

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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*He has made everything
beautiful in its time.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Photo credit to Patrick Rine
Photo taken at the New River Gorge, WV
(Golden Agers trip, October 13, 2017)

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I will face whatever
comes today with a
positive attitude.



A beautiful view on the Haid's property.

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.

We extend our sympathy to Jim Merrill and family in the passing of his aunt,
Mary Margaret Campbell of Belpre, OH and to Bill and Carolyn Davis in the passing
of their niece, Kristi Davis Cox of Dayton, OH.
Please keep these families in your prayers.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you so much for the kind birthday wishes. You helped make it a very happy birthday. Much love, **Ashley Ware**
- ♥ Thank you so much for all the beautiful anniversary cards. It was our 60th. Thank you for all of Earl's birthday cards. They were all so nice. Love, **Earl and Donna McConnell**
- ♥ Thank you for the caring love you shared during this difficult time. **The Eddy family** (*The family of Loretta Eddy, sister of Ron Moncrief*)
- ♥ Thank you so much during my health issues for the meals, groceries, visits when I was in the hospital, phone calls, cards, concern and esp. the prayers. I am so blessed you are my church family. I love you all! **Jo Langler**
- ♥ Thanks for the beautiful card from members, Yes, I have friends to talk to and we do share laughter. Favorite memory is being with Camden Avenue. In Christian love, **Colleen**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards and notes. **Megan Ware**



Weekly Bulletin News



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 today.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Dana will begin the Wednesday morning Bible study this week, October 25 at 11:00. This will be a study of 1 Corinthians.

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.

LOVE AND CARE SING - OCTOBER 30

Everyone is invited to the sing at Love and Care next Monday evening at 7:00.

LADIES' LUNCH

All ladies are invited to have lunch at Logan's Steakhouse Thursday, November 2 at noon. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for attendance count. Please sign-up by Wednesday, November 1. See Amanda for more information.

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 share 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.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Children's totes are available in the foyer by the Welcome Center desk. Each tote includes a Children's Worship Bulletin for them to work on during services and present to their Sunday morning teacher to receive a sticker or small prize. Please return the totes at the end of services.

Daily Bible Reading

October 22 - 1 Thessalonians 4, Isaiah 64-66
October 23 - 1 Thessalonians 5, Jeremiah 1-2
October 24 - 2 Thessalonians 1, Jeremiah 3-4
October 25 - 2 Thessalonians 2, Jeremiah 5-6
October 26 - 2 Thessalonians 3, Jeremiah 7-8
October 27 - 1 Timothy 1, Jeremiah 9-10
October 28 - 1 Timothy 2, Jeremiah 11-13
October 29 - 1 Timothy 3, Jeremiah 14-16

Remember the compliments you receive. Even at your best, someone will have something negative to say. Pray for them. Then look to God and press on to the goal anyways!

Daily Reading - Bible classes

October 23 - Joshua 6:12-21
October 24 - Joshua 6:20-27
October 26 - Joshua 4:19-5:1
October 27 - Joshua 5:9-15
October 28 - Joshua 6:1-11



DANA'S DIRECTION

"I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME!"

The Psalmist wrote, "All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:9-10, NIV). Life is brief. If you do not believe it, ask yourself, "Where has the last decade gone?" James asked, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). Have you ever said, in reference to doing something, "I just don't have the time!" We are all cognizant of how swiftly time flies.

Life, in being brief, is also unpredictable. Solomon wrote, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). Warrick said, "There is nothing so certain in life as death, nothing so uncertain as the time of dying." Because of the uncertainty of life we must take the time to live for God faithfully for we will, one day, take time to die!

The Psalmist set forth the realization that it is not the quantity of our life, but the quality of life that is really important. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts . . . O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psalms 90:12,14). We must see our God given time wisely by seeking to live for God. Are you taking time to: Worship God? Serve God daily? Read His Word? Teach others of His love? Be kind to others? Be the right kind of husband/father, wife/mother, parent, child?

Read carefully the following poem entitled, "NO TIME." The author is unknown.

*I knelt to pray but not for long. I had too much to do.
Must hurry off and get to work for bills would soon be due.
And so I said a hurried prayer, jumped up from off my knees.
My Christian duty now was done, my soul could be at ease.
All through the day I had not time to speak a word of cheer.
No time to speak of Christ to friends.
They would laugh at me, I feared.
No time, no time, too much to do. That was my constant cry.
No time to give to those in need. At last was time to die.
And when before the Lord I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
Within His hand, God held a book. It was the Book of Life.
God looked within His book and said,
"Your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down,
But never found the time."*

Have you taken the time to obey the Gospel of Christ? (c.f. Romans 6:3-4) Are you taking the time to live faithfully for the Lord? If not, take the time TODAY to get right with God! Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

“I’ll be a Friend to Jesus” (John 15:9-17)



Jesus’ Friendship is of the highest, _____ kind.

“Greater _____ has no one than this – to lay down one’s _____ for his _____” (John 15:13). “For when we were still without _____, in due time Christ _____ for the ungodly. For scarcely for a _____ man will one die; yet perhaps for a _____ man someone would even dare to die. But _____ demonstrates His own _____ toward us, in that while we were still _____, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:6-8).

Jesus not only died for us – He _____ us.

“No longer do I call you _____, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you _____” (John 15:15-16).

Do we have a _____ relationship with Jesus – He wants us to!

