

# 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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## BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

Jesus Christ, speaking as the Son of God, said: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6).

Jesus invites all people everywhere to enjoy salvation if they will:

- Hear His word and believe it (Romans 1:17, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6, John 3:16, John 8:24)
- Repent of their sins (Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30)
- Confess the name of Jesus as the Son of God before men (Matthew 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10)
- Be buried with Him by baptism (Romans 6:3-4, Acts 2:38-41, Matthew 28:19-20) *and*
- Live the faithful Christian life (Revelation 2:10) as a member of the church or body of Christ (Romans 16:16, Acts 2:41,47).

We must not teach or preach any other gospel or doctrine than that, that Jesus Christ spoke of in John 7:16-18 - *"Jesus answered them, and said, my doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh His glory that sent Him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him."*

**Elders:**

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

**Deacons:**

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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The True Christian  
is a person who is  
right-side-up in a  
world that is  
upside-down.



Nancy Putnam called to let everyone know she says hello and misses her church family. Please keep Van and Nancy in your prayers and remember them with cards as they are experiencing health issues.

**Address:** 30 Central Avenue  
Elizabeth, WV 26143

- ♥ Todd Kirk is home recuperating from surgery.
- ♥ Debby Nesselroad is recuperating at home with Don and Mary.

**Keep Todd and Debby in your prayers.**

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

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Charlene Donahue, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van and Nancy Putnam, Tammie Wilson

**Prayers requested for family and friends**

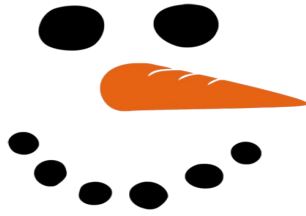
Patty Alton, Gert Barnes, Travis and Alisha Doyle (Hardman's granddaughter), Casey Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter)

*We are in the process of revising our Prayer List to keep it current.  
Please inform the office of changes, updates and additions.  
Names will appear on the list for three weeks if no update is received.*



**Thank You Notes  
for you**

- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the most beautiful Christmas cards and gifts. Thank God for good Christian friends. **Betty Lamb**
- ♥ **Ruth Wells** says, "Thank You everyone!" for the Christmas cards. A special "Thank you," to the Lads to Leaderettes for the lap blanket. God bless you all.
- ♥ We would like to thank you all for the holiday cards and for all who remembered me on my birthday. **Cindy and Dana Slingluff**



### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **AREA-WIDE SERVICE**

Everyone is invited to the area-wide service today at 2:30 at the Lubeck congregation.

### **"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" DINNER**

Dana and Cindy invite everyone to the "I Can't Believe It's Not A Holiday" dinner at Western Sizzlin' tomorrow evening at 5:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. One-A-Chord will provide entertainment. One-A-Chord is an all a cappella singing group originating from Barnesville, OH. The group specializes in oldies, doo wop and gospel music.

### **MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY**

Elders-Preachers-Deacons meeting at 4:00. Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting at 5:00.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, February 19 in the MP Room 1:00-5:30. Sign-up sheets are on the counter.

### **PERECT ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to the following Bible Class students that had Perfect Attendance for this quarter. They include: (Wednesday 2 year olds) **Parker Hoover, Adeline Inman, Natalie Inman**, (Sunday 3 year olds) **Henley Inman, Maci Inman**, (Wednesday 4-5 year olds) **Teagan Hescht, Leah Hoover, Bailey Inman, Lily Sprout**, (Sunday 3rd-5th Grade) **Alexa Inman, Sophia Moser**, (Wednesday 3rd-5th Grade) **Alexa Inman**.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Money was found in the ladies restroom December 24. To claim, see Jim Galloway.

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Judy Hughes, Melva Farris' sister, is experiencing health issues and is in need of our prayers. She would also enjoy cards. Address: 110 Cherokee Drive, Waverly, TN 37815

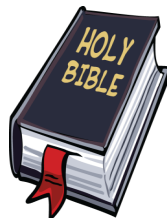
### **SUNDAY FIRST PRINCIPLES CLASS**

The First Principles Sunday morning class that Mark is teaching will now meet in Room 151.

