

# 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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## October is Minister Appreciation Month



What a great time to let Dana and Mark (and their families) know we love and appreciate them.

Ideas include: Pray for them. Cooperate with them. Defend them.  
Send them a note or card to express your appreciation.  
Compliment them. Invite them for dinner or refreshments.

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12

And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15

**Thank you Dana and Mark for all that you do for us at  
Camden Avenue.**

**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  
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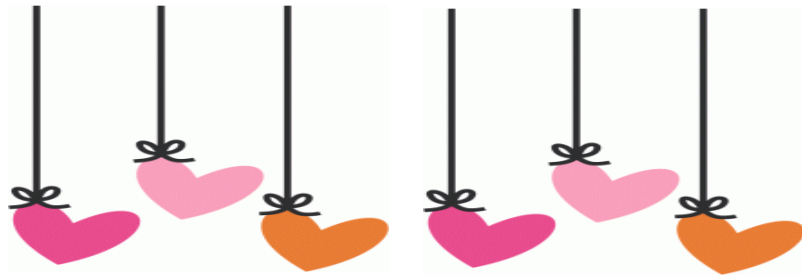
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If you're praying  
about it  
God is working  
on it.



*Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving.*

Colossians 4:2

**Our church family in need of prayers.**

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger,  
Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Sheila Deems, 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, Theresa Steed, 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), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), John Knotts (Billie Coe's co-worker), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Helen Ruble, 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.



Congratulations to great grandmother, Colleen Ash in the birth of  
**Maddilyn Jane Inkenbrandt.**

She was born October 5 weighing 5 pounds and 14 ounces to  
parents, Bob and Melissa Inkenbrandt. They reside in Florida.

Proud grandmother is Linda Liggins.

**Seven Things You Will Never Regret**

1. Showing kindness to another person.
2. Saying "I'm sorry" when you've hurt someone.
3. Refusing to destroy someone's reputation through gossip.
4. Refusing to do something that is wrong.
5. Doing something that is right.
6. Giving honor to your parents.
7. Giving God the priority He deserves.



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# Church News and Announcements

## TRANSFERRED MEMBERSHIP

Breck, Diana, Braden and Ryan Hesselrode have transferred their membership to the Hopewell congregation.

## MEETINGS TODAY

Elders, preachers, deacons meeting at 4:00. Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting at 5:00.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be this Wednesday on the MP parking lot after Bible study. Please bring snacks and refreshments to the MP Room.

## 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 to Marion Goldsmith by next Sunday.

## DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet October 23 - 5:45 dinner and 6:20 devotional/work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

## GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers Amish Country trip will be Thursday, October 26. Sign-up sheet and agendas are on the counter.

## WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be in the MP Room Friday, November 10. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SING

We will host the Friday night sing November 10 at 7:00. This will be the final sing for 2017. Please bring snacks, desserts and beverages to the MP Room to be shared following the sing.

## RAKE AND RUN

Two sign-up sheets are on the counter for Rake and Run. (1) if you would like your leaves raked and (2) if you volunteer to rake.

## GOSPEL MEETING CD'S

CD's are on the counter of our Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders.

## PHYLLIS JOHNSON

Remember our sister Phyllis Johnson with prayers, cards, visits and phone calls. Her address is: Brookdale Marietta, 150 Browns Road, Marietta, OH 45750. Her phone number is: 304.428.0342.

### Daily Bible Reading

October 15 - Colossians 1, Isaiah 39-41  
October 16 - Colossians 2, Isaiah 42-44  
October 17 - Colossians 3, Isaiah 45-47  
October 18 - Colossians 4, Isaiah 48-50  
October 19 - 1 Thessalonians 1, Isaiah 51-54  
October 20 - 1Thessalonias 2, Isaiah 55-58  
October 21 - 1 Thessalonians 3, Isaiah 59-63  
October 22 - 1 Thessalonians 4, Isaiah 64-66



*Happiness*  
does not depend on what happens  
*outside of you*  
But on what happens  
*inside of you.*

### Daily Reading - Bible classes

October 16 - Joshua 3:1-17  
October 17 - Joshua 4:1-18  
October 19 - Joshua 1:1-9  
October 20 - Joshua 2:1-14  
October 21 - Joshua 2:15-24



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## "The Simplicity of Worship"

Several years ago, I was with the local preacher of a congregation where I was conducting a gospel meeting. We were checking out a school cafeteria where the church planned to have a covered dish dinner on Sunday afternoon. We found the room filled with people who were busily setting up the stage for some kind of production. The stage was already set up for a band with microphones, drum sets and other instruments. There were risers in place for a singing group. A trailer outside was filled with audio and lightning equipment. The program's director scurried about making sure all the performers were checked in.

