

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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A Tribute to Martha Metz

Martha Janet Metz passed away November 2, 2017. She was born February 24, 1922 at Eatons, WV a daughter of the late Lee George and Grace (Evans) Sprout. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elza Metz and son, Dana. She is survived by her daughter Lenore "Peach" Long and her husband, Bob of Waverly, WV.

Martha was a dear, kind, loving lady. In her early years, she worked for the Internal Revenue Service, but was mostly considered a homemaker, raising her children and loving her grandchildren. She was known for her Bible knowledge.

She was a long-time member here and lived a true Christian life in service for the Lord. She enjoyed studying the Bible. She was a participant in our Bible Bowl for many years in which she did not miss a single question. Peach told us that right before her passing she had just finished studying the book Ezekiel and was starting another study of Psalms. She enjoyed traveling with our Golden Agers group.

She was a wonderful Christian example. She will be sadly missed. We loved and appreciated Martha.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
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God **formed** us.
Sin **deformed** us.
Jesus can
transform us.

THANK YOU

notes for you

♥ Just wanted to thank everyone for the thoughtful birthday cards.

Mary Lemley

♥ Thank you for the outpouring of love at the passing of our mother and grandmother, Martha. The flowers, the funeral meal, the many expressions of sympathy and kind words were so appreciated. You all were very important to Mom and she loved her church family.

Peach, Bob and family



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, June Freels, Marion Goldsmith, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Betty Porter, Jane Pralley, Van and Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

(Marion had surgery Thursday and was going home. He was doing well. Please keep Marion and Jo in your prayers as he recuperates.)

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), Casey Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), 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), Rick Travis (Jerry Todd'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.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING

Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

LADIES' HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to the Ladies' Holiday luncheon at the Parkersburg Country Club Tuesday, December 19. The menu information, prices and other details are with the sign-up sheet. The deadline to sign-up has been extended to Wednesday, December 6. Checks need to be made payable to Gala Miller and given to her by December 6.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items are needed to make Care Packages for OVU college students and the students from here. The sign-up sheets are on the counter with requested items listed. Items need to be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer by December 3. There is also a sheet for anyone willing to help assemble the packages December 3 after evening services.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

A representative from Potter Children's Home will be here the end of this month to collect the coin banks. Please leave the banks in the office by Sunday, November 26.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Paul Inman would like to borrow any directories made for our congregation from 1930-1966. Please put your name with the directory so they can be promptly returned.

DUSTIN HUGHES

Dustin needs to find a new home for his cat, Elphie. She's a great indoor cat (declawed). If you or anyone you know would be interested, let Sandy know at 304.893.8449.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lubeck congregation will have a Blood Drive tomorrow at 2:00-7:00PM in their Fellowship Hall. Donors are needed.

Dana and Cindy will be on vacation this week. Mark will be speaking at both services today.
We appreciate Dana and Mark and their families.

Daily Bible Reading

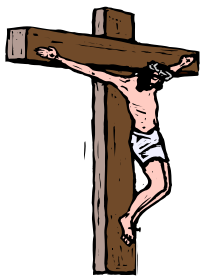
November 12 - Hebrews 3, Jeremiah 50
November 13 - Hebrews 4, Jeremiah 51
November 14 - Hebrews 5, Jeremiah 52
November 15 - Hebrews 6, Lamentations 1-2
November 16 - Hebrews 7, Lamentations 3-5
November 17 - Hebrews 8, Ezekiel 1-3
November 18 - Hebrews 9, Ezekiel 4-7
November 19 - Hebrews 10, Ezekiel 8-11



It's beautiful when
someone prays for you
without you even
knowing it.
It's the highest form of
love and respect.

Daily Reading - Bible classes

November 13 - Joshua 14:1-15
November 14 - Joshua 13:13;
15:6-10; 16:10; 17:12-13
November 16 - Joshua 11:1-15
November 17 - Joshua 11:16-23
November 18 - Joshua 13:1-14



THE WORDS OF JESUS

By: Bob Vincent

Words are extremely important. With words we convey our thoughts and ideas. Words are very powerful. Wars can be started or peace can prevail because of words. The Son of God used words to create, heal, teach, comfort, as well as to rebuke. Notice some passages of Scripture which speak of the Masters prominent, powerful, and potent words.

