

# 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.*

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## Introducing Mark Tonkery and his family

Mark T. Tonkery was born in Fairmont, WV. His family attended the Oakwood Road congregation in Fairmont. They later moved their membership to the Blueville Church of Christ in Grafton, WV where he was baptized.

Mark has been preaching for 22 years. He has been preaching at the Laings congregation and is an adjunct instructor for Ohio Valley University since August 24, 2008. Prior to that he preached for the Little Hocking congregation, South Point, OH congregation and began his full-time ministry as a youth minister for the Boone Plaza congregation in Frankfort, KY, now the Holly Hill Church of Christ. While attending OVU he preached for many congregation in the Ohio Valley area.

Mark graduated from OVU in 1995 with an Associate degree and in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Bible. He attended Harding Graduate. Mark graduated from Kentucky Christian University with a Masters of Arts degree in Christian leadership in 2004.

He has worked on several campaigns and participated in mission trips to Guyana and Quebec.

He has been married to Laura (Keplinger) for 17 years. She is originally from Peori, but grew up in the Columbus area and attend OVU. She returned to OVU and graduated in 2014 with a Business degree. She is employed at Westwood Place in Woodsfield, OH as an Activity Director.

They have two daughters. Breanna is in the 8th grade and Samantha is in the 6th grade at Woodsfield Elementary School. They enjoy being involved with the American Heritage Girls, which Laura is a troop leader. As a family, they enjoy the outdoors, gardening, hiking, camping and fishing together.

**We welcome Mark his and family with us today!**

### Elders:

Pat Barclay  
 Jim Galloway  
 Brian Haught  
 Paul Inman  
 Stan Inman  
 John Life  
 Ron Riddle  
 Paul Saunders  
 Dwain Shears  
 Dearll Vincent

### Deacons:

Delmas Carr  
 Kevin Cochran  
 Marion Goldsmith  
 Steve Gray  
 Leonard Haid  
 Doug Hershman  
 Jon Hescht  
 Rob Hoover  
 Bill Hoover  
 Kevin Inman  
 Kyle Inman  
 Scott Johnson  
 Todd Kirk  
 Chris Mullins  
 Keith Smith  
 Jeff Taberner

### Minister:

Dana Slingluff  
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To handle  
 yourself - use your  
 head; to handle  
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 heart



- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards I received. I appreciated them all. **Alex Saunders**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **Bob Miller**
- ♥ Thanks for the beautiful birthday cards. I enjoyed them. **Steve Gray**
- ♥ I appreciate the beautiful cards and gift. **Sarah Wilcoxon**
- ♥ I am so grateful for the many cards and calls. Your acts of kindness helped my recovery time. **Marion**
- ♥ We appreciate your well-wishes for our anniversary. **Doug & Alisha Hershman**



### Ruby Memorial Hospital

Kathy Plant

Our sister Kathy's health continues to improve.

Harvey Caplinger Jr. was scheduled for surgery Thursday at OSU Medical Center.

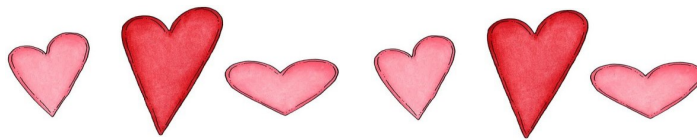
Amanda Cochran is recuperating at home.

### Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger, Amanda Cochran, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jim Hughes, Kathy Plant, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell

### Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Delana Blizzard (Harvey & Mary Caplinger's daughter), Bob Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Cindy Cleninger, Treva Daggett, Harold Haid (Len's brother), Jeff Jones (Holly West's father), Bernice McClelland (Friend of Bob and Gala Miller), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox  
 (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)



## **BAPTISM**

We rejoice that Jose Campodonico was baptized Sunday evening by Breck Hesselrode. Jose is a student at Ohio Valley University. He will be in Care Group 1. We welcome him into the family at Camden Avenue.