We were curious. We asked "what kind of a program are you planning?" The answer came. "We are preparing to have worship." We were also told that their regular church building was "too small" for them to "have worship."

My first thought was, if it was necessary to have all of these things in order to worship, the congregation I was preaching for in this meeting was in serious trouble! Actually, it reinforced the truth to me – that what many people regard as worship to God - is nothing more than entertainment for themselves.

When you study the subject of Christian worship in the New Testament, you cannot help but be impressed by its simplicity. Under the Old Law, worship in the Temple was surrounded by spectacle. There were sacrifices and the burning of incense. There were temple musicians and other performers. However, when Jesus spoke of worship as it would be under the new covenant He indicated the nature of worship would change and be restricted to the spiritual expression of the heart.

*"But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth."* (John 4:23-24) Paul told the men of Athens about worship to the One and Only True God. *"Since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshipped with men's hands as though He needed anything"* (Acts 17:24-25)

Every item of Christian worship spoken of in the New Testament involves complete simplicity – a direct line of communication to God from the heart of the worshipper. The music of worship is "singing and making melody in the heart." This does not require (or allow) performing on a musical instrument, in fact, it doesn't even require that one have a good singing voice! The only thing that makes music worship is the words of sincere praise that comes from the heart.

**The prayers of worship** are an individual Christian's communication with God. Although we are commonly led in our praying, it is not necessary for us to pray through any mediator other than Jesus. We can pray at any time and in any place.

**The teaching and edification of worship** is simply a study and reflection upon the word of God. We utilize teachers and preachers, but the worship takes place when we take the message of God's word into our hearts. We can study God's word, teach and encourage one another at any time and any place.

**The Lord's Supper** involves the simplest of elements – unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (grape juice). But, as with every aspect of worship it is meaningful only if we "discern the Lord's body" and take it in "remembrance" of Him.

**Our giving** is an expression of our love as we give a portion of what God has blessed us with to spread the truth of His word and to do good works in His name.

These five simple acts of worship can be done in a meaningful and reverent way whether there are five Christians together or five thousand. They remain the same if you are in a comfortable auditorium or under a tree in an African jungle.

The performances that many churches present as worship showcase man's talents and abilities. The worship that God prescribes has only one focus. Our hearts all turn to God – He, and He alone is lifted up.

# Do you want to get well?

Scripture Reading: John 5:1-8



Where do you go when you are sick?

Jerusalem, the pool of \_\_\_\_\_ Jn 5:\_\_\_\_\_

Three main differences with healing of lame man than Jesus' other miracles:

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**First Jesus asks** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jn 5:**\_\_\_\_\_

Some people \_\_\_\_\_ want to be helped spiritually either.

Matthew 10:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 13:51 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 24:25 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 26:28 \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Jesus states** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jn 5:**\_\_\_\_\_

We must believe Jesus enough to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

Jn. 14:15, 23, 24, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2:17, \_\_\_\_\_

**Transition: Jesus teaching on the** \_\_\_\_\_ **Day Jn 5:**\_\_\_\_\_)

Mark 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 13 \_\_\_\_\_

John 9 \_\_\_\_\_

Col. 2:13-16 \_\_\_\_\_

**Third Jesus states,** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jn 5:**\_\_\_\_\_

Stop \_\_\_\_\_

2 Pt. 2:20-21, \_\_\_\_\_

Rom 6:1-3, \_\_\_\_\_

2 Pt. 3:11, \_\_\_\_\_

1Jn 1:8-10, \_\_\_\_\_

Finally,

John ch. 5 records only three statements made by Jesus in the whole discussion to the lame man. Three statements I believe each one of us must consider for our spiritual lives:

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Everyone is invited back tonight!

***P.M. Sermon: A New Beginning***  
***Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-2***

Dana is holding a Gospel Meeting at the Chandlersville, OH congregation through Thursday.  
Please keep him in your prayers for a good week and safe travels.





## Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

### What would we do if Jesus came into our assembly?

A six-year-old girl and her four-year-old brother were sitting together in church. The little boy laughed, sang, and talked aloud during the worship service. Finally, the little girl had enough. “You’re not supposed to talk aloud in church.”

