

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.

“Happy Mother’s Day!”

Chances are, if you have not done so already, at some point today, most of us are going to wish our mothers a “happy Mother’s Day!” Even those who are separated from us by many miles, we will probably pick up the phone and say these words. I realize, sadly, there are many who are unable to do so. For them, today is another reminder of a mother who was loved, lost, and is sorely missed. We are saddened by their loss, but reminded all the more of the importance of honoring and expressing the love and appreciation we have for our mothers while they are still with us.

While sifting through some of my grandfather’s sermon outlines the other day, I happened upon a note concerning this day that I thought was interesting. It explained the origins of the modern holiday that we call, “Mother’s Day.” It says that it originated in modern times in Grafton, W.V. and was given “official sanction” on May 8, 1914. Congress set apart the second Sunday in May as a national day “for public expression of our love and reverence for mothers.” And according to the Encyclopedia Britannica in print in the 1970s,

This festival is derived from the custom of Mother Worship in ancient Greece. Formal Mother Worship, with ceremonies to Rhea, “The Great Mother of the God’s” were performed on the Ides of March throughout Asia Minor. After the coming of Christianity, this developed into worship of the “Mother Church,” with the celebration occurring on mid-Lent Sunday, when children returned home with gifts for parents, especially the mother. Finally, our Mother’s Day.

It has been observed that in many ways this Mother’s Day observance is inadequate, because every day should be, and is, a day for the “expression of love and reverence for mothers.” We should not forget those who never forget us. We should honor them always (Eph 6:4).

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.

Friends and Family Day – We will be having our Friends and Family Day with Bill Watkins (who works with the Crieve Hall congregation near Nashville) on July 31.

Placing Membership – David and Teresa Carney have been a part of our church family here at Camden for quite a while, even though they moved away for a few years. He has even served as a deacon here in the past. They have now moved back to our community and have expressed their desire to place membership with us again. We are glad to have them back.

Lads to Leaders – Awards and recognition will be given to our young people who participated in Lads to Leaders last year after the evening worship service on May 15th.

Communion Bags – We are requesting your help with preparing the communion bags for Sunday mornings in lieu of preparing communion trays. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board for this.

Second Harvest Food Bank – Help is needed sorting food on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, from 9 to 11 a.m. This is for ages 6 and up. Let Stacey Ballard know if you can help, and he can give you more details.

Mowing – A sign-up sheet for mowing has been placed on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help with that. This could change, but for right now, we need help with both the zero turn and tractor.

Guest Speaker – Shane Riddle and his family will be joining us again here at Camden on Sunday, May 22nd. He is being considered for the youth minister position and will be preaching that morning.

Ladies Fellowship with a Purpose – Ladies fellowship with a Purpose will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Area-Wide Cook-Out – We will be having an area-wide cook-out at the barn with area congregations May 14th at 12 p.m. All area congregations and friends are welcome to join us. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for things that we need. **Note:** A list of area-wide events has been posted on the bulletin board and will be updated periodically.

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), Faylene Marvin (Cecil Bates's sister), 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), Kari McDaniel (a friend of Megan Todd), Frank and Terry (Barbara Thompson's brothers).

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), Rita Kelley, Bob Farmer, Dorothy Laux, Mary Margaret Ulderich, Eddie (a friend of Tom Ulderich), Juana Chavez (Karla Cook's mom), Christopher Jordan (the child of a friend of Brian and Heather Larkins), Tony Matlock, Donna Grimes, Frances Layman (Sid Osment's great aunt), and Anna Sue Curtis.

Sympathy: To the family of Lattie Bawcum (John Ivey's great aunt).

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 **Nell Blackburn & Phyllis Wilkinson** by m/m Johnny Lumpkin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Susan Phipps** by m/m George P. Sugars.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Phyllis Wilkinson** by Charletta Ragsdale.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Phyllis Wilkinson** by m/m Bill Jarnagin.
- 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.

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

Recent Prayer Requests

- Let's please remember **the people of Ukraine** in our prayers. If anyone would like to send aid for them, there is an address on the bulletin board where that can be sent.
- **Jim Curry** is under Hospice care in Hohenwald.
- **Meg Day**, Heidi Laux's sister, is doing well and halfway through her radiation treatments (only 3 weeks left to go). Everyone's prayers are appreciated. Her address is on the bulletin board.
- **Scarlett Barber**, Alayna Ulderich's niece, is a newborn who had seizures as a result of excess bleeding in her head outside the skull. She has some brain damage, but the extent is unknown until she sees a neurologist.
- **Lorie Link**, Karen Lynch's sister, has suffered a set back with her knee she had surgery on. She may have tried to do too much too soon.
- **Gail Carmen**, also a sister of Karen Lynch, will be having surgery May 23rd.
- **Doug Utley** needs special prayers. He is not reacting well to his immune therapy.
- **Brenda Travis** is having some health issues.
- **Nannette Jarrett**, Desmond and Dorothy's daughter, is in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital with a lot of health issues.
- We regret to announce that **Kenneth Hatley**, Lisa Richardson and Rhonda Ashby's uncle, passed.