## **GUEST SPEAKER-POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY**

Mark Tonkery will be preaching the morning and evening sermons and teach the auditorium Bible class today. Adult and college classes will remain in the auditorium. We will have a potluck lunch after Bible study. Please bring entrees, covered dish items, desserts and beverages. The Elders are considering him for a second minister position and welcome your feedback.

## **LOVE AND CARE SERVICES**

Care Group 2 will conduct the service and Love & Care today at 2:30 today and Thursday, May 5 at 7:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet in the MP Room tomorrow at 5:45 for dinner and 6:30 for work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend.

## **AMISH HEARTLAND TOUR**

A trip is planned for a backroad, guided Amish culture tour Thursday, May 12. This will include a meal in an Amish home. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with details.

## **GRADUATION PICTURES**

Pictures of the high school and college graduates may be submitted to the church office by Sunday, May 29 to be featured in an upcoming bulletin. Include name and school information with the photo. Photos will be returned.

## **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME - FAMILY MINISTRIES COMMODITIES OUTREACH**

We have been asked to help provide the daily needs of the children. **They are requesting:** 9 X 12" Divided Hefty Styrofoam Plates, Captain Crunch Cereal, Cream of Celery Soup, Marshmallow Fluff, Ritz Crackers. Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders. Items may be left in the box under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by Sunday, May 29.

## **BASEBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE**

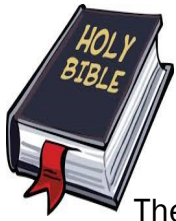
Rick Stanley has baseball tickets available for the game in Cleveland August 12.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

**May 1** - Luke 20:1-26, 1 Samuel 18-19  
**May 2** - Luke 20:27-47, 1 Samuel 20-22  
**May 3** - Luke 21:1-24, 1 Samuel 23-24  
**May 4** - Luke 21:25-38, 1 Samuel 25-26  
**May 5** - Luke 22:1-23, 1 Samuel 27-29  
**May 6** - Luke 22:23-53, 1 Samuel 30-31  
**May 7** - Luke 22:54-71, 2 Samuel 1-3  
**May 8** - Luke 23:1-25, 2 Samuel 4-6

### **Adult Bible Bowl Class**

An adult class to study for our Bible Bowl will begin May 15 at 4:30 in Room 154.  
We will study the books of Daniel and Hosea using the NKJV. All those interested please study Daniel chapters 1 and 2. (We will cover 2 chapters each week.)  
The Bible Bowl will be September 17.  
See Bill Mills for more details.



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### "God's Word and the Christian."

There are probably few aspects of Christian living that we talk about more and practice less than meaningful study of the Bible. We surely believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and would vigorously challenge anyone who denies it. We accept that it is the source of authority and insist that everything we believe and practice in our faith be according to scripture. We believe in the Bible! Unfortunately, many Christians spend little time reading, studying and learning what is written there.

There was a time when even average members of the church were known for their knowledge of scripture. Years ago, I knew a Christian man whose humble occupation was that of a custodian/greeter at a furniture store. His Bible was his constant companion. For more than forty years he capably taught the adult Bible class in the congregation that he attended. Someone once commented, "I would give half my life to know the Bible like you do." "That's what it has taken me," was his reply.

It is the sad truth that the majority of Christians today give very little effort to the study of God's word. For many, the only time their Bible is used is in class on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. In fact, many Bibles never leave the car in between! If we would only realize what we are missing! God has provided a spiritual feast for us in His word – and we are starving!

To benefit from God's word, we absolutely must immerse ourselves in it. The Christians of Berea were said to be noble because they "*received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily.*" (Acts 17:11) All of us know that we must eat every day to be nourished physically. Why would our spiritual needs be any less important?

The Psalmist wrote "*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.*" (Psalm 1:1-2). What are some of the benefits that Christians derive from sincere and dedicated study of God's word?

