

# 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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*As we grow older our holiday list grows shorter because the gifts we want cannot be bought.*

Instead of asking for more "things" maybe we should pause during this busy season and be grateful for the many blessings in our lives such as:

- God's love-The Lord's love and forgiveness. John 3:16
  - God's Word-The wonderful plan of salvation
  - Loved ones-Family we love and hold so dear.
  - Homes-Where there is family, love and peace.
  - Friendships-especially our church family
- The Military/Veteran's that make freedoms possible.
  - Health
  - Knowledge/Education
  - Happiness/Laughter
  - Jobs
  - Peace
- Our beautiful world-flowers, clouds, clean water

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

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Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
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*Start everyday  
with a prayer  
and a smile!*



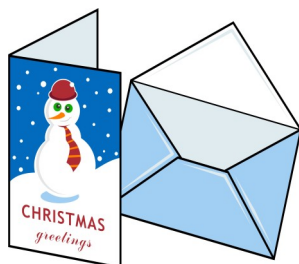
### Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, Cassie Hennen, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, 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), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Tessie Rose (Gwen Lucas' niece), Judy Shutts Hughes (Sister to Melva Farris), 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), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

The Willows - Tammie Wilson



Please check the tables located in the rear of the auditorium foyer for your holiday cards.



- ♥ **Russ Alton's wife, Patty** thanks everyone for the beautiful get well cards and the beautiful flower arrangement. She appreciated the visits. Also, she thanks Sherry Wilcox for her kindness and Pat and Bev Rine for the delicious food.
- ♥ Thanks to our church family for my birthday wishes. They were sure appreciated. **Bob Eddy**
- ♥ Perfect cards. Perfect thoughts, Perfect Friends. Thank you. **Carol Vincent**
- ♥ We appreciate all of the birthday cards we received. **Don, Mary and Debby Nesselroad**

Thank you to Jo Goldsmith and Annette Kirk for decorating the bulletin boards around the church building for the winter season.  
They all look so nice!





### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING THIS EVENING**

Care Group leaders are asked to meet this evening after services in Room 109.

### **MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING**

Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

### **GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON**

Our Golden Agers will be having lunch at North Bend State Park this Tuesday, December 13. We will leave the building at 11:00. Cost is \$20.00 each. Please sign the sheet on the counter today for an attendance count. See Dwain for more information.

### **LADIES' ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

All ladies are invited to the ornament exchange Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 in the MP Room. Bring an ornament (\$10 or under) and a finger food to share. Any questions, see Becky Inman or Laura Tonkery.

### **BABYSITTING**

Girls of our congregation in LLL Keepers class will be providing babysitting in the MP Room Friday evening, December 16 from 5:00-10:00 for children age 2 and above. Food and snacks will be provided. If you plan to take advantage of this service, please sign the sheet on the counter. For more information, see Annette.

### **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 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.

### **60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR RAY AND PHYLLIS JOHNSON**

Everyone is invited to celebrate Ray and Phyllis Johnson's 60th Anniversary next Sunday in the MP Room after Bible study. This will be a come-and-go get-together from 12:00-2:00. Cake and punch will be served. They have requested no gifts, please.

### **CHURCH BULLETIN EMAIL - FRIDAY TELEPHONE CALL**

If you are not receiving the church bulletin via email and would like to, please provide your email address to the office. Also, if you do not receive calls from the church office (Friday calls or if there is important information during the week), please let us know. If you no longer want to receive the bulletin email or calls, please let the office know.



Take a break from your holiday shopping Saturday, December 17 any time from 1:00-6:00 and enjoy some holiday food, fun and fellowship at the beautiful home of Dustin Hughes.

His address is 3106 Murdoch Avenue in Parkersburg.

Directions are on the counter in the foyer.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

December 11 - 2 John-3 John, Daniel 10-12

December 12 - Jude, Hosea 1-3

December 13 - Revelation 1, Hosea 4-7

December 14 - Revelation 2, Hosea 8-11

December 15 - Revelation 3, Hosea 12-14

December 16 - Revelation 4-5, Joel 1-3

December 17 - Revelation 6, Amos 1-5

December 18 - Revelation 7, Amos 6-9

**New Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers.**



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## "The Family"

The family has always been the basic unit of society. Satan always attacks the home, the family. Our drug problem goes far deeper than drugs...it is a failure in the family. Until the family issue is corrected the drug problem will exist. Violence in school, anarchy on the streets, only express failures down at the house!

