

# 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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**Welcome to  
Camden Avenue!**

**Welcome to Mark Tonkery  
and his family!**

Mark will be preaching at both services today.

Let's all welcome Mark, Laura, Breanna and Samantha to the family at Camden Avenue.

We look forward to working together to further the kingdom of God.

### **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  
Bill Hoover  
Rob Hoover  
Kevin Inman  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner

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Be as patient with  
others as God is  
with you.



### **Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery,  
Wilma Davis, Gloria Frazier, June Freels, Cassie Hennen, Ray Johnson,  
Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell,  
Cotton Sayre, Bob Smith, Tammie Wilson

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

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Bill and Linda Butterfield, Cindy Cleninger, Judy Shutts Hughes (Sister to Melva Farris), Lisa Melrose (Member at Sunrise), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Tessie Rose (Gwen Lucas' niece), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Margaret Snider (Linda Hall's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

We extend our sympathy to Bill Mills and family in the passing of his brother, Vernon Mills. He passed away Wednesday, October 5.  
At the time of this printing, arrangements were incomplete.



♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards. **Ray Sams**

♥ We appreciate the cards for our 25th anniversary. **Allen And Billie Coe**

### **CAMDEN AVENUE LADIES AND FRIENDS,**

What a wonderful example of Christian love and encouragement! A total of 82 beautiful, filled handbags are boxed, ready to send to the flooded area of West Virginia soon. Thank you to all who brought handbags and who helped pack them for distribution. Not only was this a good feeling but fun to do. Let us continue to keep that area in our thoughts and prayers.



### **REQUESTED PRAYERS**

Tabetha Wagoner came forward Sunday requesting prayers. Continue to pray for her.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room 5:45 dinner and 6:30 work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Trunk or Treat will be this Wednesday after Bible study on the parking lot across from the MP Room. Bring your children's costume as they will have time to change after Bible study. Please bring snacks and beverages to the MP Room to share afterwards.

### **GOLDEN AGERS FALL FOLIAGE DRIVE**

The Golden Agers Fall Foliage drive to the Elkins area is being planned for Thursday, October 13. Leaving at 8:00AM and returning by 4:00. Weather permitting we will have a picnic at Blackwater Falls. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with details.

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109.

### **MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY**

Elders will meet with the deacons they are working with at 4:30 next Sunday. Men's meeting and Ladies' meetings 5:00 next Sunday.



Let's shower  
Peggy Cowdery with cards  
for her  
80th birthday October 12!

Cards may be left on the table in  
the rear of the auditorium.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

October 9 - Ephesians 5, Isaiah 20-23  
October 10 - Ephesians 6, Isaiah 24-26  
October 11 - Philippians 1, Isaiah 27-29  
October 12 - Philippians 2, Isaiah 30-32  
October 13 - Philippians 3, Isaiah 33-36  
October 14 - Philippians 4, Isaiah 37-38  
October 15 - Colossians 1, Isaiah 39-41  
October 16 - Colossians 2, Isaiah 42-44



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “And you – fathers”

A man I knew had a military background. He ruled over his family with an iron fist. In a counseling session with him and his wife, he demanded that I tell her “the Bible teaches that I am the head of the house!” “Actually,” I told him, “you’re not.” We read together from I Corinthians 11:3. **“But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”** It’s true that God holds a man accountable for his family and gives him the authority to oversee it – **but the head of every family is Christ!**

The most important role that God gives to fathers is the **spiritual leadership of their family**. I thank God for Christian mothers. The truth is that many homes would have no Christian influence or training if it was not for them. Often, they are the ones who see to it that the children are taken to Bible study and church. They are the ones who tell the children Bible stories and listen to their prayers at night. I know many women who have raised faithful Christian children without the help of a husband and father. But, it is difficult and not the way God intends for it to be.

In Ephesians 6:4 Paul makes a very direct charge to dads: **“and you, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”** How does God measure my faithfulness to Him? One way is by the way I lead my family in following Him. In Genesis 18:19, we read one of the reasons Abraham was approved by God. **“I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice.”**

As fathers, we must provide leadership for our families. It is up to us to determine what our family believes and stands for. As Joshua challenged Israel **“Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!”** (Joshua 24:15) How can we, as fathers be a spiritual leader in our home?

**First, by teaching.** God commanded fathers to make His will known to their children. (Psalm 78:5-6; Isaiah 38:19). He told the fathers of Israel to lay up His words in their hearts and to **“teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”** We share things we enjoy with our children. We talk to them about sports, we teach them to drive a car and to hunt. But are we training them in the way of the Lord? Christian fathers must study God’s word and teach it to their children!

**Second, by example.** In Deuteronomy 32:7, we are told **“ask your father, and he will show you.”** Our own example is the strongest leadership that there is. Do you pray with your children? Are you taking an active role in the church? As your children observe you day in and day out, do they know you to be a man of integrity – honest in all of your dealings? Pure in your language, attitudes, and habits?

Fathers, God has given us a tremendous responsibility! It’s time for all of us to say **“as for me and my house – we will serve the Lord!”**



# Why I came?

## Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:11-20

I. I came because the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord 2 Corinthians 5:11

A. Jude 1:23 \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

II. I came because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ 2 Corinthians 5:14

A. Romans 5: 8 \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

III. I came because I am a \_\_\_\_\_ creation in \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 5:17

A. John 3:5 \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

IV. I came because I have been \_\_\_\_\_ with the Gospel of Christ 2 Corinthians 5:19

A. Matthew 28:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

V. I came because I am an \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 5:20

A. Luke 10:2 \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

### Conclusion

Why did you come here today? Why are you serving the Lord?

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Dana is visiting his son, Nathan in Nashville, TN this weekend.  
He plans to be back in the office tomorrow.  
Pray for his safe travels.