Jesus words are **AWESOME**. With words Jesus spoke the world and all the things into existence. At least nine times in the Genesis account of creation the words “and God said” appear. From the New Testament we learn that Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer of all life. “For by him (Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth...all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist” (Colossians 1:16,17). Simply by saying “Peace, be still...even the wind and the sea” obeyed Jesus (Mark 4:39, 41). He upholds “all things by the power of His word” (Hebrews 1:3).

Jesus words are **ALL AUTHORITATIVE**. Jesus said to His disciples, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18). That means Jesus has all authority. What He says goes! In all things He has the preeminence! (cf. Colossians 1:18). At the conclusion of the sermon on the mount, the Bible says, “When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at this doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (Matthew 7:28-29). When temple officers were sent by the Chief Priests and Pharisees to arrest Jesus, they returned empty handed. When asked, “Why have ye not brought him?” their only defense was, “Never man spake like this man” (John 7:32, 45-46). Because Jesus has all authority, we must “hear him!” (Luke 9:35). In Hebrews 12:25 we read, “See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh,” for if we refuse to hear Him, we will not escape!

Jesus words are **ABSOLUTE**. “Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:31-32, 36). God has “committed all judgment unto the Son” (John 5:22) and it is the “words” of Jesus that shall judge us “in the last day” (John 12:48). The apostle Paul wrote, “For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men” (2 Corinthians 5:10-11). In “the last day” when we shall all appear before Jesus in Judgement, we will either hear Him say “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire,” (Matthew 25:41) or, “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you” (Matthew 25:34). His words will echo in our ears throughout eternity!

IN THAT DAY, WHAT WORDS WILL JESUS SAY TO YOU?

Patient Name: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

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Sermon Notes
THE GREAT PHYSICIAN
DOCTOR OF THE SOUL

II Corinthians 13:5-8

Prescription

- I. Must go to the Great Physician -

- II. Must obey His prescription -

- III. Must exercise your faith -

- IV. Must eat a proper diet -

Date - November 12, 2017

MD: _____

Signature: Mark T. Tonkey



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

How will I be missed if I leave this congregation?

Many times, in a life of a congregation members of the congregation leave. There are many reasons why people leave a congregation, some are good reasons like a job opportunity or family situations, and some reasons are not so good maybe there is a disagreement, or someone feels they are not needed.

For whatever reason someone chooses to leave a congregation there are some things I would like to share with those who maybe considering leaving a congregation.

First, I wish I could tell them how much good is going on in the congregation. It is easy to look at the bad and wish the congregation could be doing more for the cause of Christ. Many times, this is true, the church should be doing more for the cause of Christ. But we must remember the good that is taking place, like the soul that was baptized and saved, the child that learned a new Bible truth, the missionary that is being supported by the congregation, and the so many other things that take place in the life of the congregation that is not always proclaimed from the pulpit or seen in the bulletin. This good which is being done, is being done in part because you are here. Your support, money, kindness, and love for Christ is doing a great good!

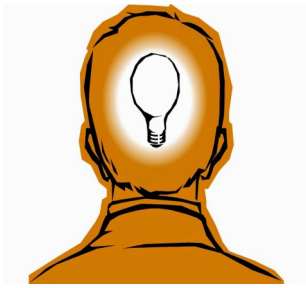
Second, I wish I could tell them there may be other possibilities than leaving. It is true some situations will force someone to leave the congregation but not every situation. Many times, if a person would just come and talk to the elders or a minister, misunderstandings may be understood. Communication is key to any relationship and it is key for every member in the Body of Christ. Please talk to an elder or minister before you decide to leave the congregation.

