

# 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 our Gospel Meeting with Brother Phil Sanders.

We are so glad to have Brother Sanders with us.

He was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma and now resides in Edmund, Oklahoma. He married Jackie Dodgen in 1974. They have four daughters and eleven grandchildren. Brother Sanders is the speaker for "*In Search of the Lord's Way*," a nationally broadcasted television ministry of Edmond Church of Christ. Other experience includes: Instructor, Ambridge University (formerly Southern Christian University) and the Theological University of America. Involved in active ministry for more than 42 years. Former Assistant Director and Instructor, Nashville School of Preaching and Biblical Studies.

He is the author of several books and a frequent speaker at lectureships, gospel meetings and seminars. He has had articles in *Gospel Advocate* and *Spiritual Sword*. He is the author of: *A Faith Built on Sand*, 2011. *Adrift: Postmodernism in the Church*, *Gospel Advocate*, 2000, *Let All the Earth Keep Silence*, *Star*, 2006, *Evangelism Handbook of New Testament Christianity*, 2009.

**Please join us this week as he will be preaching from God's Word.**

### 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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God has bigger  
 plans for us than we  
 have for ourselves.

**KEEP PRAYING,  
 BUT BE THANKFUL THAT GOD'S  
 ANSWERS ARE WISER THAN OUR  
 PRAYERS.**

### Our church family in need of your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger,  
 Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Gloria Frazier, Diana Hesselrode,  
 Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley,  
 Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Betty Porter, Jane Pralley, Nancy  
 Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Eloise Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

### Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patty Alton, Luann Ayers (Shelley Todd's cousin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's  
 brother), Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin  
 Anthony), Elijah Clark, Alan Eaton (Lois Nulter's son), Tony Haid (Len's son),  
 Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister),  
 Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Helen Ruble, David Smith (Billie  
 Coe's nephew), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's  
 niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-  
 in-law), Merl White (Terry Hofmann's father), Susan Williams (Friend of Don and  
 Brenda Dougherty), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

Eli Clark

499 Montgomery Hill Road  
 Walker, WV 26180

Please keep Eli and family in your prayers and remember he loves mail.

### **SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to Denny Keller and family in the passing of his  
 brother, Dave Kelly. His service was Wednesday in Parkersburg.

Keep Denny and this family in your prayers.

We love and appreciate Denny and Sandy!



### **Thank You Notes To Share**

- ♥ Thanks for all the birthday cards and wishes. They made my day! **Sherry Wilcox**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and visits at the passing of my brother. **Dennis Keller**
- ♥ Want to thank you for your help in every way in the passing of Ray. Dana for the talk at the funeral-it was so softly spoken as Ray's life had been, the Elders for their out reach of love to me and my family and friends who came or expressed their kindness in any way. Love and thankfulness from us all, **Phyllis Johnson and family**
- ♥ Thank you for the wonderful birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Clyde Yoho**
- ♥ **Don and Annie Bunner** appreciate all the cards in celebration of their 50th anniversary.
- ♥ I want to thank my church family once again for the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my hospital stay and recovery. They all mean so very much during this difficult time. I am doing better but will continue to travel to Columbus once a week at least through November for treatments. Thanks, also for the many birthday cards. They were greatly appreciated! Please continue to remember me in your prayers. Love you all. **Bill Lemley**

## **BAPTISM**

We rejoice that Lexi Knotts was baptized Sunday evening by her father, Rob Hoover. She will be in Care Group 2. We welcome Lexi into the family at Camden Avenue.

## **BIBLE CLASSES**

5th grade and below will go to their regular Bible classes today. All others are asked to remain in the auditorium. This Wednesday everyone will remain in the auditorium.

## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study.

## **LOVE AND CARE**

Care Group 3 will conduct the service at Love and Care today at 2:30. Our ladies will hold a Ladies' Day at Love and Care Thursday evening at 7:00 and invites all ladies.

## **DINNER SIGN-UP SHEETS**

Meals are planned to be served Monday-Wednesday this week in the MP Room at 5:45. Sign-up sheets are in the foyers. (Monday - Men cooking for the ladies, Tuesday - Pizza will be provided. Bring items to go with pizza. Wednesday - Hotdog roast) Everyone invited!

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting next Sunday at 5:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend our congregational singing on the church lawn next Sunday evening after services.

## **31st ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL**

Everyone is welcome to come support the Bible Bowl teams Saturday, September 23. Registration begins at 9:00AM. It will cover the book of Luke (NKJV).

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet September 25, 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 devotional/work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

## **VETERAN'S RECOGNITION**

We are planning to recognize our family of Veteran's. We would like to have pictures of all military, past and present. Include name, branch of service, rank, years and where served on back of a military picture, preferably. Pictures will be copied and returned. Submit by mid-October to Marion Goldsmith.

