

# 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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*If today were your last day of life,  
how would you spend it?*

We don't like to be reminded, but think...we are closer to death today than we were yesterday.

If today were your last, would you do what you're doing? Or would you serve God more, love more, give more, forgive more, pray more, share your faith more? Then do so!

Forgive and give as if it were your last opportunity.

Love like there's no tomorrow, and if tomorrow comes, love a little more.

Make today the day you dedicate or rededicate your life to Christ.

*Teach us how short our lives really are so that we may be wise.*

Psalm 90:12 NCV

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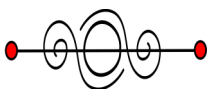
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Live in such a way,  
that if someone  
spoke badly of you -  
no one would  
believe it.

**P** - Power of our almighty Lord and Savior

**R** - Realize that your are special

**A** - Abandoned your pride

**Y** - Your connection with God

**E** - Exercise of faith and hope

**R** - Receive God's peace.



**Let's never stop praying for one another.**

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

Kathleen Albright, Colleen Ash, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Pat Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Patty Dawson, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Ray and Phyllis 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), Cindy Cleninger, Casey Osborne Freenar (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Judy Shutts Hughes (Sister to Melva Farris), 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)

### **Ruby Memorial - Tammie Wilson**



♥ Thank you for the birthday cards for Parker. His face lit up when we showed them to him!

**Cody and Kristi**

Thank you to **Julie Moser** for preparing the communion bread this month.  
Great job!



### **DEACONS MEETING**

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

### **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS**

A representative from Potter Children's Home will be here to collect the coin banks this week. Please leave banks on the counter in the office today.

### **GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

Our Golden Agers will be having lunch at North Bend State Park Tuesday, December 13. Leaving the building at 11:00. Cost will be \$20 each. Menu will include turkey and baked steak. Please sign the attendance count sheet on the counter by December 11. See Dwain for details.

### **BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS MEETING**

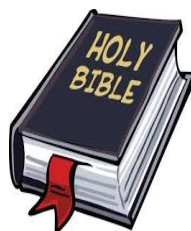
Starting in January we will begin a new Bible class curriculum for the 2-3 years olds through Middle school. All teachers are asked to attend a workshop Sunday, December 18 at 3:30PM for about two hours to review new material. The teachers will receive their material for the winter quarter at that time. See Paul Inman or Mark Tonkery for details.

### **LADIES' LUNCHEON**

The Ladies' Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 20 at the Parkersburg Country Club. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with details. Please give your payment to Gala Miller by this Wednesday.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

November 27 - James 5, Ezekiel 27-28  
November 28 - 1 Peter 1, Ezekiel 29-31  
November 29 - 1 Peter 2, Ezekiel 32-33  
November 30 - 1 Peter 3, Ezekiel 34-35  
December 1 - 1 Peter 4, Ezekiel 36-37  
December 2 - 1 Peter 5, Ezekiel 38-39  
December 3 - 2 Peter 1, Ezekiel 40-41  
December 4 - 2 Peter 2, Ezekiel 42-44



**GOD  
LOVES  
YOU!!**  
(More than you'll ever know!)

New Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers.

# MISSION – METHOD- MINISTRY



Jesus made the Mission of all Christians very clear when He told us “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

Jesus was sent to this earth to provide a path to salvation for everyone. However, when Jesus started His ministry, He began by concentrating His efforts on just twelve men. In our fast paced world today, this doesn’t seem to make any sense! In today’s thinking, if you want to save the whole world, you need to direct your efforts to large masses of people.

Now Jesus did do this at times, but He directed His primary effort toward teaching those 12 men. How did this work?

He invited 12 men to leave everything they had and follow Him.

He told these men (who were mostly fishermen) that He expected them to become “fishers of men”.

He lived with these men, knew their families and ministered to them.

He taught them how to pray.

He challenged them.

He taught them how to make disciples.

The disciples then took Jesus’s message to the whole world!

Jesus had the right Message and He had the right Method to accomplish His Mission! If this worked for Jesus, why can’t it work for us!

As individuals, we need to approach our mission by following Jesus’s example.

We need to start by concentrating on just a few. Maybe just one on one. Let’s learn to make disciples just like Jesus did.

