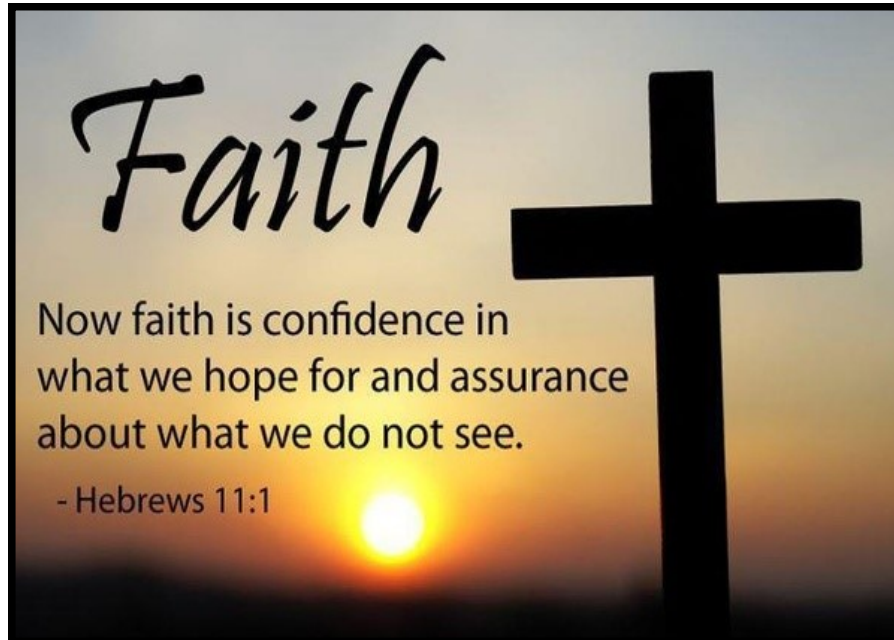


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2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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 LITTLE FAITH IN A GREAT GOD

A woman was known for her simple faith, her faithfulness in Christian stewardship, and her peace and composure in the face of great difficulties. A stranger sought her out and asked, "Are you the woman with the great faith?"

"No," she replied, "I am the person with a little faith in a great God."

We may have faith in ourselves and fail, or faith in another person and be disappointed. But when our faith is centered in God, we can rest assured that everything will be all right. God will not disappoint us or let us down if we are attempting to do His will in our lives.

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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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**One kind word
can change
someone's
day.**

In Christian Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to :

- Lois Nulter in the passing of her son, Alan Eaton. He passed away in Georgia.
 - Kay Stanley in the passing of her cousin, Susie Smith.
- Donovan Walton in the passing of his father, Vic Walton. His service was yesterday in North Carolina.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

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, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Betty Porter, Jane Pralley, Van and 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, 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, 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 continue to keep Eli and family in your prayers.

He would enjoy receiving holiday cards.

Ruby Memorial - Debby Nesselroad (No visits, please.)

Please remember Debby in your prayers as she is experiencing health issues.

Garnet Jordan is the 98 year old great-aunt of Jerry Todd. She would enjoy receiving cards of encouragement. (Include in the cards that you attend Camden Avenue Church of Christ with Jerry and Shelly.

Address: Garnet Jordan

C/O Belpre Landing (Room 217)
1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714

♥ Thank you to Laura Tonkery for the yummy baked goods she brought to the office. We alllllll enjoyed them!

Church News and Announcements

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will conduct the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and this Thursday at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY LUNCH

The Golden Agers annual holiday lunch will be Tuesday, December 12 at North Bend State Park. We will leave the building at 11:15 and have lunch around noon. The buffet will include baked steak and turkey. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. The cost will be \$20 each. See Dwain for details.

MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING

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

LADIES' HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Ladies' Holiday luncheon at the Parkersburg Country Club will be Tuesday, December 19. Lunch will be served at 12 noon but feel free to arrive anytime after 11:15AM. We will meet in the room to the left after you enter the front door. There is a \$5 optional gift exchange. If you have any questions, please see Gala Miller.

NEW YEARS EVE GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to a New Years Eve. get-together in the MP Room Sunday, December 31 after evening services. Bring board games and snack foods. We will be collecting money for pizza.

HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the boxes in the rear auditorium foyer for your holiday cards. Feel free to distribute to others.

AREA-WIDE SERVICE

The area-wide service will be Sunday, January 14 2:30PM at the Lubeck congregation.