#### **Bible Class Reading**

January 15 - 1 Samuel 4:2,4, 10-11,14-18  
January 16 - 1 Samuel 5:1-4,6,11  
January 17 - 1 Samuel 6:1, 7-9  
January 18 - 1 Samuel 6:10, 14-15, 20-21  
January 19 - 1 Samuel 7:1-6,15

Study to show  
thysself approved  
unto God, A  
workman that  
needeth not to  
be ashamed.  
II Timothy 2:15



#### **Daily Bible Reading**

January 14 - Matthew 10:16-42, Genesis 30  
January 15 - Matthew 11, Genesis 31-32  
January 16 - Matthew 12:1-8, Genesis 33-34  
January 17 - Matthew 12:9-32, Genesis 35-36  
January 18 - Matthew 12:33-50, Genesis 37-38  
January 19 - Matthew 13:1-23, Genesis 39-40  
January 20 - Matthew 13:24-46, Genesis 41-42  
January 21 - Matthew 13:47-58, Genesis 43-44  
**Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers.**

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## How to improve the church

One time I heard a man talking to another about his home congregation. The other inquired whether he was a teacher, deacon, or perhaps a song leader. He responded "I am nothing, I just attend there."

In the church nobody is nothing! No matter who you are—whether you are a very visible leader or one who takes a more supportive role—you are a vital part of the Lord's church and of the Camden Avenue congregation. Everyone of us can, and must work to make the church what God wants it to be. Years ago, **Brother Joe Barnett** wrote the following article that I have found to be true and challenging.



### Ten Rules for Improving the Church

1. Tell yourself over and over that since you are not perfect, you would not fit into a perfect congregation.
2. Pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them.
3. If you are old, treat the young with the consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat adults with the respect you will want when you mature.
4. When you are tempted to criticize others, be sure to pray earnestly for them—it will do wonders for your attitude.
5. When you see a work being neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help.
6. Never, never blame others for your own failures. Every individual can be fruitful in spite of bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others, if he or she is determined to be.
7. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world or the church is to begin with yourself.
8. Consciously look for the good qualities in every brother and sister in Christ. When you think of a brother or sister, make a quick mental note of the good points each possesses.
9. Constantly strive to increase your circle of associates in the church.
10. Every church has problems, Ask yourself, "Am I part of the problem or part of the solution?"

# SERMON NOTES: "The New Birth" (John 3:1-8)



"Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is \_\_\_\_\_ again, he cannot see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (John 3:3) "Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ he cannot enter the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. That which is born of \_\_\_\_\_ is flesh, and that which is born of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. Do not marvel when I say to you, 'You must be \_\_\_\_\_ again.'" (John 3:5-7)

**Nicodemus** was a \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews. He came to Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:1-2) "Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_..... He knew what was \_\_\_\_\_ man." (John 2:24-25)

## WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT THE NEW BIRTH

**Jesus taught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new birth.** "Unless one is \_\_\_\_\_ again, he cannot see the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_." (John 3:5) Jesus said "upon this \_\_\_\_\_ I will build my \_\_\_\_\_. He also promised to give to Peter the keys to the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19) After His resurrection, Jesus told His disciples to wait in \_\_\_\_\_ where they would see the \_\_\_\_\_ come with \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 1:4) On the Day of Pentecost \_\_\_\_\_ preached the first gospel sermon. "Those who \_\_\_\_\_ received the word were \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord added those who were saved to the \_\_\_\_\_." (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)

**Jesus taught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new birth.** "That which is born of \_\_\_\_\_ is flesh, that which is born of \_\_\_\_\_ is spirit. (John 3:6) The Lord's kingdom is a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom, and the only way we can be born into it is by a \_\_\_\_\_ birth.