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## **By the way of Introduction**

I would like to personally thank the elders and the congregation for inviting me to become the Family Life Minister for the Camden Ave. congregation. As a way of introduction I am originally from Fairmont, WV. I graduated from East Fairmont High School and then continued my education at Ohio Valley College (now University), Harding Graduate School, and Kentucky Christian University. I began preaching when I was 18 years old and have been preaching for the past 23 years in West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky, and have preached full time for the South Point, Ohio, Little Hocking, Ohio, and Laings, Ohio Churches of Christ and started full time ministry as a youth minister in Frankfort, Kentucky at the Boone Plaza Church of Christ now the Holly Hill Church of Christ.

My wife is Laura (Keplinger) Tonkery. She grew up in Peoria, IL and Columbus Ohio. We met at Ohio Valley College and married May 30, 1998. She works as a Life Enrichment Coordinator for the Westwood Place assisted living home in Woodsfield, Ohio and she hopes to find a job in the Parkersburg area soon. We have been married for 18 wonderful years and have two daughters Breanna who is 14 and Samantha who is 13, today Oct. 9. God has greatly blessed our family.

We are glad to be able to begin working with the Camden Ave. church. We look forward to getting to know each of you and helping the congregation here to grow spiritually and numerically. We hope to have an "open house" once we have all the boxes unpacked and things put away in the near future. We will be living in Vincent, Ohio. We also look forward to visiting and getting to know everyone so I can better minister to the congregation.

I want to be of service to the congregation so I plan to be in the church office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. and Tuesdays; Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. unless I am called out for an emergency or visiting someone. I will be teaching at Ohio Valley University on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. if you need to leave a message with me at OVU the phone number is 304-865-6000. If you need to contact me you can call the church office or call or text my cell phone at 740-350-5713. You can also e-mail me at [preachertonk@gmail.com](mailto:preachertonk@gmail.com). Please let me know how I can be of service to you. May God bless you! MTT



Happy 13th Birthday today to Samantha!

# Youth Events

## Friday, October 21

There will be a devotional for the 5th grade and younger Friday, October 21. Meet at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00. If it is raining, it will be held in the MP Room. Everyone invited!

## Wednesday, October 26

Deadline to pay \$30.00 CYC registration for 6th grade and above. CYC will be February 24-26.

## October 28 - 29

Bridgeport Youth Rally for 6th grade and above. Let Jeff know by October 5 if you plan to go.

## Sunday, October 30

Transportation will leave at 5:45 to join the traveling youth group at the 6:30 service at the Lower Paw Paw congregation.

## Friday, November 4

Bonfire after the PHS-South game for 6th grade and above

## Friday, November 11

Widow-Widowers-Veterans Dinner

## Saturday, November 12

Rake and Run

## Sunday, November 27

Traveling youth group at Newport. We will leave at 5:30 for their service at 6:30.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



The train moved along the winding tracks of a Christian's hometown in Hungary. A communist customs agent came through checking all the baggage. A sack of Bibles sat at the Christian's feet. By his side lay his own personal Bible. The customs agent looked at the sack and then began to throw the Bibles out the window of the speeding train. As if for spite, he looked down at the personal Bible of the Christian, grabbed it, and threw it out the window. For three years, the Christian sadly commented that his good Bible was no longer his constant companion.

One day however, he received his personal Bible through the mail. An enclosed letter read, "Thank you, Thank you, for the use of your Bible. I found it by the railroad three years ago. I have kept it, read it, and studied it often. My family and I have written many Scriptures down on paper and many more in our hearts. We cannot thank you enough!"

As Paul told the Romans, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

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, October 16

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Dwain Shears

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Len Haid

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Ben Haught

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - Ron Holleron

6:00 PM - Walter Morgan

Close - Dave Nulter

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Tim Proffitt

PM - Josh Hall

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dennis Keller

PM - Todd Kirk

Dustin Hughes

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray

## Area Gospel Meetings and Events



### October 9 -12

Oxford Street congregation, Sistersville

Speaker: J D Conley

### October 9-13

Salem congregation

Speaker: Bob Vincent

### October 16-21

Pennsboro Church of Christ

Speaker: Doug Petty

### October 23-27

22nd Annual West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship

*"That You May Know With Certainty"*

Studies in the Gospel According to Luke

### Ladies Inspiration Day

#### October 15

Sardis congregation

Brenda Speer

Flyers for these events on the foyer bulletin boards.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Hershman crew.



They include  
Kevin Cochran,  
Doug Hershman,  
Doug Hinzman and  
Kevin Inman.

### Round Robin Gospel Meetings - 7:00PM each Monday

October	Congregation	Speaker	Topic
10	Sunrise	Jeff Dorton	One in Purpose
17	Mineral Wells	Robert Notgrass	One in Hope
24	Lubeck	Larry Wigal	One in Destiny

**Everyone invited!**

### Facts and Figures

October 2, 2016

AM Service.....253

Bible Study.....200

PM Service.....219

Wednesday.....206

Contribution .....\$7755.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....9

Placed Membership....11



Please join the Mid-Ohio Valley's first  
"Walk4Water" Saturday, October 15 at the City  
Park.

This walk will help raise money and awareness for  
the huge need for clean water in our world,  
specifically Haiti, an area recently devastated by  
the hurricane.

Register online to walk or make a donation at  
[www.hhi.org/walk4water](http://www.hhi.org/walk4water). Click on Parkersburg,  
WV link(s).

This organization is partnered with the  
Churches of Christ Disaster Relief.

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00

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, Tuesday 7PM on Dish  
Channel 267 and Direct channel 376.

### UPCOMING TOPIC

October 16 - THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday  
at 5:30 for the sing at the  
Central congregation in  
Clarksburg.

**Everyone invited!**