Third, I wish I could tell them how much they are needed. Every member is important and essential to the life of the church. Romans 12:5, reminds, "so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Christian, you are needed in the body of Christ, to lose you would be like losing an arm or a leg. In fact, you are even more important, without you the congregation cannot function as it should.

Fourth, I wish I could tell them every congregation has its problems. The New Testament mentions that some of the first congregations of the Lord's church had problems, Corinth, Thessalonica, and the Seven churches of Asia in Revelations 2 and 3, just to name a few. In this world we are going to have problems, and other congregations have problems too. Will you stay and help your home congregation before you move on to take on other problems? As the saying goes, "The grass is not greener on the other side of the fence, the grass is greener where you watered it."

Last, I wish I could tell them how much I love them. In Paul's letters in the New Testament we see him always sharing his love for his brothers and sisters in Christ. We sometimes just assume people know we love them; yet Paul never made that assumption. Notice, Philippians 4:1 "Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved." It may not be spoken but I do love you and the congregation here loves you.

Know this if you decided to leave this congregation you will be greatly missed, and I hope before you leave, you will think long and hard about how you will be missed. Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery



Right Thinking

Think not of past years,
 When you fell on your chin,
 Think not of yesterday,
 And what could have been,
 Think of today,
 And what lies within,
 Think of tomorrow,
 And the victories to win.

Edd Sterchi

**God's work.
 Our hands.**

A Little Place

“Father, where shall I work today?
 And my love flowed warm and free.
 Then He pointed out a tiny spot
 And said, “Tend that for Me.”
 I answered quickly, “Oh no, not there,
 Why, no one would ever see
 No matter how well my work was done.
 Not a little place for me!”
 And the word He spoke, it was not stern,
 He answered me tenderly;
 “Ah, little one, search that heart of thine,
 Art Thou working for them or Me?
 Nazareth was a little place
 And so was Galilee.”

Borrowed



Transportation will leave Sunday, November 26 at 5:45 to join the traveling youth group at the Newport congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

DO YOU WORRY TOO MUCH?

We often needlessly worry and stress over things beyond our control. Despite the warning from Jesus, “Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself” (Matthew 6:34) and the wisdom of James, “Whereas ye know not what shall be on tomorrow.” (James 4:14) We lose sanity and sleep about things which are yet to come like they, and we, are guaranteed tomorrow. Anyone that has lived for any length of time should know through experience that worrying won’t change anything, except your health for the worse. Deal with what you can, pray about what you can’t [change], and allow God to handle it. Take your worries to God and leave them there (Hebrews 4:16)! An old proverb goes, “all sickness is not death,” meaning every negative circumstance doesn’t end negatively. And for the Lord’s saints, they don’t (Romans 8:28), so stop worrying!



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, November 19

ELDER IN CHARGE - Brian Haught

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ben Haught

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Dwain Shears

6:00 PM - Jon Hescht

Close - Scott Johnson

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Mills

PM - Russ Alton

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Camp

PM - Patrick Rine

Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber

2 - Verna Huber

4 - Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Sherry Wilcox & Margaret Dawkins

2. Jeff & Julie Taberner

3. Doug & Alisha Hershman

4. Bill & Sherry Hoover

5. Chris & Terry Hofmann

6. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

Facts and Figures

November 5, 2017

AM Service.....285

Bible Study.....182

PM Service.....203

Wednesday.....209

Contribution\$10103.00

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....11:00AM & 7:00PM



How Long Has It been Since You . . .

- ♥ Took the time to go see someone who lives alone?
 - ♥ Wrote a letter to someone?
 - ♥ Read the Bible to someone?
- ♥ Encouraged someone who was having a hard time being a Christian?
 - ♥ Prayed earnestly for someone who was faltering?
 - ♥ Tried to have a Bible study with someone?
- ♥ Told a teen that you were proud of their efforts to live for Christ?
- ♥ Spent more time on your knees praying than on the phone?
- ♥ Informed your family of your love and appreciation of them?

EVERY CHRISTIAN CAN DO SOMETHING TO ENCOURAGE SOMEONE ELSE!

Adapted from Bulletin Digest



Have a great 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.