**Jesus taught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new birth.** "Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is \_\_\_\_\_ again of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_, he cannot enter the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_." (John 3:5) The seed of the new birth is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. "We are \_\_\_\_\_ of God." (I John 5:1) "In Christ I have begotten you by the \_\_\_\_\_." (I Corinthians 4:15) "Having been \_\_\_\_\_ again, not of \_\_\_\_\_ seed, but \_\_\_\_\_, through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ forever." (I Peter 1:23) The water of the new birth is the water of \_\_\_\_\_. "Let us draw near with a true \_\_\_\_\_, in full assurance of \_\_\_\_\_, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil \_\_\_\_\_, and our \_\_\_\_\_ washed with pure \_\_\_\_\_." (Hebrews 10:22)

**Jesus taught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new birth which is \_\_\_\_\_ life.** We get our physical nature from \_\_\_\_\_ all the way back to \_\_\_\_\_. We get our spiritual nature from \_\_\_\_\_, and our spiritual characteristics from \_\_\_\_\_. "We have borne the image of the \_\_\_\_\_ of dust, we shall bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ man." (I Corinthians 15:49)

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## “State of the Church Address”

“And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.” (Acts 14:27)

From the time of Paul till today it is common to gather the church together and report on the work that has been done in the name of the Lord. So, the following is a type of “report” or “the state of the church address” of my work with the church as well as the work in general here at Camden Ave. Often, we think about missionaries giving reports after they return home from their missions. We sometimes forget that our community is our mission field. So, since this is the first year I have been at Camden Ave. here is a quick overview of some of the work that has been done.

Our largest attendance was **302 on 11/19/17**.

The average Sunday A.M. attendance was **268**.

The average Sunday P.M. attendance was **198**

The average Sunday Bible Class attendance **189**

The average Wednesday evening attendance **177**

We had **4** deaths this year associated with the congregation.

We had **5** people who moved their church membership to other congregations, with letters.

We had **2** people placed membership.

We had **6** babies born this year associated with the congregation.

We had **1** restoration and **1** baptism.

We also accomplished some things such as: We had a Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders of the TV program In Search of the Lord’s Way. We had a very good VBS and are already planning another one for July 2-4, 2018. We sent out the House to House, Heart to Heart paper to two mail routes on South Parkersburg; which is over 1,000 addresses.

We continued our work with Love and Care assisted living; Dana and I had a weekly Bible study each Friday along with the congregation hosting the worship services and Thursday night Bible study in rotation with other congregations.

We had several of our youth participated in the area youth events such as Traveling Youth Group, Monday Night devotionals, Canton Youth Rally, Bridgeport, WV Youth Rally, CYC and Lads to Leaders, as well as OVCYC church camp. The congregation also hosted it’s first “Tailgate for Christ” youth event in September. The youth also hosted the Veteran’s, Widows, and Widowers dinner. We once again helped support Potter’s Children Home with the Gleaner Can campaign, and held Sack the Pulpit, and supported the U.S. Postal Service food drive. We also hosted the Red Cross Blood Drive and a CPR training class. We had a very nice size group travel to the “Ark Encounter” in Kentucky which was educational as well as fun. The Ladies also hosted a “Ladies Night” at Love and Care, as well as had several other lady events.

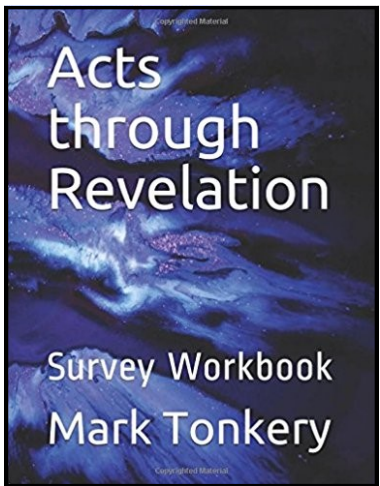
Monday Night for the Master was once again held. Dana and I took over the Minute of Meditation radio spot for Gary Herridge. The congregation once again hosted an area wide sing as well as took the bus to many of the area wide sings. The congregation hosted the Bible Bowl in September, which several of our members also participated in.

I was involved with teaching the teens, young adults, and the adult auditorium Bible classes, as well as continued to teach at Ohio Valley University, and just started the First Principles Class on Sunday mornings. I also filled in and preached for Dana as well as area congregations when they were without a preacher.

