to see the contrast in the beginning of the overall thought; We must not be conformed to anything that identifies itself as unworthy of being identified with the Creator of all existence. Then it provides the valued goal of what we should be like. As his loving children, we have read over and over the purpose of man's existence. Yet, how do we bring about that praise, honor and glory to God so frequently emphasized in His Word (Eph 1:6, 12, 14 et al.)?

The text tells us this process is the making anew of our minds. The old mind and its thinking is not acceptable. That must be dismissed and replaced with a different one that is different in how it thinks. Its priorities, its goals, its morals, its ethics, its total value system have to be revamped no longer to fit a worldly body, but reconstructed to fit a Spiritual being that we have been made by God, who provided us with His Spirit to live within. His will and his word have to permeate the totality of our being from here on through our endless presence with Him. This new existence cannot be achieved with the frame of mind that is set on the worldly things. The mind must be focused on being in the eternal existence of God our Father who is perfect and who requires us to be the same. This is not a choice!!! This is a “from this moment on” determined mindset that grows more and more adamant with each passing moment of life. It is no longer acceptable to be like the world in any way except where the world has wisely chosen to be acceptable to God. He requires us to be like Him for us to be His!

In the above-mentioned text, He first tells us we begin gaining that likeness by self-testing ourselves to see whether or not we understand what it means to be transformed into a being like Christ. This transformation is not a similitude of looking like a human or going about feeling sent by God, but it is becoming in our spirit like His Spirit, controlled in every way and in every situation to bring about a response to every occasion that would be exactly what He and Our Father want and do. That likeness must be such that as Christ was, the Father of us all will look down from above and have within His heart a feeling, (*Continued on last page*)

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS.** Please fill out a white visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, including your mailing address and email address, and drop it in the collection plate on your way out. We are so glad we can worship together today.

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**Ladies fellowship with a Purpose** – Ladies fellowship with a purpose will be meeting here at the building next Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

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**Bridal Shower!** – All ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower honoring Joel Sisco and Callie Horton on Sunday, March 27, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Callie and Joel are registered at Ivey Corner, Amazon, and Wal-Mart.

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**Liberia Report** – We are so happy to have Arthur and Anora David with us this morning! He is going to be giving a report on the work in Liberia during the Bible study hour and speaking during worship. It is great to see them again!

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**Martin Youth Group** – This evening the young people from the Martin youth group will be conducting the service for us.

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**Food Fund** – Thank you so much for your generous giving! We have plenty in the food fund now. When the need arises again, we will let everybody know.

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**FOR THE RECORD**  
***Week of March 6, 2022***

Sunday School	95
Sunday Morning Worship	151
Sunday Night Worship	73
Wednesday Night	101

**Remembering Our Shut-ins**

Mary Edwards, Ray and Joyce Frazee, Kathy Butler, Dorothy Laux, Myrt McLarty, Dorothy Chappell, Sue Bell, Janice White, Virgie Heintz, Jimmy and Evelyn Johnson, Frank and Marge Phillips, and Jean Bogle (at Lifecare in Bruceton).

*“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” (Jas 1:27)*

**Please Continue to Pray for:**

**Cancer:** Robert Blackstock (a friend of Greg Matlock), George Smith (brother of Brenda Travis), Bryant Allen (Michelle Ballard’s brother), Loman Ballard (Stacy’s father), Lesia Jordan (a friend of Susie Belisle), Faylene Marvin (Cecil Bates’s sister), Clyde Lindsey (Penny Wyatt’s uncle), Eddie Breeden (a member of the Hustburg church of Christ) Shane Karney (grandson of Kathy Butler), Paula Cox (a teacher at Briarwood), Janet Holland (friend of Rebecca Whitfield), Myrt McLarty, Becky Orr (John Taylor’s aunt), Triston Frye, Alex (the son of Ron Reiter, a friend of Ross Cole), Judy Kennon (Renee Crossett’s stepmother), Steve Cannady (a local nurse practitioner), Mark DeBruce (Glenda Sparks’ brother-in-law), Doug Utley (Anita Boyd’s son), Millette Florence (Emory’s sister-in-law), Maelinda Varneke (the wife of Michael Varneke, who does our fire extinguishers and is a member of the church), Meg Day (Heidi Laux’s sister), and Kari McDaniel (a friend of Megan Todd).