FIRST PRINCIPLES SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Mark Tonkery will be teaching a Sunday morning First Principles class beginning January 7 in Room 112. If you are interested in this class, please sign the sheet on the counter.

Daily Bible Reading

December 10 - 1 John 5, Daniel 7-9
December 11 - 2 John-3 John, Daniel 10-12
December 12 - Jude, Hosea 1-3
December 13 - Revelation 1, Hosea 4-7
December 14 - Revelation 2, Hosea 8-11
December 15 - Revelation 3, Hosea 12-14
December 16 - Revelation 4-5, Joel 1-3
December 17 - Revelation 6, Amos 1-5

**Thank you for
worshiping with us
today.
We love and care for
YOU.**

Daily Reading - Bible classes

December 11 - Judges 11:29-40
December 12 - Judges 12:1-7
December 14 - Judges 10:6-16
December 15 - Judges 10:17-11:11
December 16 - Judges 11:12-28

DANA'S DIRECTION

“Do You Feel Saved?”

Are you saved? How do you know you are saved? "I know I am saved because I feel it in my heart," many often say. But are the feelings of your heart the proper standard to determine your salvation? We do not use this standard in other matters. No one says of his bank statement, "I know it is right because I feel it in my heart," while they ignore to properly add and subtract from their balance. No carpenter says, "I know the board is 10 feet long because I feel it in my heart" -- he checks the board with the proper standard, the measuring tape! But, when it comes to a matter far more important than bank balances and board lengths -- salvation -- many are willing to trust their eternal welfare to their feelings.

Can you trust the feelings of your heart to tell you whether or not you are saved? The Bible says "No!" "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool" (Proverbs 28:26), for "the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Feelings are subjective, they change from person to person and even within the same person. Truth is objective, it remains fixed and does not change, regardless of the person or the year.

The way you feel about salvation does not change God's truth concerning it, just as the way you feel about math, does not change the truth of it. Whether or not you are saved is an objective fact, not subject to the whims of how you feel from moment to moment. So how can they know they are saved? The Scripture says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

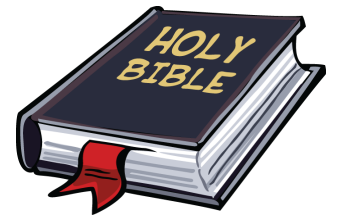
You do not have to rely upon your own faulty and deceptive feelings concerning your salvation. The Lord has given "the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15). The knowledge and confidence of salvation can only come from the objective standard of God's Word. God will judge you by His Word, not by how you feel. Jesus proclaimed, "the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). What is your salvation based upon?

Many people feel in their heart they are saved because they have "simply believed" in Jesus. While salvation certainly requires faith in Jesus, faith alone does not and cannot save according to God's Word. James wrote, "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only" (Jas. 2:24). Other people have prayed and "asked Jesus to come into their heart" and now they feel they are saved. But nowhere does the Bible teach one must simply pray to Jesus in order to be saved. God's Word teaches to be saved you must: hear the gospel (Romans 10:17); believe Jesus is the Son of God (Mark 16:16); repent of your sins (Acts 2:38); confess Jesus (Romans 10:9; Acts 8:36-38) and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16).

Those who obey God's Word do not have to guess whether or not they are saved based upon the feelings of their heart. They know they are saved because their salvation is based on the unchanging Truth of God's Word.

“Can we know that we are saved?”

(I John 1:5-2:2)



“But if we _____ in the _____ as He is in the light, we have _____ with one another and the _____ of Jesus Christ His Son _____ us from all _____. If we say that we have no _____ we _____ ourselves and the _____ is not in us. If we _____ our sins, He is _____ and _____ to _____ us our sins, and to _____ us from all _____.” (I John 1:7-9)

There are those who would have answered _____. Paul said “I know _____ I have _____ and am _____ that He is _____ to keep what I have _____ to Him until that day.” (II Timothy 1:12)

“Finally, there is _____ up for me the _____ of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge _____ give me in that day.” (II Timothy 4:7-8)

We are more than _____ through Him who _____ us. We can _____ His _____.

God does not want us to _____ Him in _____.