"*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" (Romans 10:17) The scriptures make us "*wise unto salvation.*" (II Timothy 3:15) When we "*receive with meekness the implanted word,*" it is able to save our souls. (James 1:21) The word of God will keep us from sin. "*How can a young man cleanse his way?*" *By taking heed to God's word.* (Psalm 119:9)

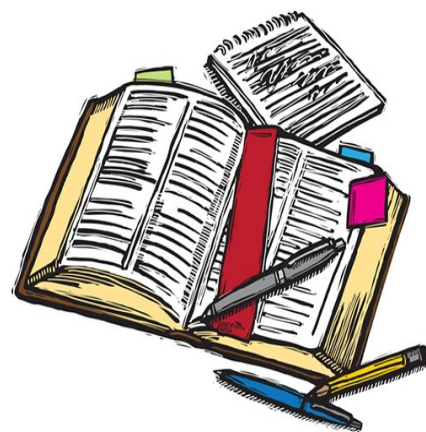
*God, through His commandments, makes us wiser than our enemies and gives us more understanding than our teachers.* (Psalm 119:98-99) The things written in the Bible were "*written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*" (Romans 15:4) Jesus said "*You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.*" (John 8:32) Knowing God's word keeps us safe from false teachers who would lead us astray. If, however, we do not have a love of the truth, we will end up believing a lie – and be condemned. (II Thessalonians 2:10-12)

We must "*study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman who needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" (II Timothy 2:15) A knowledge of God's word equips us for every good work (II Tim.3:17), preparing us to give an answer to everyone who asks us the reason of the hope that is within us." (I Peter 3:15)

We are told to "*hunger and thirst after righteousness,*" and to "*let the words of Christ dwell in us richly.*" Paul was frustrated that the Corinthians could not receive the things he wanted to teach them because *they remained babes, still feeding on the milk of the word.* (I Corinthians 3:1-2) How frustrated God must get with us. God has provided all the teaching, instruction and guidance needed in our Christian lives – and we ignore what He has written! The only way God can speak to us is in His word – we need to listen to Him, we need to study our Bibles, every day.

# Sermon Notes

Speaker: Mark Tonkery







Representatives from *Lifetouch* will be taking photographs for our church directory this week:

**Tuesday, May 3: 2:00PM-9:00PM**

**Wednesday, May 4: 11:00AM-6:00PM**

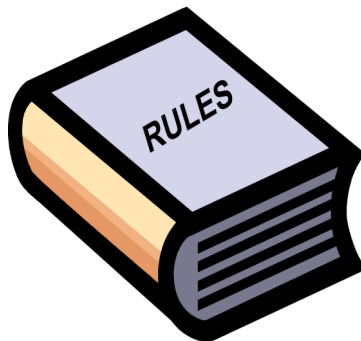
**Thursday, May 5: 2:00PM - 9:00PM**

**Friday, May 6: 2:00PM-9:00PM**

**Saturday, May 7: 10:00AM-5:00PM**

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the parking lot foyer.

We encourage every member to have their picture taken. For every family or individual that participates, we will receive a free directory. Shut-ins who are unable to have their picture taken may submit one. Help is also needed at the photo session times. See Steve Gray for more information.



## **Multipurpose Room Use Rule Revised**

Some previous and additional rules have been established and are posted in the MP Room. Persons requesting use of the MP Room will be given a copy to agree to before request is granted. The rules have been issued for the safety of people using this facility and to cover our responsibilities for their use of it. Advice has come from Insurance and other agencies to do this.

When desiring to reserve the MP Room or Auditorium (other than regular church related activities), you need to fill out a request sheet through the office to be approved.

Call the office or see Wes or Kimberlee to make the request.



6th - 12th graders are asked to meet this evening in the MP Room after services to help prepare boxes for the Postal Food Drive. Please bring finger foods and beverages.