**Others:** Luke Crossett, Susie Brackins, Tracy Tolley, Linda Hams, Tammy DeBruce, Lynn White, Vickie Cox, Ann Dinkins (Angela Hick’s mom), Johnny (Susie Brackins’ brother), David Taylor, Larry Fisher (Jana Ulderich’s step-father), Walter Bryant (a friend of Ross Cole), Tommy Hams (the brother-in-law of Greg Matlock), Beau Griffin, Chesney Bell, Russell Holmes, Aaron Roberts (a friend of Garrett Todd and Shawn McDowell), Donnie Cuthbertson (a friend of Ross Cole), Jeff Homan (a nephew of Emma and John Dawson), Brian Melton (a friend of John and Cindy Lumpkin), Thomas Little (a friend’s grandson of Wanda Horner and Marge Phillips), Mildred Hedge (J.C. Hedge’s widow), Janice and Billy Watkins, Brenda Travis, Rita Kelly, Lainey and Levi Chisholm, Brett Wyatt (a nephew of Penny’s niece), Lynn McKee (a friend’s mother of Nicole Blackburn), Vickie Hudgins (Mike Wilson’s sister), Debra Bates, Madison French (Wanda Malin’s niece), Sharon Oros (Debra Bates’ cousin), Anthony Herbison (Greg Matlock’s stepson), Diana Berdy (Debra Bates’ mother), Fiscus Nicole (a friend of Kermit Peck), Jerry Kelley, Terry Larkins, Virgie Heintz, Wanda Horner, DeeDee Ellis (a friend of Tonya Robinson), Nell Blackburn (Adam’s grandmother), Rita Kelley, Bob Farmer, Dorothy Laux, and Mary Margaret Ulderich.

**Sympathy:** To the families of Odell Farmer, Jerry Crossett (Jeff’s uncle), Lynda Hubbs, Susan Phipps, Carolyn Gordon, Pete Chappell, Eddie Curtis (Evelyn Johnson’s brother), Robert Melton (Janice White’s brother), Lanora Guy.

**Military:** Mallory Pratt Triplett, US Marine Corp; Joshua Melton, US Marine Corp; Austin Riley, US Navy; Hunter Sparks, US Airforce.

## Special Donations

- Given to the building fund in memory of **Susan Phipps** by m/m I. A. Roberts.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Eddie Curtis** by Anita Boyd.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Billy Beasley & Joan Ballard** by Janice White.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Lenora Guy & Eddie Curtis** by m/m John Lumpkin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Eddie Curtis** by Charletta Ragsdale.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Lenora Guy** by Charletta Ragsdale.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Lenora Guy** by m/m Bill Jarnagin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Lenora Guy** by Anita Boyd.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Susan Phipps** by Joy Urwiller, Rita Schwartz, & Tammy Hittenberger.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Odell Farmer** by Brenda Beasley.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Carolyn Gordon** by Kathy Wood.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Robert Melton & Eddie Curtis** by Bill Jarnagin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Susan Phipps** by Douglas and Jacqueline Long.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Pete Chappell** by m/m Bill Jarnagin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Robert Melton** by Anita Boyd.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Carolyn Gordon** by Brian & Janet Elkins.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Pearl Laux, Linda Keene & Susan Phipps** by Brian & Janet Elkins.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Carolyn Gordon & Pete Chappell** by Cindy Lumpkin.

*Our caring remembrances are gratefully appreciated by the families and by the church.*

## Recent Prayer Requests

- **Greg Matlock** is still sore from his recent knee surgery and doing physical therapy. He is hoping to be able to drive again soon.
- **Tony Matlock** has been moved from Jackson-Madison County Hospital to Camden Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center (room 404).
- **Eddie**, a friend of Tom Ulderich, who lives in Nashville, is suffering from an eye disease. He has lost sight in one eye, and the other is deteriorating.
- **Donna Grimes** will be having a lumbar fusion on March 21, at Vanderbilt Hospital. Prayers are requested for this, please.
- **Frank and Terry**, Barbara Thompson's brothers, are both battling cancer.
- Let's please remember **the people of Ukraine** in our prayers also. If anyone would like to send aid for them, there is an address on the bulletin board where that can be sent.