If we **ALL** do this we can change the world, just like Jesus and His disciples did!

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The election is finally over. Some are happy, some are not. As we face the days ahead, we need to remember the words from the Pledge of Allegiance, “one nation...” We may have human differences in the way we look at things, but we are “one nation.” Next the words of the Pledge state, “...under God...” We have one very important thing in common - we have a spiritual identity as a child of God.

The aftermath of this election shows that we can either continue at odds with each other or we can join together “under God” and find a more spiritual sense of love and brotherhood. Following the instructions given to us by God, we can move mountains of anger, and discouragement and even mountains of overwhelming pressure and frustration.

Whether we are President, an elected official, a voter or just someone standing on the sidelines, we are all loved by the one infinite God.

No matter our human differences, we are brothers and sisters under God. Let’s accept our spiritual unity as children of God and as Abraham Lincoln stated “strive to work on to finish the work we are in to bind up the nation’s wounds” and solve the problems together.

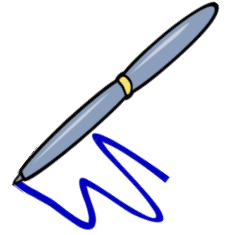
Let’s continue to pray for our country, government leaders and that we will have unity and look to God.



# **The Church at Pergamos: Don't Compromise with the World**

(Revelation 2:12-17)

## **Sermon Notes**







# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Let's Bury the Hatchet

Have you ever heard someone say, "Let's bury the hatchet"? The phrase is an expression that comes from early Native Americans of New England when they ended a conflict. When a conflict had come to an end the two rival parties would meet on the battlefield and dig a deep hole. They would then take two tomahawks or hatchets and bury the hatchets in the hole. The expression we use today, "bury the hatchet" comes from this act and today means forgiving one another and letting go of those words, actions, and things that two people or parties have done to each other.

Forgiveness is never easy. Especially when we have been deeply hurt by someone close to us. Sometimes it seems easier to gossip, criticize, and hurt those who hurt us, than it is to forgive. Forgiveness seems to be so many times unthinkable or at least the last resort. Yet forgiveness is the key to reestablishing our relationships and modeling the life that Christ would have us to live. As Jesus was being crucified, Luke 23:34, records Jesus saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do...." The example of Christ shows us that sometimes we must offer forgiveness to those who have hurt us and have sinned against us.

Not only is this Jesus' example, but it is also what the New Testament teaches:

- Matthew 5:23-25, "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."
- Matthew 6:14-15, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
- Matthew 18:21-35 Jesus even offers a parable on forgiveness.
- Ephesians 4:31-32, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

The Bible is very clear that as Christians we are to be a forgiving people. The command of forgiveness comes straight from Jesus's example and teachings.

Garth Brooks once sang a song which stated, "We buried the hatchet, but left the handle sticking out." One great obstacle for many Christians is non-forgiveness. The hatchet might seem to be buried, but people continue to grab hold of the handle when they want to use it against another. In Luke 17:3-4, Jesus said if a brother repents, forgive him-that is, bury the hatchet and its handle. How many times, Peter asked? As often as the brother repents, we are to forgive. Don't grab hold of buried hatchet handles, let the past stay in the past. Think about it!

Written by Mark T. Tonkery



Be here this evening to hear Mark. He will be preaching on "The Church at Thyatira".  
Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:18-21



## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is like a bridge spanning the entire interval of the church's history on earth. One end of it rests on the shame of the cross; the other is planted in the glory of the Kingdom.

**It is an act of remembrance.**

**It is an act of examination.**

**It is an act of testimony.**

**It is an act of obedience.**

**It is an act of participation.**

**It is an act of thanksgiving.**

**It is an act of belief.**

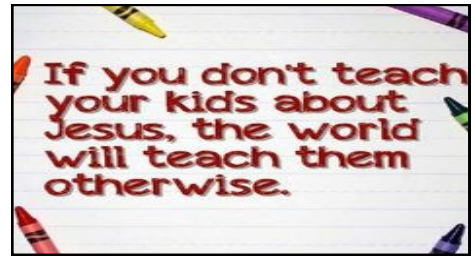
**It is an act of unification.**

We gather around the Lord's table....

