

# 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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**We received a thank you and the above pictures via email from Brother Joe Worndle.** In part he writes, "Because of your support and generous contributions it is totally possible to help and it is our pleasure to provide assistance to the good people in Haiti. We feel so thankful and there is so much joy in our congregation in Haiti. People just love it and rejoice when we tell them THIS FOOD COMES FROM CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ACTUALLY FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD."

(The photographs above indicate the damage sustained to the church buildings in Haiti and the food/aid that was received.)

For more information on this mission work, see Dwain.

The complete email is on the Mission bulletin board in the parking lot foyer.

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

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Worry is to joy  
what a vacuum  
sweeper is to  
dirt.



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

Kathleen Albright, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, June Freels, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Cotton Sayre, Bob Smith, Tammie Wilson

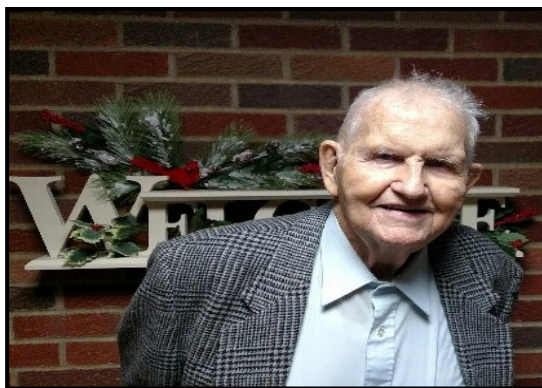
### **Prayers requested for family and friends:**

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 Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Dorothea Haught (Debbie Tallman's mother), Colleen Keister (John Rockhold's mother-in-law), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), 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)

Please remember Todd Kirk and family in your prayers as he is experiencing health issues.

Dustin Hughes is home recuperating following his hospitalization. Please remember him in your prayers and with cards. Let's let him know he is loved and appreciated.

His address: 3106 Murdoch Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26104



**Paul Mullins**

We welcome Paul Mullins.

He was baptized December 25. His favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 and his favorite hymn is *Amazing Grace*. His interests include the Bible, music, banjo music and watching television.

Paul retired as Captain of the Memphis Fire Department. He has two sons, Jim Mullins and Chris Mullins. His birthdate is May 16.

**A warm Camden Avenue welcome to Brother Paul!**



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

The elders will meet at 4:30 today with the deacons they are working with. The Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting today at 5:00.

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Youth and their parents are welcome to Family Fun Night in the MP Room this evening after services. Please bring finger foods, snacks and beverages. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Mark or Laura for details.

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING**

Anyone willing to help with VBS meet next Sunday evening after services in Room 112.

## **LADS TO LEADERS-LEADERETTES MEETING**

Todd would like to meet next Sunday evening after services in Room 109 with the LLL coordinators and everyone planning to go to the convention.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 28 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Matthew 15 will be discussed. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## **GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER - GAME NIGHT**

Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers soup bean dinner-game night Friday, February 17 at 5:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

## **SHOE BOXES NEEDED**

Melva Farris is in need of shoe boxes for Bible class. See her for details.



Congratulations to Ryan and Sarah Davis in the birth of their son.

Luke Ryan Davis arrived December 9 at 1:30PM weighing 8 pounds 1 ounce and 20 inches long.

Remember this family in your prayers and their work in the mission field in Cusco, Peru.

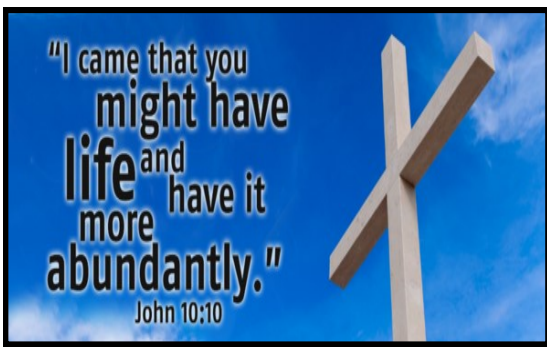
### **Daily Reading for our Bible class studies**

January 16 - Genesis 6:1-14  
January 17 - Genesis 7:1-12, 17-24  
January 18 - Genesis 8:1-12  
January 19 - Genesis 8:13-22  
January 20 - Genesis 9:1-17

This is the texts that the Bible classes will study.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

January 15 - Matthew 11, Genesis 31-32  
January 16 - Matthew 12:1-8, Genesis 33-34  
January 17 - Matthew 12:9-32, Genesis 35-36  
January 18 - Matthew 12:33-50, Genesis 37-38  
January 19 - Matthew 13:1-23, Genesis 39-40  
January 20 - Matthew 13:24-46, Genesis 41-42  
January 21 - Matthew 13:47-58, Genesis 43-44  
January 22 - Matthew 14, Genesis 45-46



## DANA'S DISCUSSION

### ABUNDANT LIVING

Jesus' stated purpose in coming to this earth was to seek and to save those who are lost. But in addition to eternal life – he offers abundant life! “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10).

