

# 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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26th Annual  
**Mid-Ohio Valley  
Ladies' Inspiration Day**

Saturday, April 29, 2017

9:00-12:00

Registration and Breakfast 8:30

Lunch 12:00 in the MP Room

**YOU ARE A PIECE OF GOD'S PLAN**

Jeremiah 29:11

Speakers: Sally Shank and Amy Games

**All ladies welcome!**

**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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*It's always  
the small  
pieces that  
make the big  
picture.*



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

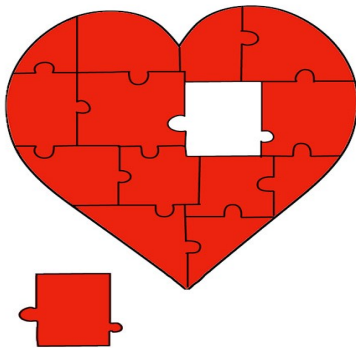
Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Gloria Frazier, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Rosie Knox, Bill Lemley, Dan McNemar, Paul Mullins, Myrtle Metz, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Eloise Smith, Tammie Wilson

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Cathy Adkins (Kassi Adkins' mother-in-law), Patty Alton, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Steve Chapman (Colleen Ash's son-in-law), Elijah Clark, Scott Coffey, Kim Engalnd, Tony Haid (Len's son), Colleen Keister (John Rockhold's mother-in-law), Dan McAlarney (Friend of Dan McNemar), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Linda Richards (Billie Coe's sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Anne Spokes (Gloria Frazier's sister), 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), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall), Bonnie Young (Harold Shank's sister)

Please continue to keep Todd Kirk in your prayers. He is scheduled for surgery at Ohio State University May 26.

**Health South** - Ray Johnson (Room 225)



**You are an important  
piece of the puzzle at  
Camden Avenue!**

**THANK YOU NOTE**

♥ Thank you so much for the anniversary cards. We enjoyed each one of them. **Dave and Lois Nulter**

# News and Announcements

## SUBMIT QUESTIONS TODAY

Please submit questions to Dana, Mark or one of the elders by this Wednesday that you would like answered at ASK THE PREACHER. Dana will be answering these questions next Sunday evening.

## DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

## CARE GROUP 4 MEETING

Members of Care Group 4 are asked to meet this evening after services by Door 6.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room at 5:45. Devotional and work assignments at 6:20. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

## GOLDEN AGERS VETERANS MUSUEM TRIP AND LUNCH

A Golden Agers trip is planned for Thursday, April 27 to the Veterans Museum and lunch at Western Sizzlin. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. \$3.00 each for museum admission. Gary Farris will provide a tour. See Dwain for more details.

## LOVE AND CARE SERVICE - THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Care Group 1 will conduct the service at Love and Care Thursday, April 27 at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome to attend this time of worship and fellowship.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 29 at Shoney's at 8:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

## ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS

Bill Mills will be teaching an adult Bible Bowl class beginning Sunday, April 30 in Room 112. The first class will cover Luke chapter 1 (NKJV). Everyone invited.

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES RECOGNITION

Everyone is invited to the LLL recognition in the MP Room next Sunday evening after services in the MP Room. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

## CPR RERESHER COURSE

The CRP Refresher course is scheduled for Monday, May 15 the MP Room 6:00PM-9:00PM. Please sign sheet on the counter if you plan to attend. Marion needs an accurate class count. See him for more details.

## BIBLE BUSTERS

Bible Busters will meet today at 5:30PM in the front of the auditorium. All ages welcome!

### Daily Bible Reading

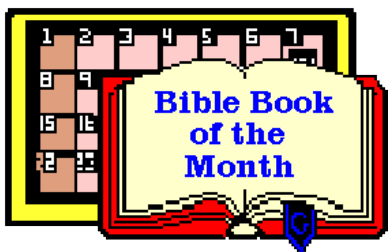
April 23 - Luke 15, Ruth 3-4  
April 24 - Luke 16, 1 Samuel 1-3  
April 25 - Luke 17:1-19, 1 Samuel 4-6  
April 26 - Luke 17:20-37, 1 Samuel 7-9  
April 27 - Luke 18:1-17, 1 Samuel 10-12  
April 28 - Luke 18:18-43, 1 Samuel 13-14  
April 29 - Luke 19:1-27, 1 Samuel 15-16  
April 30 - Luke 19:28-48, 1 Samuel 17



### Daily Reading for our Bible class studies

April 17- Exodus 6:1-9  
April 18- Exodus 7:1-13  
April 20- Exodus 3:7-17  
April 21- Exodus 4:1-17  
April 22- Exodus 5:1-14, 22-23

This is the texts that our Bible classes study.