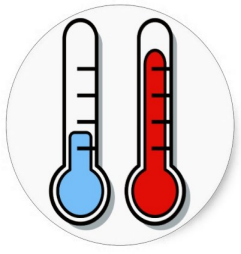
The family is still the first "school." Parents cannot turn educational responsibilities over to the public schools. Besides, it is too late! Kids don't go to public school until they are five years old. The pre-school training has already formulated them! From birth a child is taught by the family—good or bad! The Bible without apology, talks to fathers concerning their children. Parents, the home, must be as they should.

The family is the first "hospital." Hurt children want "Mommy to kiss their hurt toe." Refuge, healing, helping belongs in the home. Relationships can only be learned in the home. This is where we learn, "We-be brethren." We are brothers, sisters. We have a name, a home. A heritage. We must stick together. Relationships can only be learned in the home! Put this one down!

The family is the first "government." The game of life must be played by the rules (Galatians 6:7). Only in the home can one learn authority, obedience, cooperation. Only in the home can one learn the real worth of tradition. One who cannot obey his parents certainly will not obey the teachers, the elders!

The family is the first "church." Moses told parents to teach their children (Deuteronomy 6). Paul told fathers to rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6). Parents are responsible for their children not the schools, the cities, the churches.

When the family stands society stands. When the family fails society fails. Bank on it!



# The church at Laodicea “Neither Cold nor Hot”

(Revelation 3:14-22)

## I. Jesus firmly establishes who He is:

“These things says the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and True \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (Revelation 3:14).

## II. Jesus gives His assessment of the church at Laodicea:

“I know your \_\_\_\_\_, that you are neither \_\_\_\_\_ or hot. I could wish that you were either cold or \_\_\_\_\_. So then, because you are \_\_\_\_\_, and neither cold nor hot, I will \_\_\_\_\_ you out of My mouth” (Revelation 3:15-16). **A biblical word for hot would be \_\_\_\_\_.** **The apostles remembered it was said of Jesus** “the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ house has \_\_\_\_\_ me up” (John 2:17). Jesus said we must “Seek \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God and His \_\_\_\_\_” (Matthew 6:33).

## III. The real condition of the church at Laodicea compared to their opinion.

“Because you say, I am \_\_\_\_\_, have become \_\_\_\_\_, and have \_\_\_\_\_ of nothing – and do not know that you are \_\_\_\_\_, miserable, \_\_\_\_\_, blind and naked” (Revelation 3:17). **Jesus said they needed spiritual wealth they could get only from Him.** “I counsel you to buy from Me \_\_\_\_\_ refined in the \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be rich; and \_\_\_\_\_ garments... and anoint your \_\_\_\_\_ with eye salve, that you may see” (Revelation 3:18).

## IV. Who is a lukewarm Christian?

- #1) A lukewarm Christian values the \_\_\_\_\_ of people more than the acceptance of \_\_\_\_\_.
- #2) A lukewarm Christian gauges himself by looking at \_\_\_\_\_.
- #3) The lukewarm Christian will do just enough to alleviate \_\_\_\_\_.
- #4) The lukewarm Christian rarely \_\_\_\_\_.
- #5) The lukewarm Christian rarely \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- #6) The lukewarm Christian turns to \_\_\_\_\_ only when in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- #7) The lukewarm Christian rarely \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.
- #8) The lukewarm Christian does not see his material \_\_\_\_\_ as belonging to God.
- #9) The lukewarm Christian thinks more about this life than \_\_\_\_\_.
- #10) The lukewarm Christian is a practical \_\_\_\_\_.

V. The way to overcome lukewarmness. “Therefore be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Revelation 3:19).





# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Let the Little Children Come

Children. They are messy. Noisy. Clumsy. Sticky. Dirty. And smelly. They run when they are supposed to walk. Talk when they are supposed to be quiet and stay awake when they are to be asleep. Children can upset us, discourage us, and frustrate us. Maybe, this is the reason in Matthew 19:13 Jesus' disciples wanted to stop the people from bringing their children to Jesus?

Yet Jesus said, in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

I hope we appreciate and love children as Jesus does; despite their short comings. I am so thankful for our young families and their children that worship here at Camden Ave. It has always been a challenge to raise a child and then try to get them to be quiet and sit through worship services. May I share some thoughts that come to mind as I think about Jesus' words in Matthew 19:14?