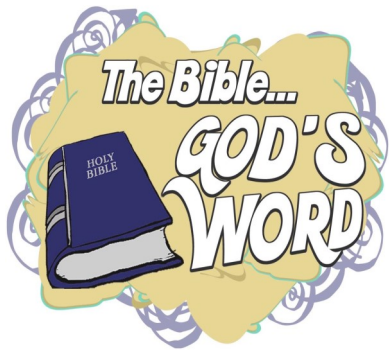
The Greek words translated abundance in the New Testament express the richness of Christianity. The word abundance literally suggests “an exceeding measure of something above the ordinary.” The blessings of serving God are a fountain freely flowing from a God who can do “exceedingly, abundantly, beyond all that we can ask or think” (Ephesians 3:21).

There is joy without measure, to those who serve Jesus. In Ephesians 1:3, we are told that all spiritual blessings are in Christ. Those blessings go beyond measure. We are part of a Royal priesthood and a Holy nation (I Peter 2:9). We have direct access to the throne of grace, with the promise of help in our time of need (Hebrews 4:15). Even though we stumble and fall, we have God's grace, forgiveness, and the continual cleansing of the blood of His son... if we remain humble, confess our sins, and strive to walk in the light. In fact, “Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:37).

We are told that “An abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior” awaits us (II Peter 1:11). No wonder Paul says “we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37).

One of the greatest blessings of being a Christian is that we have been given a purpose for living. Some years ago, a church in Columbus, Ohio put billboards over the city that simply declared, “I've found it!” Do we really realize that? Certainly, the apostle Paul did, and this is how he expressed it, “For me to live in Christ” (Philippians 1:21). In several places he reminded us that “the Lord is our life!” “It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). Through faithful submission to His word, the Master adds depth, meaning and spiritual guidance to our life. In Colossians 2:20 we are told “We are complete in Him!”

The Christian life itself is a reward! “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (II Corinthians 9:15)



# “YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.”

John 3:1-8

What is generally meant by someone who speaks of a “Born-again” Christian?

Jesus said “Unless one is \_\_\_\_\_ he cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (John 3:3)

“Unless one is born of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ he cannot enter into the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 3:5)

Name three things we know about Nicodemus.

Why did Nicodemus say he believed that Jesus was a “teacher come from God?”

The Jews looked for a physical kingdom—Jesus spoke of a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom that is entered through a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

There are three elements in a birth: We are \_\_\_\_\_. There is a coming forth or \_\_\_\_\_. There is \_\_\_\_\_.

Where does man receive his physical nature? “The first man \_\_\_\_\_ became a living being. The first man of the earth was made of \_\_\_\_\_. We have borne the image of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Corinthians 15:45-49)

In the New Birth, we are begotten by the \_\_\_\_\_. What is the seed of the new birth? (Luke 8:11)

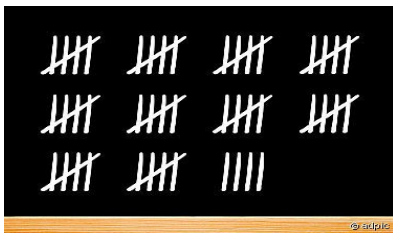
“Of his own will He brought us forth by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” (James 1:18)

What is the water of the New Birth?

When one is born again, he becomes a new, \_\_\_\_\_ creature with spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. Until one is \_\_\_\_\_ he has not been born again.

In the New Birth we are \_\_\_\_\_. We are \_\_\_\_\_. There is \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_. “According to His mercy He saved us, through the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and the renewing of the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Titus 3:5)

In the New Birth, God gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ chance at life!



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



## Love keeps no record of wrongs.

What kind of records do we keep? Well we may keep records of the bills that need to be paid each month, or when the oil in the car needs changed, or maybe the birthdays of family members. But why do we keep records? Well it is simple, because we want to remember things. There are a lot of things we like to remember so we write them down or find other ways to remember them. Yet there is one thing the Bible tells us that we are not to keep record of and that is other's wrongs. Even though the Bible teaches against keeping record's of other's wrong how many times have we brought up the past in a disagreement? It is like the one fellow who was talking to the preacher about the troubles in his marriage. The husband said, "every time my wife and I get in an argument she gets historical." The preacher said, "Don't you mean hysterical." "No," replied the husband, "I mean historical she brings up all my past mistakes."

In 1 Corinthians 13:5 Paul's instruction on love states that "[Love] is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." If we truly love one another Paul reminds us that we are not to remember the wrongs that others have committed towards us especially when we have dealt with them in a Biblical manner as Matthew 18:15-17 and 1 Timothy 5:19-20 instructs. What Paul is trying to teach in 1 Corinthians 13:5 is that once we have dealt with others sins then, love makes allowances for the fallibilities of others, and is ready to renew the relationship in a loving way. In other words instead of revenge, devising evil against those who wronged us, or constantly reminding others of their wrongs we forgive them and strive to move forward in the love of God. This is often hard to do, yet it is a command of God's word. Maybe the following illustrations can help us better "keep no record of wrongs."