### **FROM THE ELDERS**

*The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, we would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine*

### **NEXT WEEK March 20, 2022**

#### **SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS**

##### **Morning Prayers**

Dan Wyatt  
Joe Sisco

##### **Evening Prayers**

John Dawson  
Wesley Sparks

##### **The Lord's Table**

Jim Holder

##### **Scripture Readers**

Emory Florence (a.m.)  
William Blow (p.m.)

##### **Evening Communion**

Michael Laux

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*If unable to serve, please tell William Blow.*

## Transforming into His Likeness

(Continued)

“This is my beloved Child in whom I am well pleased for He knows my heart and He will guide you unto me.” That is the kind of heart we are created to generate in the Father each time He sees us or thinks of us. This is the test we must constantly give ourselves in order to keep ourselves oriented to the path we must stay on every moment of our existence. It is the one we must perpetually be conscious of. We must be an ever changing spirit with but one determination. To please the Father, our sole purpose must be existing only in His will!!!

To live within this will, we must indefinitely seek three goals. First, He tells us what we seek must exist in the category of “Goodness.” Whatever is good is acceptable to Him for He is Good (Luke 18:19.) Not that He just goes about doing good things, but it is the nature of His presence to be and all that brings forth that which is beneficial to its recipient whether soulless or timeless. All goodness is harmonious with all else that is good. This is God’s character for He is not a God of confusion (I Cor. 14:33.)

Next, God requires what is acceptable to Him. One can say that the Bible lists the acceptable and unacceptable behaviors of man to God. His content is a conglomeration of God's will. There is no other way to know His will than to know that from his own Spirit guided Word, which we call the Bible. It is all sufficient. It tells us what He wants us to know (Deut. 29:29; Col. 1:9, 10.) This fact means that the more we know His Word, the more we can become like His Son. The more we spend time studying the Bible, the more we are influenced by it. The more it influences us; the more we are molded into His likeness.

The third requirement is we must be perfect. He makes this clear that this is a necessity in Matt 5: 48, where He tells us we must be perfect as He is perfect. Why? Because we are His Children, and our spirits and His Spirit are intertwined with each other from within. This concept is not a “never have been a Sinner like Christ” perfection but rather a having been a Sinner who has been totally cleansed from our sins to the degree we are no longer tainted with sin but have had all of them removed so that we are like unto Christ who never sinned. Yet, here again, this concept requires one to know what perfection is. Perfection is not making mistakes. How in the world does one do that? He knows it by eliminating one cause of sin at a time which results in making mistakes. Our attitude must be we will never make another mistake in our lives if we can help it. Then we must set out to fulfill our determined commitment to Him, which we have all made when we became His at

baptism. We must know what perfection is – what makes Him happy as well as what makes Him unhappy. The more we read from Him and know of Him, the more the good hearted will want to be like Him. We tweak our lives until we have the heart to be like His and to live in His way. Then He will want to invite us into His heaven to live with Him. In heaven, there will be no temptation to sin (Hab. 1:13); thus, there our perfection will be more easily adjusted to become the child He created us to be, the creature He designed us to transform into being – one like Him! May He graciously guide us all the way to that goal. Amen! (This article was copied from: Malcolm E. Parsley, “Transforming into His Likeness,” *Malcolm and Kwihwwa’s Korea News Report*, Vol. LXII No. 11, 12 [Nov. & Dec. 2021], 1-2.)

## αYOUTH GROUPα

Remind code: @316-john

### McDonalds Wednesday

This Wednesday March 16 @ 5:30

Meet at McDonalds then we’ll ride the bus to church after

S.W.O.L. @ Eastwood

Singing w/out Lights

Sat. Mar. 19 @ 7

Sign Up on Bulletin Board

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This Week’s Reading Plan:

***Jonah- The Stubborn Prophet***

***REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BIBLES TO CHURCH & CLASS***