## Book of the Month: Ephesians

April 23-29 (Ephesians 5)

### Review Questions: Ephesians 5,6

**Paul said those who seek to be justified by the law have fallen from what? (5:4)**

“You have been called to \_\_\_\_\_; only do not use as an opportunity for the \_\_\_\_\_ but through love \_\_\_\_\_ one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; ‘You shall \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor as \_\_\_\_\_’” (5:13-14).

**If we walk in the Spirit, what will we not fulfill? (5:16)**

“The works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, \_\_\_\_\_, uncleanness, \_\_\_\_\_, idolatry, sorcery, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, jealousies, outbursts of \_\_\_\_\_, selfish \_\_\_\_\_, dissensions, heresies, \_\_\_\_\_, murders, \_\_\_\_\_ revelries, and the like... those who practice such things will not \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God” (5:19-21)

“But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit is love, \_\_\_\_\_, peace, longsuffering, \_\_\_\_\_, goodness, \_\_\_\_\_, gentleness, self-\_\_\_\_\_. Against such there is no law” (5:22-23).

**If we live in the Spirit, how should we walk? (5:25).**

**What should a faithful Christian do if he sees his brother overtaken in sin? (6:1)**

“Bear one another’s \_\_\_\_\_ and so \_\_\_\_\_ the law of \_\_\_\_\_” (6:2).

**What should every each one examine? (6:4).**

“For each one shall \_\_\_\_\_ his own \_\_\_\_\_” (6:5).

**What does Paul say about supporting those who spend their time teaching God’s word? (6:6).**

“Do not be \_\_\_\_\_, God is not \_\_\_\_\_; for whatever a man sows, that he will also \_\_\_\_\_. For he who sows to the \_\_\_\_\_, will of the flesh reap \_\_\_\_\_, but he who sows to the Spirit will reap \_\_\_\_\_ life” (6:7-8).

**What could keep us from receiving the reward for doing good? (6:9).**

**Who are Christians to do good toward? (6:10).**

**What is the only thing that Paul said he boasted?** “But God forbid that I should \_\_\_\_\_ except in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been \_\_\_\_\_ to me, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the world” (6:14).

# Bearing One Another's Burdens

## Galatians 6:1-5



“ \_\_\_\_\_, if a man is \_\_\_\_\_ in any trespass, you who are spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ such a one in as spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, considering yourself lest you also be \_\_\_\_\_. Bear one another’s \_\_\_\_\_ and so fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.” (Gal. 6:1-2)

**Christians met one another’s \_\_\_\_\_ needs.** “Nor was there anyone among them who \_\_\_\_\_.” (Acts 4:34) **Not meeting our brother’s needs is to make our religion \_\_\_\_\_.** “Pure religion and undefiled before God our Father is to visit \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_.” (James 1:27) “Whosoever has the world’s \_\_\_\_\_ and sees his \_\_\_\_\_ have need, and shuts up his \_\_\_\_\_ from him; how does the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ in him?” (I John 3:17)

**Paul speaks here of \_\_\_\_\_ needs.** “Brethren, if a man is \_\_\_\_\_ in any trespass, you who are spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ such a one.” (Galatians 6:1) **Whose responsibility is it? If you are a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian it is your \_\_\_\_\_.** “Now we exhort you \_\_\_\_\_, warn those who are \_\_\_\_\_, comfort the \_\_\_\_\_, uphold the \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_ with all.” (I Thess. 5:14) **This is one purpose for our \_\_\_\_\_.** “Let us consider one another in order to stir up \_\_\_\_\_ and good \_\_\_\_\_; not \_\_\_\_\_ the assembling of ourselves together.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