## **GOLDEN AGERS TRIP**

The Golden Agers historic trip to Henderson Hall will be Tuesday, September 26, leaving here at 9:30. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Dwain for more information.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

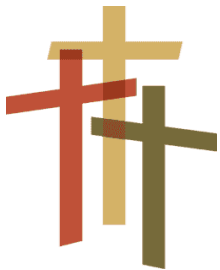
September 10 - 1 Corinthians 13, Ps. 133-139  
September 11 - 1 Corinthians 14:1-25, Ps. 140-144  
September 12 - 1 Corinthians 14:36-40, Ps. 145-150  
September 13 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-34, Prov. 1-2  
September 14 - 1 Corinthians 15:35-58, Prov. 3-4  
September 15 - 1 Corinthians 16, Prov. 5-6  
September 16 - 2 Corinthians 1, Prov. 7-8  
September 17 - 2 Corinthians 2, Prov. 9-11

### **DISASTER RELIEF**

We sent \$3000 to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief and \$3000 to the Church of Christ Disaster Assistance. We will be sending additional funds. Monetary donations may be given to the Elders.

### **Daily Reading - Bible classes**

September 11 - Numbers 21:1-9  
September 12 - Numbers 21:21-26,31-35  
September 13 - Psalms 78:13-22  
September 14 - Psalms 78:41-48, 51-56  
September 15 - John 3:14-21



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “Blessed Assurance”

Many Christians, if asked “are you saved?” would answer “I think so,” or “I hope so.” Some would even go as far as to say “there is no way that one **can** know.” Yet the truth is that some **have** known the certainty of their salvation. Paul said, “*there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord shall give to me at that day.*” (II Timothy 4:6-8) Does it sound as if Paul had any doubts? Can we be sure that we are saved? Many say no...the Bible says yes. John said “*these things I have written unto you that you may know that you have eternal life.*” (I John 5:13)

The reason that some can feel assurance of salvation and others cannot is not because of what the Bible teaches about salvation but because of our attitude toward it. Those who are uncertain say “if I have been good enough,” or “if I am deserving.” No wonder they doubt! None of us could ever be good enough to merit our salvation. They may think they are being humble but that it not the case. They believe that if they are saved it will be because they **do** deserve it! On the other hand, those who feel assured of salvation believe in the grace of God. They know that God’s promises are true and they put confidence in the hope that He has given them. They don’t feel certain of their salvation due to their own goodness; they feel certain of their salvation because of God’s goodness.

What is the Source of this assurance? It cannot be found in emotions or experiences. Instead it is found, as John said, *in that which has been written.* (I John 5:13). Assurance of salvation comes when we know that we have obeyed the Lord’s commandments concerning salvation. The gospel came with much assurance! (I Thessalonians 1:5) Full assurance comes by understanding . (Colossians 2:2) I heard of a Christian who attended a denominational “testimonial” service and was asked “when” and “how” he was saved. He replied, “I was saved when I did what Jesus said we must do to be saved; *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.*” (Mark 16:16) Simple, isn’t it?

Obedying the gospel from a sincere heart saves you. Jesus said so. There is no reason to doubt. But in order to be assured that heaven will be our home we must also heed His words of Revelations 2:10, “*be faithful unto death and I will give unto you a crown of life.*” How can we know we are saved? (1) Because God, who has promised, is faithful. (2) Because we have obeyed His commandments. (3) Because we are faithfully walking with Him (I John 1:7). **Blessed assurance – Jesus is mine!**

# **Sermon Notes**

Speaker: Phil Sanders



## **Times and Topics**

Sunday 9:30AM - Relationship with God  
11:00AM - God The Father (Fatherly Example)  
6:00PM - Biblical Marriage - Need to Strive For  
Monday 7:00PM - Parenting  
Tuesday 7:00PM - Staying Strong In Trials  
Wednesday 7:00PM - Stay Faithful



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Salvation in Christ

- S** - Salvation means deliverance from danger. Each human is in danger because of their sins, the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).
- A** - All people have sinned. (Rom. 3:23; 5:12).
- L** - Lost on our own. The Bible tells us that because of our sins we have rebelled against God and we will be punished for our sins (1 Cor. 6:9,10).
- V** - Victory over sin is only through Christ. God's word tells us that we have been delivered from sin because Christ came to earth, died on the cross and was raised from the dead. (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- A** - Atonement has been made for our sins by the blood of Christ (Rom. 5:11; Eph. 1:7).
- T** - Take this free gift of Jesus. Although Jesus paid the price for our sins on the cross. We must be willing to respond to the gift Christ has given us (Rom. 6:23).
- I** - Important. The Bible is full of important statements. The message of salvation is so important it is a matter of life and death (John 8:24).
- O** - Our responses to the Salvation Jesus offers is to believe that He is the Son of God (Mark 16:16); repent of our sins (Acts 2:38); confess Jesus' name (Mat. 10:32); be baptized into Christ (1 Peter 3:21), and continue to live a holy life in Christ and be faithful to God till death (2 Peter 3:11 and Rev. 2:10).
- N** - Now is the only time we have been given to accept Christ's invitation. Tomorrow may never come. Yesterday has already past (Heb.3:15). Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery

✠ **Please bring items for the college care packages by tonight so tomorrow evening after the Gospel meeting those who would like to volunteer will put the packages together. The sign-up sheets for items to bring are in the foyer. Items may be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer. Thank you for your kindness and help! Mark T. Tonkery**

✠ **What we Believe Class (W.E.B. CLASS)** A class on First Principles will be taught by Mark T. Tonkery in the MP Room. It will continue Wednesdays after the Gospel Meeting. This class will be designed to connect people to the church, for new Christians and anyone wanting to know more about the church/ Bible. If you have any questions, please see Mark.

# A Successful Gospel Meeting

Our Gospel Meeting begins today with Brother Sanders. September 10-13 will prove to be a spiritually powerful and uplifting week! Our meeting will encourage the lost to be saved, strengthen the weak, and will fortify the faithful! We hasten to emphasize that it will be a GOSPEL meeting and it will be a great success if you and I will do the following:

**G** - God will be with us if we will work together with Him. "For we are laborers together with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9) and "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). God will be present with us in our assembling together. Will YOU be there?

**O** - Offering ourselves up to God as a "living sacrifice" is our "reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). We must be willing to offer to God our bodies in His service: our time, energies, talents, finances, our entire being!

**S** - Singing is a vital part of a successful meeting. In the singing of "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" in our worship, we teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16). Through "the sacrifice of praise to God...The fruit of our lips" we give "thanks to His name" (Hebrews 13:15).

**P** - Preaching is an essential ingredients in God's plan of salvation for man. The Gospel of Christ "is the power of God to save"; therefore, we must not be ashamed of it! (Romans 1:16). Through preaching, the Gospel is made known to man. Paul wrote that, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21). When God's Word is taught, it can prick the heart that can cause people to respond in obedience to the faith! Are you saved?

**E** - Everyone needs to be involved. Each member of the church at Camden Avenue needs to support our meeting by their prayers, invitations to others, their faithful attendance and participation in the worship. The apostle Paul describes the church as a body comprised of many members with every part working together to the "increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16). Are you willing to do your part to help this meeting to be a success?

**L** - Listening to the teaching of God's Word is a must! As listeners we must prepare our ears to hear and our hearts to receive "the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word. And not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:21-22). Come prepared to listen, receive the Word, and then go forth as one determined to do the will of God.

The success of our Gospel Meeting depends upon God, you and me! God will do His part. The question is, will we do our part to make this meeting a success?

Adapted from an article by Bob Vincent, Minister of the Tipp City Church of Christ.

Bob is the son of Dearll and Carol Vincent.

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

**We love God, you and our church family!**

If you have any questions or would like additional information (i.e. home Bible study, Bible Correspondence Courses, etc.) please let us know.



## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 17

ELDER IN CHARGE - Brian Haught

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Jim Galloway

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Stan Inman

6:00 PM - Kyle Inman

Close - Dave Nulter

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Walter Morgan

PM - Hayden Moser

### COMMUNION

AM - Harold Shank

PM - Dwain Shears

Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber

2 - Verna Huber

4 - Donovan Walton

### PM

1. Ira Kimes & Bill Mills

2. Paul & Nancy Inman

3. Steve & Linda Gray

4. Brian & Natalie Haught

5. Mary Daniel & Sue VanCamp

6. Ron & Peggy Riddle



### September 12

Training Young Men

Mid-Ohio Valley Preachers Meeting  
here 10:00AM.

Speaker: Brother Sanders

Lunch to follow at Golden Corral

*All men welcome!*

### September 14

7:00PM Ladies' Day at Love and Care

### September 17

Meeting after Bible classes in Room 109 for  
6th grade and above to discuss upcoming events  
Fireside sing after PM services

### September 23

Bible Bowl

### September 24

Harvest Dinner - Noon

Deacon's meeting

Song and prayer evening service

### September 25

Monday Night For The Master

Love and Care sing 7:00PM

## Facts and Figures

September 3, 2017

AM Service.....287

Bible Study.....200

PM Service.....205

Wednesday.....190

Contribution .....\$8561.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....2

## Calling Cards

New business cards are available in the foyers. Feel free to distribute them to folks you meet, family and friends.

Information includes our service times, *In Search of The Lord's Way* and GBN television program times.

Please help us distribute them.



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.

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday  
at 6:00 for the sing at the  
Pike congregation.

Please join us!

## Services Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00