“Why? Who’s going to stop me?” the little boy asked. The girl pointed to the back of the church and said, “See those two men standing by the door? They’re hushers.”

This funny story is a good reminder, even as adults, what God expects of us when we come to worship. Heb. 12:28 puts it this way, “Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.” Our worship of God is to be done with the attitude of reverence. Reverence is defined as: caution, fear, or respect toward God.

So, I wonder when we come to worship Almighty God on the first day of the week is our assembly a place of godly reverence, godly fear, and respect?

Some fellows were talking one day about some people they wish they could have met in history. One fellow in the crowd said he would like to have met George Washington another said Isaac Newton, another mentioned Shakespeare, some other names were mentioned. Then the name of Jesus Christ was brought up. There was a pause. Everyone got quiet then someone said, “You know if Shakespeare would come in, each of us would stand and respect him and bring honor to him, but if Jesus Christ came in we would each kneel in reverence.”

The truth is Jesus Christ is here and comes into our presence each time we worship. Mt. 18:20 tells us, “For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them.” The Savior is here.

Will we “kneel in reverence”? Did we come prepared to meet the Savior today? Will our worship be done with respect and awe? What have we done this past week to prepare to meet with Christ today? If the Lord wills, how will we be preparing to meet the Lord next Sunday? Will we be ready to meet with Christ? The Savior is here! Are we ready? Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery

# Youth Section



Ali Cochran and Alexa Inman sharing a hug at the Ladies Day last Saturday at the Norval Park congregation.

They are fine young ladies that love the Lord.

## October 18

Trunk or Treat - MP parking lot after Bible study

## October 20

5th grade and under devo. and camp out on the church lawn, starting at 6:30PM. We will have food and s'mores. Camp out is for all youth. See Kyle for details.

## October 27-28

Bridgeport Youth Rally  
Let Jeff know by October 18 if you plan to go.

## October 29

Transportation will leave at 5:55 to join the traveling youth group at the Waverly congregation. Refreshments afterwards. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

## November 10

Widows, Widowers, Veterans Lunch in the MP Room  
Sign-up sheet on the counter.

## November 11

Rake and Run  
Sign-up sheets are on the counter

♥ Let's all be an encouragement to our youth at Camden Avenue.



*Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.*

Psalm 143:10

## **Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery**

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I've been told that there's a health-food restaurant in the northeast with a billboard that says, "Eat here and live a long life!" Not wanting to be outdone, the barbeque place next door put up a sign that reads: "Eat here and die happy!"

Food is essential to each of us, without it we die.

What bread is to hunger, Jesus is, for spiritual life. After miraculously feeding bread and fish to 5,000 people, Jesus spoke of a superior bread that every person must feed on, when he declared, in John 6:35, *"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."*

Jesus emphasized that He sustains and fulfills our spiritual lives, His point is that we need Him more than we need food. Just as we die without food, we will spiritually die without Christ. Jesus can fill our every need. If you would like to know more about Christ then contact me.

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



A few pictures from Ladies Day at the Norval Park congregation last Saturday.  
**Laura Tonkery was the speaker and did an excellent job.**

We made a stop on the way back. Whose idea was it to sit in the big chair?

Hmmm...Jo did you have anything to do with this??!!



## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, October 22

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Paul Saunders  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Marion Goldsmith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Dana Slingluff

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Ron Riddle

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Mike Fleak

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Chris Tallman

### COMMUNION

AM - Gary Herridge

PM - Bill Hoover T

Ben Haught

**PA SYSTEM** - Clayton Huber

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Cotton Sayre

4 - Patty Sayre

### PM

1. Stan & Debi Inman

2. John & Karen Life

3. Paul & Barbara Saunders

4. Walter & Merilee Morgan

5. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

6. Rick & Kay Stanley

## Facts and Figures

October 8, 2017

AM Service.....253

Bible Study.....186

PM Service.....189

Wednesday.....189

Contribution .....\$6011.91

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....2

## Services Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00



Jo, what kind of donut is that?



Nancy and Alexa Inman

A special thank you to Bill Mills for driving the bus.

Mark and Bill were asked to help serve lunch at the Ladies Day.

We had a very nice day of worship and fellowship.

Thanks to everyone who went and made this a fun trip!



## 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.

**October 22**  
*The Judgment*

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the West Ripley congregation.

**Everyone welcome!**