**We are to seek to \_\_\_\_\_ the erring. Concern for our brother is not \_\_\_\_\_.** **We must first \_\_\_\_\_ our own lives.** “First remove the \_\_\_\_\_ from your own eye, then you will see clearly to \_\_\_\_\_ the speck from your brother’s eye.” (Matthew 7:1-5) “If anyone thinks himself to be \_\_\_\_\_ when he is \_\_\_\_\_, he deceives himself.” (Galatians 6:3)

**How can we be \_\_\_\_\_ by a brother who is concerned?** “Brethren, if anyone \_\_\_\_\_ you wanders from the \_\_\_\_\_, and someone \_\_\_\_\_ him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the \_\_\_\_\_ of his way will save a soul from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a multitude of sins.” (James 5:19,20)

**We are to carry our own \_\_\_\_\_.** “For every man shall bear his own \_\_\_\_\_.” (Galatians 6:5) **Others cannot \_\_\_\_\_ what we do not bring. God will judge us each \_\_\_\_\_.** “So then each of us shall give account of \_\_\_\_\_ to God.” (Romans 14:12) “For we must \_\_\_\_\_ appear before the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of Christ, that \_\_\_\_\_ one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Corinthians 5:10) **We must make an honest \_\_\_\_\_.** “Examine \_\_\_\_\_ as to whether you are in the \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Corinthians 13:5)

**The church will \_\_\_\_\_ when we each \_\_\_\_\_ our own load.** “From whom the whole \_\_\_\_\_, joined and \_\_\_\_\_ together by what every \_\_\_\_\_ supplies, according to the effective \_\_\_\_\_ by which every \_\_\_\_\_ does its \_\_\_\_\_, causes growth of the body for the \_\_\_\_\_ of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:16)



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Our God, He is Alive

How many times have we sung the hymn “Our God, He is Alive”? It is a beautiful hymn that is still very popular among members of the Lord’s church. It was written by Aaron Wesley Dicus (1888-1978). He was a very talented member of the church. He was a gospel preacher, author, scientist, college professor, inventor, as well as a hymn writer. Our God, He is Alive is Dicus’ most known hymn.

Dicus wrote Our God, He is Alive as a response to the 1960 God is Dead movement. *The movement resulted from the book The Death of God, written by Gabriel Vahanian. Vahanian and other leaders in the movement were not actually anti-God, though that was not easy to decipher in all the controversy. Their point was that God was dead in the minds of most people in the sense that modern people showed little concern for God. Nevertheless, the mere mention of God’s death raised the ire of believers across the country, and unbelievers quickly joined the debate to oppose those who affirmed that God remained alive and active.*

*The controversy escalated and soon saturated the media. From the believers’ perspective, the coverage seemed to be intentionally confrontational. For example, the April 8, 1966 cover of Time magazine simply read, “Is God Dead?” (See the article here: [www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,835309,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,835309,00.html).)*

Although we are long past the controversy of the 1960’s we still live in a day and time where many people believe God is dead. Still yet there are several Christians who show up to worship services on Sunday but live the rest of their lives as if God was dead. This same attitude was true of many in the First Century when Paul states in Titus 1:16, “They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.”

Dicus’ hymn “Our God, He is Alive,” is still a reminder that God is alive, He works in His creation, and is involved by providence in our lives.

Hebrews 1:1-2 puts it this way, “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”

“Our God, He Is Alive” is just not a nice hymn to sing, but are words to believe, and live by! Let us live and act as if we believe “Our God, He is Alive.” Think about it.  
Mark T. Tonkery

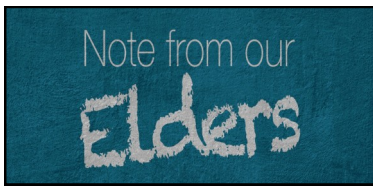
Mark will be bringing the evening sermon.