- We have been requested to add **Kadence Clark** to our prayer list. He is a 15-year-old student at Creekwood High School. He was diagnosed with T Cell Leukemia this past week.

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

FOR THE RECORD

Week of May 1, 2022

Sunday School	96
Sunday Morning Worship	153
Sunday Night Worship	88
Wednesday Night	93

NEXT WEEK

May 15, 2022

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Morning Prayers

Jim Holder
Joe Sisco

Evening Prayers

Dan Wyatt
Wesley Sparks

The Lord's Table

Geoffery Kee

Scripture Readers

Cameron Ballard (a.m.)
Aiden Hardin (p.m.)

Evening Communion

Stacy Ballard

If unable to serve, please tell William Blow.

Please Remember Our Shut-ins

Mary Edwards, Ray and Joyce Frazee, Kathy Butler, Dorothy Laux, Dorothy Chappell, Sue Bell, Janice White, Virgie Heintz, Jimmy and Evelyn Johnson, Frank and Marge Phillips, Jean Bogle, and Wanda Horner.

"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)

The following is an excerpt from an article by George W. DeHoff, titled, "Judas Iscariot Fell (John 6:66-70)" (though the following portion of that article has more to do with the application of a lesson about Judas Iscariot, than the lesson itself). It appeared in the July 7, 1949, issue of the Gospel Advocate and reads as follows:

... Jesus selected the twelve apostles, and one of them fell and turned out to be a devil. A great number of people claim today that they are not in the church because there are hypocrites in the church. Of course that is not the truth. That is just an excuse used by some fellow who does not want to obey the gospel anyway. If a man wanted to obey the gospel and become a Christian, all the devils in hell and on earth, all the hypocrites in the church and out of the church could not keep him from doing that; but if a man does not want to do what the Lord said, it makes a very good excuse to say: "Oh, I am not going to do what the Lord said, because there are hypocrites in the church." If the devil comes to church next Sunday and sits on the front seat with me, I am not going to get up and leave. I am going to be there, and I am going to do my duty as a Christian. I will not let a hypocrite who is on the road to hell start me on the same road and keep me from doing my duty as a servant of Almighty God. Many people would have objected to following Jesus, because they would have said: "He has twelve men chosen, and one of these twelve men is a devil." What if one man out of every twelve in the whole church were a hypocrite? That is not true. No, I do not believe any such thing; but if that were true, well, that would be about the same proportion that our Lord had here when Judas Iscariot—one-twelfth of all the apostles following him at that time—turned out to be a devil. Certainly one of the apostles turned out to be a devil, but that is no reflection on the rest of them. Many children of God fall from grace and are lost, but that is no reflection on the rest of the children of God.

Indeed, many elders of the church have fallen away from the truth and have led the church into error. In Acts 20:30 the apostle Paul, talking to the elders, said: "Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." The fact that elders of the church have led the church into digression and have failed to do their duty is not any reflection on any other elders of the church who faithfully perform their duty as Christians. The fact that some deacon in the church does not perform his duty as a deacon is not a reflection on those who do. The fact that some members of the church do not perform their duty is no reflection on the rest of the members.

The fact that there are some preachers who will not preach the truth, who will not rebuke with all authority in order that others may be afraid to sin; the fact that some preachers do not preach the whole council of God

is no reflection on those other faithful servants of God who down through the centuries have labored and sacrificed, footsore and weary, carrying the glad message of the Lord to the four corners of the earth and obedience to the commandments which he has given to the apostles.

A "sissy" cannot be a Christian. A Christian must be a man who is able to stand against that which is wrong. A weakling cannot be a Christian. It takes a he-man who believes in the Lord and who loves him, who has faith and is able to stand against evil and contend for the right.

∞ YOUTH GROUP ∞

Remind code: @316-john

JOIN US ON THE BIBLE APP!

Let Trevor know if you need help joining.

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

Kids Corner

5th Grade and Under

PEW PACKERS!

Sundays @ 5:45 in room 106 (next to nursery)