**'IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM.'**

Our youth will join the traveling youth group today at the Newport congregation.

Transportation will leave at 5:30.



Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16

In the blink of an eye your children will grow up and leave your house. Time is so short. Be diligent! Use every opportunity to tell your children about Jesus and living a holy life in service to our Lord.

We need to pray that our eyes will be opened to every opportunity to teach our children about Jesus and that we will help our children to be careful how they live because the days are evil.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



It's election year again! Almost every day we hear someone speak critically of someone else, or even say things that are blatantly false. While at times some truth may be at the core of the words spoken, the tone and inference is often misleading. It becomes difficult to listen to deceitful and selfishly motivated statements day after day, without responding in kind. So, how can the Christian control the tongue in this spiritual minefield?

First, consider the source of the person who speaks derogatory words. Does he or she have a reputation of honest, moral, and ethical behavior? There are times when we just have to ignore those who are compelled to spew hurtful words toward those who oppose them.

Second, learn to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Third, we should always be thankful for the freedom and other blessings we enjoy in our country, but we must never forget that our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). Show the world that as Christians we can be different!

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, December 4

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Ron Riddle

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Rob Hooyer

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Brent West

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman

Close - Ryan Gaston

6:00 PM - Mike Wade

Close - Ryan Highman

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Kevin Cochran

PM - Paul Inman

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Patrick Rine

Bill Camp

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1—Jim Hinzman

2—Cotton Sayre

4—Patty Sayre

### **PM**

1. Madison Taberner & Claire Moser

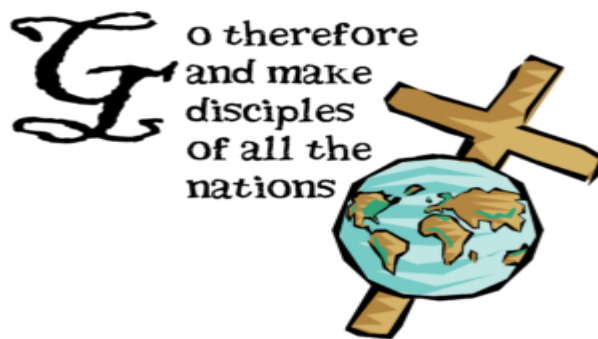
2. Chris & Patty Mullins

3. Dave & Lois Nulter

4. Walter & Merilee Morgan

5. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

6. Todd & Annette Kirk



- 1) **Joe Worndle** - Mail may be sent to: 8346 NW 118 Way, Parkland, FL 33076 (Mission work in Haiti.)
- 2) **Jon Galloway** - 4 Broughton, Valleyfield, East Kilbride, G75oJU (Mission work in Scotland)
- 3) **Joe Galloway** - 130 Regent Lane, Florence, AL 36530
- 4) **John Davis** - 108 Snell Drive, Florence, AL 35630 (Mission work in Thailand.)
- 5) **Trevor Major** - 11 Olive Crescent, Papatoetoe, Auckland 2025 (Mission work in New Zealand)
- 6) **Gene Clemons** - PO Box 04, Hardy KY 41501 (Mission work in China.)
- 7) **Ryan & Sarah Davis** - DavisCuscoMission@gmail.com or mail may be sent to: Estes church of Christ, 3505 Highway 45 South, Henderson, TN 38340. (Mission work in Cusco, Peru.)
- 8) **Ed Jones** - PO Box 454, Benton, KY 42025 (Mission work in Benin, South Africa.)

## **Facts and Figures**

November 20, 2016

AM Service.....289

Bible Study.....205

PM Service.....212

Wednesday.....NA

Contribution .....\$7482.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016**

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....9

Placed Membership....13

Please remember our missionaries in your prayers and with cards of encouragement. Let them know we appreciate them.

Information detailing their work is on the bulletin board in the parking lot foyer.

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

If you have any questions, please let us know.  
We have informative tracts, Correspondence Courses and home Bible studies available at no charge.



## **Schedule of Services**

### **Sunday**

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### **Wednesday**

Bible Study.....11AM & 7PM

### **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**

December 4

**LIFTED UP**