### May 14

6th - 12th graders service project helping with the Postal Food Drive at the church building

### May 15

High school graduates recognition in the MP Room following evening services

### May 29

Transportation will leave here at 6:00 to join the Traveling youth group at the Rockport congregation. Service starts at 6:30. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.



## Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp (Camp Hervida)

We have been asked to donate the following items:

- 2 - #10 chocolate pudding
- 5 - 5# bags sugar
- 10 - chocolate cake mixes
- 300 napkins
- 10 bags of potato chips
- 200 - 6 oz. Styrofoam cups
- 10 packages of store bought cookies
- 5 - squeeze mayonnaise
- 5 - squeeze bottle of ranch dressing

The sign-up sheet is on the counter to indicate what you would be willing to provide.

**Items need to be left in the box under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by Sunday, May 29.**

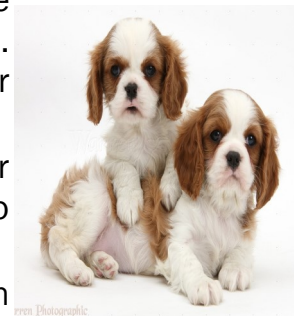
Senior week June 12 -17  
Junior week June 19 - 24  
Intermediate week June 26 - July 1

## **Minute of Meditation** Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A small boy knocked with all his might on the door of the white house. As the door opened before him, he looked up to see the owner's frown and heard the words, "What do you want?" He replied, "Doesn't that sign say PUPPIES FOR SALE?" Yes, but you couldn't begin to pay for our puppies." The determined lad held out his hand with 16 cents in it and said, "Is this enough? And if it isn't, I'll pay you for the rest of my life!" Just then a proud spaniel mother came leading her puppies. The last puppy was slowly making his way with a noticeable limp. The boy cried out, "That's the one I want!" The owner tried to tell the boy he wouldn't want a crippled dog but the boy would not listen. He picked up the dog and started down the walk. The owner noticed one trouser-cuff pushed up on his leg and beneath it a brace. The compassionate boy related to this little puppy better than any other buyer could have.

Jesus related to us because He has lived among us and understands our spiritual limps. He helps us walk in the light of truth! Are you able to relate to others?

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, May 8

ELDER IN CHARGE—Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE—Jeff Taberner

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Brent West

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Delmas Carr

Close—Ira Kimes

6:00 PM—John Hall

Close—Bill Camp

### SCRIPTURE

AM—John Life

PM—Steve Gray

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Sean Plant

PM—Bill Mills

Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



## A Consistent Christian

Could I be called a Christian if everybody knew  
My secret thoughts and feelings, and everything I do?  
Oh, can they see the likeness of Christ in me each day  
And do they hear Him speaking in every word I say?  
Could I be called a Christian if other folk would know  
That I am found in places where Jesus would not go?  
Oh, do they hear His echo in every song I sing?  
In eating, drinking, playing...is Christ in everything?  
Could I be called a Christian if judged by what I read?  
By all my recreation, and every thought and deed?  
Could I be counted Christlike in daily work and play  
Unselfish, kind, forgiving each hour of every day?  
I wonder, and I ponder, and often do I pray,  
That I may be like Jesus in all I do and say.

Borrowed

The Lawn Crew for this week is  
the Kirk crew.



They include  
Delmas Carr,  
Braden Hesselrode  
Bill Hoover and  
Todd Kirk.

## Facts and Figures

April 24, 2016

AM Service.....311

Bible Study.....213

PM Service.....235

Wednesday.....219

Contribution .....\$8425.53

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....5

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....5

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday  
at 6:15 for the sing at the  
Dewey Avenue congregation.

Watch

**"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**  
each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP,  
WCWP local Sunday at 7:30AM, Dish  
Channel 239, Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV  
channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable  
Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday  
7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday  
5:00PM.

### UPCOMING TOPIC

May 8

**FORGIVING YOURSELF**