John said “These things I have _____ to you who believe in the _____ of the Son of God, that you may _____ that you have _____ life.” (I John 5:13)

Feelings can _____ us _____. “There is a way that _____ right to a man, but its end is the _____ of death.” (Proverbs 14:12)

We are saved on the basis of what God _____, not what we _____. “For if our heart _____ us, God is _____ than our heart and _____ all things.” (I John 3:19-20)

Many Christians wonder if they are _____ saved. “We must _____ ourselves, whether we are still in the _____.” (II Corinthians 13:5)

We must check the condition of our _____. We must look for evidence of _____ growth. “Therefore, be even more _____ to make your _____ and _____ sure. For if you do these things you will never _____.” (2 Peter 1:8,10)

God does not lack the power to _____ us and _____ us saved.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What if I have not been baptized?

The New Testament teaches that at the point one confesses their faith in Christ, repents of sin, and is immersed into Christ they become a child of God (Mk. 16:16, Acts 2:38, and Gal. 3:26-27). The question has been asked what if I am not baptized? If I am not baptized, then:

I do not have the remission of sins or the gift of the Holy Spirit. See Acts 2:38, "And Peter said to them, "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."

I have not been added to the church. See Acts 2:41, "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. And the same day there were added about three thousand souls." Acts 2:47, "praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

I have not allowed God to work salvation in my life. See Col 2:12, "buried with Him in baptism, in whom also you were raised through the faith of the working of God, raising Him from the dead."

I have not obeyed Christ's command. See Mat 28:19, "Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

I have not had my sins washed away. See Act 22:16, "And now what do you intend? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

I have not been saved. See Mk. 16:16, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned." 1Pt. 3:21, "which figure now also saves us, baptism; not a putting away of *the* filth of *the* flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ;"

Dear friend if you believe in Christ as the Son of the Living God and have not been immersed or baptized into Christ, what are you waiting for? "Arise and be baptized and wash away yours, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16). Think about it! Mark T.

Mark will be preaching at the service this evening,

Title: Jephthah

Scripture Reading: Judges 11:1

Youth Events

Youth Holiday Breakfast

Youth Holiday Breakfast will be Saturday, December 16 at 9:00AM in the MP Room.
Sign-up sheet is on the counter with details.

December 30

Youth Day at North End congregation (More details will be provided.)

December 31

Sunrise congregation will host the traveling youth group and a New Years Eve. get-together will follow.

January 5 - 7

Kingdom Forward Student Conference
(Hosted by the Belle and Alum Creek Churches of Christ, WV)
at the Charleston Civic Center

For middle school through college ages

Sign- up if you are interested by December 16.

See Mark T. Tonkery for more information or check Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/kingdomforwardscwv/posts/>

Thank you for everyone who donated items for the college care packages and for helping to put them together. We made a total of 40 care packages and delivered them to students from Camden Avenue and Ohio Valley University. Thank you!

Mark Tonkery

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A boy left home, he had no money and no job. In desperation, he ended up writing a letter home, "Dear Dad, I'm sick and lonely without a single cent." Well dad couldn't read so he took the letter to a friend. The guy had a gruff voice and an arrogant manner of reading. When the dad heard him read the letter, he grew furious, "I'm not sending my son a cent!" On his way home the dad kept thinking about the letter. He went to another friend. This time the man had a quiet, gentle voice. He read the letter and when he did the dad burst into tears and cried, "My poor boy I will send him some money!"



You know a lot of times it's not the words we use; it's the way we say them.

James 1:19-20, puts it this way, "...let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

How are you using your words today?

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



December is Sack the Pulpit

We are adding stock to the church pantry.

Items requested are:

Saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, pasta, pancake mix, syrup, macaroni and cheese, boxed cereal, canned potatoes, canned corn, canned fruit, canned meats, canned soups

Items may be left in the front of the auditorium.

God

doesn't give us what we can handle;

God

helps us handle what we are given.

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.

December 17
THE TRUTH

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, December 17

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE - Len Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - Jeff Taberner

6:00 PM - Delmas Carr

Close - Kody Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Don Gaston

PM - Brian Haught

COMMUNION

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Ryan Gaston

Kyle Inman

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dave Nulter

2 - Josh Hall

4 - Lois Nulter

1. Melva Farris & Tammie Wilson
2. Dana & Cindy Slingluff
3. Steve & Linda Gray
4. Nina Chevront & Amy Young
5. Cotton & Patty Sayre
6. Paul & Nancy Inman

Facts and Figures

December 3, 2017

AM Service.....270

Bible Study.....195

PM Service.....204

Wednesday.....218

Contribution\$6998.00

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