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was reminded one day of a vicious deed that someone had done to her years before. But she acted as if she had never even heard of the incident. "Don't you remember it?" her friend asked. "No," came Barton's reply, "I distinctly remember forgetting it" (Luis Palau, Experiencing God's Forgiveness, Multnomah Press, 1985).

A couple married for 15 years began having more than usual disagreements. They wanted to make their marriage work and agreed on an idea the wife had. For one month they planned to drop a slip in a "Fault" box. The boxes would provide a place to let the other know about daily irritations. The wife was diligent in her efforts and approach: "leaving the jelly top off the jar," "wet towels on the shower floor," "dirty socks not in hamper," on and on until the end of the month. After dinner, at the end of the month, they exchanged boxes. The husband reflected on what he had done wrong. Then the wife opened her box and began reading. They were all the same, the message on each slip was, "I love you!"

True love, Biblical Love, keeps no records of wrongs. It releases the revenge, bitterness, and wrongs of the past and moves forward in way that we do not return evil for evil. Think about it!

By: Mark T. Tonkery



# Y O U T H E V E N T S

## January 29

Transportation will leave here at 4:30 for our youth to join the traveling youth group at the Little Hocking congregation. Refreshments will be provided prior to services.

## January 30

Transportation will leave here at 6:40 for the devotional at the Sunrise congregation.

## February 5

6th grade and above are invited to a Super Bowl get-together in the MP Room after evening services.

## February 6

Transportation will leave here at 6:30 for the devotional at the Rockport congregation.

## February 13

Transportation will leave here at 6:40 for the devotional at the Mineral Wells congregation.

## February 20

Transportation will leave at 6:45 for the devotional at the Lubeck congregation.

## February 24

Challenge Youth Conference

## February 27

Transportation will leave here at 6:35 for the devotional at the 36th Street congregation.

Prior to these events, let Jeff know if you plan to attend.

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



One of the childhood memories I have of my grandmother was the “slop bucket” she kept by the kitchen sink. Now, for those of you who don’t know what a slop bucket is, it was a bucket that contained all the scraps from previous meals. When it filled up, my grandfather would take it out back and either feed it to the pigs or bury it in the ground.

If only we all had and used our own personal “slop buckets.” What do I mean? Well, how often do you get into a little fuss with someone, and before you know it, you dump out the scraps from previous conflicts? Things that should be forgiven, resolved, and buried away, never to be mentioned again, often reappear when we find ourselves in confrontation. When something finds its way into our “slop bucket,” that’s where it should stay! When it gets full, just go bury it - for good!

Paul had it so right when he told the Ephesians, “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice” (Ephesians 4:31).

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





## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 2 - Sonya Hescht  
 February 4 - Addie Miller, Doris Newberry, Patrick Rine  
 February 5 - Nancy Proffitt, Bret Wilcoxon  
 February 7 - Paul Inman  
 February 8 - Geraldine Pahl  
 February 11 - Mildred Gault, Marion Goldsmith  
 February 14 - Sandy Hughes, \*Russ & Patty Alton,  
                   \*Dennis & Sandy Keller  
 February 15 - Mark Tonkery  
 February 17 - Daniel Rich  
 February 19 - \*Richard & Lorna Marshall  
 February 20 - Sandy Sheppard  
 February 21 - Brenda Guthrie  
 February 24 - Martha Metz  
 February 25 - Payton Knotts  
 February 26 - Kelsay Cox, Mikaya Hennen, Kody Inman,  
                   Ira Kimes, \* Pat & Kim Barclay, \*Mike & Gwen Lucas  
 February 27 - Charlotte Galloway, Doug Hershman  
 February 28 - Danielle Mullins

\* Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please contact the office this week.

### 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

January 22 - THE SANCTITY OF LIFE



### Happy Belated 90th Birthday to Lucille Hardman January 12!

Gilbert and Lucille are such a wonderful  
 Christian example. We appreciate them so  
 much!

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, January 22

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover

Close - Jeff Taberner

6:00 PM - Steve Moser

Close - Richard Cozad

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Rob Hoover

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Sean Plant

PM - Brian Haught  
Ryan Highman

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Mike Wade  
 2—Patrick Rine  
 4—Beverly Rine

### PM

1. Stan & Debi Inman
2. John & Linda Hall
3. Don & Sheri Gaston
4. Zoe Merrill & Sherry Wilcox
5. John & Karen Life
6. Gary & Sharon Herridge

## Facts and Figures

January 8, 2017

AM Service.....209

Bible Study.....241

PM Service.....206

Wednesday.....221

Contribution .....\$6557.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....9

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....10

Placed Membership....13

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

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