*Title: Our God, He is Alive. Scripture Reading: Exodus 7:1-10*

### Thank you note:

Dear Camden Ave. church family,

We would like to thank everyone who supported our youth and organized the Lads to Leaders trip so our youth could go to the convention in Louisville, KY. It was our first year to ever go and we appreciated all the hard work, donations, and time put into this event. We specially like to thank Todd and Annette Kirk, Bill Mills, and all the adults who went on the trip, donated time and resources, and worked with our children to prepare them for the Lads to Leaders. We also would like to thank all the youth who worked very hard to learn new skills, practiced, and prepared for Lads to Leaders. Keep up the great work and may God bless you! In Christ, **The Tonkery’s**



## 2017 Summer Series



June 7

God's Plan to Establish His Church - G.K. Pennington

June 14

That We All May be One - Charles Aebi

June 21

Scripture as Authority - Roger Rush

July 12

The Role of Baptism - Glen Hawkins

July 19

Unity in the Church - Tom Butterfield

July 26

Organization and Leadership - Dana Slingluff

August 2

The Role of Women - Mark Tonkery

August 9

The Worship of the Church - David Newberry

August 16

The Music of Worship - Steven Haguewood

August 23

Autonomy and Cooperation in the Church - Randy Baker

August 30

Faithfulness and the Local Congregation - Dale Parsley

**Wednesday evenings at 7:00**

The elders are pleased to announce the addition of Rick Stanley to the staff at Camden Avenue. He is a licensed Professional Counselor with 35 years of experience in the Mental Health field.

Rick will be providing counseling services to all members at Camden Avenue who desire Christian counseling or guidance. These services will not be limited to traditional mental health services, but will be expanded to include all who need guidance and support from a brother in Christ in their daily walk, comfort in time of need, encouragement in troubled times, or an extended hand in a time of rejoicing.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of this help on their journey through life is welcome to make an appointment to seek advice, consultation or assistance is encouraged to contact Rick at 304.210.2307 or 304.428.0531 to schedule an appointment.

Please pray for the success of this new ministry.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I love being a Christian! It is the most wonderful thing in the world. But what makes Christianity SO attractive?

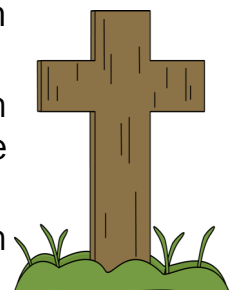
First, we have a **FATHER**. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, *Our Father which art in heaven*" (Matthew 6:9). Our heavenly father cares, loves and blesses us (Ephesians 1:3).

Second, **FORGIVENESS**. Jesus died on the cross and grants forgiveness of sins to those that repent and are baptized (Acts 2:38).

Third, a **FAMILY**. 1 Timothy 3:15 reminds us that the church is a family. Christians are blessed with a spiritual family where love, care and concern are rich blessings which provide the greatest support system on earth.

Last we have a **FUTURE**. Christianity is going somewhere. In John 14:1-3 Jesus tells us he is preparing a home for the faithful. Will you be going? These are four major facts all Christians enjoy.

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



## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, April 30

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - Bill Mills

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Jimmy Galloway

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Dennis Keller

PM - Ben Haught

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Brent West

PM - Jeff Taberner

Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Inman  
2 - Rick Stanley  
4 - Dennis Keller

### PM

1. Emma Hershman & Holly Haught
2. Steve & Julie Moser
3. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears
4. Sherry Wilcox & Robin Anthony
5. Patrick & Beverly Rine
6. Brandon & Calle Sheppard

**This is  
The Word  
of God**



# I Believe It!

## The Word of God

For feelings come and go,  
And feelings are deceiving;  
My warrant is the Word of God  
Naught else is worth believing.  
I'll trust in God's unchanging Word  
Till soul and body sever;  
For, though all things shall pass away,  
His Word shall stand forever.

Bulletin Digest

### April 23 - 26

North End congregation  
Speaker: Dan Jenkins

### April 23 - 26

OVU Lectureship

### April 23 - 27

Mineral Wells congregation  
Speaker: Rick Tincher

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

## Facts and Figures

April 16, 2017

AM Service.....290  
Bible Study.....193  
PM Service.....219  
Wednesday.....199  
Contribution .....\$6735.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....1  
Placed Membership....0



## 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 6:30  
for the sing at the  
Sunrise  
congregation.

*Everyone welcome!*

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

April 30  
WORSHIP IN PRAYER