“I _____ Him in whom I have believed and am _____ that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that last day” (II Timothy 1:12). “Truly, our _____ is with the Father and His Son, _____ Christ” (I John 1:3-4). “This is eternal life, that they may _____ You, the only true God and _____ Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3).

What qualifies Jesus to be our friend?

A friend is _____. “We do not have a High Priest that cannot _____ with our weakness but was _____ in all points that we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). “For He Himself has _____, being tempted, He is able to _____ those who are tempted” (Hebrews 2:18).

He is the only friend who can make things _____ with God. “I am the _____, the truth and the _____. No one comes to the Father _____ by Me” (John 14:6).

He is our access to God’s throne of _____. “There is one _____ between God and man, the Man _____ Jesus” (I Timothy 2:5). “We have an _____ with the Father – Jesus Christ the _____ - and He Himself is the _____ for our sins, and not ours only, but also for the whole world” (I John 2:1-2).

How can we be a friend to Jesus?

We must be obedient. “If you _____ Me, keep My _____” (John 14:15). “You are My _____, if you do whatever I _____ you” (John 15:14). “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness, and he was called the _____ of God” (James 2:23).

We must learn from Him... be His disciple. “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy _____ and I will give you _____. Take My yoke upon you and _____ from Me” (Matthew 11:28,29).

We must communicate with Him. “Seek the _____ and His _____, seek His _____ continually” (I Chronicles 16:11).

We must live for Him. “The _____ of Christ constrains us ... He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for _____, but for Him who _____ for them and rose again” (II Corinthians 5:14-15).



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Thinking about Baptism

Baptism for many is a controversial subject. But regardless of what you or I think, baptism is commanded by God. Jesus said that he needed to be baptized (Matthew 3:15) and that's why he came to John the Baptist. Now, it is clear that Jesus didn't need baptism to wash away his sin - for he had no sin.

Why then was Jesus baptized? That's a good question! John the Baptist wondered the same thing and in Matt. 3:14 he tried to deter Jesus and said "I need to be baptized by you. Why do you come to me? And Jesus responded by saying that it is proper for us to do this in order to fulfill all righteousness." The phrase "to fulfill all righteousness" simply means to "obey God's righteous commands."

Jesus did not need to be baptized to receive cleansing from sin. But he did need to be baptized to demonstrate obedience to God, because God had ordained baptism in the ministry of John the Baptist.

Jesus is our example. Peter said, "To this you were called because Christ suffered for you leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21) Jesus also left us an example by being baptized. In effect Jesus is saying, "I'm not going to ask you to do what I am unwilling to do myself." We need to follow "in the steps" of Jesus and be baptized.

Unlike Jesus though we have sinned and Jesus commanded that those who believe in Him must be baptized. Matthew 28:19,20, Mark 16:15,16, and John 3:5. Peter speaking by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit teaches in Acts 2:38, "...Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

When the Lord appeared to Saul he told him to go to Damascus and it would be told him what he **MUST** do. Ananias came and told Saul "not tarry but to arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Saul also teaches us that he did not hesitate and neither should we!

Baptism ties us to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ; Jesus obeyed God completely in giving himself for the sins of the world. It is in his death that He shed His cleansing blood for our sins. It is in Baptism that we contact it (Romans 6:1-6). Have you been baptized into Christ for the remission of sins? Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery



A special thank you to Len and Susan Haid for their hospitality in hosting the "Bean Dinner" last Saturday evening.

The food was delicious, the walk was fun, the fellowship was wonderful ... a good time was had by all.

Youth Events

October 27-28
Bridgeport Youth Rally

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

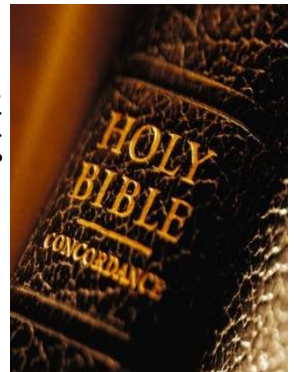
Rake and Run
Sign-up sheets are on the counter

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910 AM WLTP

When David Livingston began his trek across Africa in 1852, he carried 73 books which together weighed 180 pounds. After he had gone 300 miles he had to throw away some of the books because it was not feasible to carry so much through the jungle. He continued throwing books away as he went further into the jungle. Eventually his library had shrunk to one book - the Bible - this he did not throw away.

The Bible is truly the most important book in the world the reason according to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." Will you not stop for a moment today and spend some time in reading the most important book in the world? It will do you good!

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



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, October 29

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - Brandon Sheppard

6:00 PM - Bill Merrill

Close - Bill Camp

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover T

PM - Jon Hescht

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Paul Inman

Chris Hofmann

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dearll Vincent

2 - Jeff Taberner

4 - Julie Taberner

PM

1. Ryan & Madison Highman

2. Dana Sponseller & Gary Alton

3. Gary & Sharon Herridge

4. Richard & Lorna Marshall

5. Don & Sheri Gaston

6. Chris & Patty Mullins



This evening brother Ryan Davis will be speaking to us regarding the mission work in Cusco, Peru.

Please continue to pray for their mission work and let them know we appreciate their work in spreading the gospel.

We welcome Ryan, Sarah and Luke Davis!



Facts and Figures

October 15, 2017

AM Service.....261

Bible Study.....173

PM Service.....200

Wednesday.....194

Contribution\$6318.00

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

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

We love God, you and our church family!

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Rockport 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.

October 29
Heavens