- Parents hang in there; keep coming to worship; developing a habit of coming to all worship services will help your children learn what is expected of them, they will learn to be quiet and enjoy worship if you work with them and show them you enjoy the worship; they will too in time. Read Heb. 10:24-25 and Pr. 22:6.
- Adults please help our parents and our children; please set a Christ like example. Be respectful during worship service, often the noise is not the children but adults who talk and play on their cell phones during worship. Please remember to be respectful to others and to God as we enter worship. Read Heb. 12:28.
- Also, if you see a parent struggling with a child, please do not be mean, but go and help them, ask them how you can help them, sit with them and be an "adoptive" parent or grandparent to the children. Show children you care for them and remember the struggle it was for you to raise your children. Read Eph. 6:4.
- Many times, older adults complain about the children (so did the Apostles), but let me ask our adults where are your children? Are they faithful to the Lord; are they in the worship service? Remember Jesus said, "let the little children come to me." How can they come to Jesus if we don't bring them to worship services? Read Mt. 7:3-5 and Pr. 20:7
- Last, remember Jesus teaches us in Matthew 18:3 that if we want to go to Heaven we must become like little children: Humble, teachable, and free from selfish ambition, this is also how children are. Think about it! by Mark T. Tonkery

**"Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD."**

**Psalms 34:11**

Mark will be preaching this evening and the title of his sermon is "The Door to Heaven" Revelation 4:1.  
Please come back this evening and bring a friend.

 **Teachers Meeting: There will be a quick 15 minute teacher's meeting in the Teacher Supply Room after tonight's service (December 11). All Bible class teachers are asked to be there.**

**Thank you, Mark T. Tonkery**

HAppy New Year  
2017

Everyone is invited to a New Years Eve. get-together Saturday, December 31 from 7:30-10:00 in the MP Room.

There will be a time of singing and a devotional around 9:00.

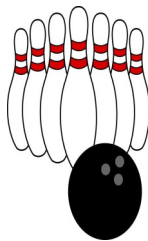
Please bring items to go with pizza, desserts, beverages and games.  
(Money will be collected to purchase pizza.)

**Fun for all ages!**

# Youth Events

## NEXT SUNDAY

Our youth will join the traveling group at the Rosemar congregation next Sunday evening for their 4:00 service. Transportation will leave our church building at 3:35. They will be providing refreshments afterwards.



We then will be providing transportation for our youth (6th-12th grade) to go to Pike Street Bowling Lanes. The cost will be \$8 each, includes bowling and shoes. If you plan to go, let Jeff know by this evening so lane reservations can be made.

Invite your friends and plan to join us!

## December 30

North End Youth day will be Friday, December 30 1:00-7:00PM. Plan for a fun day that will include a devotion, singing, pizza, bowling and nerf gun wars. If you plan to go, let Jeff know by December 25.

(You will need to have your own transportation to and from this event.)

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

Are you a “news” junkie, or a sitcom junkie, or movie junkie? Have you ever considered “fasting” from the media for a little while? Would it be a significant emotional event in your life if there were no TV, no CD’s, no music, and no movies for a period of time?

Why should you do this? Because it can help you focus and get back on track with God. If you abstain from the bad news, gore, mayhem and tragedy for a few days, just maybe God could focus you on the good things in His world. Take a timeout. Get a breath!

Many of us have lost the ability to set appropriate boundaries in our lives. Try this; don’t routinely take your work home. At the dinner table, it is alright to let the phone ring without answering it. If you don’t check e-mail obsessively, the world will keep on turning. Let technology serve you, but you don’t be its slave!

Slow down. Smell the roses!

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





December is  
**Sack the Pulpit**  
 to restock the church pantry.

- Any dry cereal
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Saltine crackers
- Canned fruit
- Any canned meat (TREET, SPAM, Vienna sausage)
  - Applesauce
- Spaghetti sauce (We have spaghetti pasta.)
  - Boxed macaroni and cheese
  - Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned soup (tomato and chicken noodle)
- Canned vegetables (potatoes, corn, green beans)

Please leave items on either sides of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders or  
 Scott Johnson.

**welcome**

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**  
 each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, 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**  
 December 18 - *WHERE IS GOD?*

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, December 18

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Dwain Shears

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Rob Hoover

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Rick Stanley

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Richard Cozad

Close - Chris Hofmann

6:00 PM - Clayton Huber

Close - Bill Camp

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Kevin Inman

PM - Mike Wade

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Ron Riddle

Ben Haught

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1—Dearll Vincent

2—Jeff Taberner

4—Julie Taberner

### **PM**

1. Emma Hershman & Holly Haught

2. Paul & Barbara Saunders

3. Cotton & Patty Sayre

4. Donovan Walton & Dana Sponseller

5. Dana & Cindy Slingluff

6. Richard & Lorna Marshall

## **Facts and Figures**

December 4, 2016

AM Service.....268

Bible Study.....199

PM Service.....221

Wednesday.....203

Contribution .....\$9377.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016**

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....9

Placed Membership....13

## **Schedule of Services**

### **Sunday**

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### **Wednesday**

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