These are just several of the many works that the congregation was involved in this past year, space will not allow for us to mention the various missions, benevolent, and other good works the congregation is doing and has been involved in.

It is true we can never really measure all the work of the Lord in numbers and statistics; but what we can measure reminds us there always needs to be some improvement regarding our outreach to the lost, and improving our participation in the work of the church.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lord’s work in 2017. Keep up the good work and may we strive to reach out to the lost and help people get to Heaven. God will cause the increase if we plant and water (1 Cor. 3:6). **Thank you, Mark T.**



**Mark T. Tonkery just published  
"Acts through Revelation: Survey  
Workbook."**

Which is a survey of the New Testament books Acts through Revelation. It can be used in Bible classes, small groups, or individual study.

It can be purchased on Amazon. Follow this link; [https://www.amazon.com/dp/1976791227?ref =  
pe 870760 150889320](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1976791227?ref=pe_870760_150889320)

# Youth Events

The yearly Monday Night Merge youth events begins February 5 and will go through March 12. Each Monday evening worship session will begin at 7:00 and conclude with food and fellowship.

**February 5** - Barlow Vincent  
**February 12** - Little Hocking  
**February 19** - Dewey Avenue  
**February 26** - Hopewell  
**March 5** - Newport  
**March 12** - Ohio Valley University

This year will be a study of Godly relationships with the goal of teaching our youth to find a soulmate that understands love. Loving their parents, themselves, their boy/girl friend, loving the truth and most importantly loving their God.

(More details to come)

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**January 28** - Transportation will leave at 6:30 to join the traveling youth at the North End congregation.



**Remember our shut-ins in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.**

Remember our members that have ongoing health issues:

**Sharon Armstrong**  
627 Lubeck Road  
Washington, WV 26181

**Richard Cozad**  
3705 6th Avenue  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

**Debby Nesselroad**  
78 Wyndham Knob  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

**Van and Nancy Putnam**  
30 Central Avenue  
Elizabeth, WV 26143

**Dorothy Weaver**  
4206 Powell Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

**Chelsea Doonan**  
2104 43rd Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

**Jenny Reynolds**  
605 Hill Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

**Sheila Deems**  
116 Gihon Meadows  
Apt. 120  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

**Love and Care**  
Kathleen Albright, Colleen Ash, Zoe Byrum,  
Mildred Gault, Valeria Sprout  
PO Box 1512, Parkersburg, WV 26102

**Brookdale Marietta**  
Phyllis Johnson  
150 Browns Road  
Marietta, OH 45750

**Worthington Nursing Care**  
Jane Pralley, Florence Shank  
2675 36th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104

**Ohio Valley Care and Rehab.**  
Myrtle Metz  
222 Nicolette Road, Parkersburg, WV 26104

**Harmar Place**  
Bob Smith  
401 Harmar Street, Marietta, OH 45750

## Opportunities To Serve

### Sunday, January 21

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Brian Haught  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Doug Hershman

#### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Ryan Highman  
 PM - Jim Galloway

#### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Stan Inman  
 Close - Marion Goldsmith  
 6:00 PM - Josh Hall  
 Close - Jon Hescht

#### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Chris Hofmann  
 PM - Chris Mullins

#### **COMMUNION**

AM - Dearll Vincent  
 PM - Dwain Shears  
 Kody Inman

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray

#### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1 - Clayton Huber  
 2 - Verna Huber  
 3 - Tammy Kerns

1. Haley Johnson & Claire Moser
2. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
3. Josh Hall & Donovan Walton
4. Marion & Jo Goldsmith
5. John & Karen Life
6. Rick & Kay Stanley



## February Birthdays/Anniversaries

- February 2 - Sonya Hescht  
 February 4 - Addie Miller, Doris Newberry, Patrick Rine  
 February 5 - Nancy Proffitt, Bret Wilcoxon  
 February 7 - Paul Inman  
 February 8 - Geraldine Pahl  
 February 11 - Mildred Gault, Marion Goldsmith  
 February 14 - Sandy Hughes, \*Russ & Patty Alton,  
 \*Dennis & Sandy Keller  
 February 15 - Mark Tonkery  
 February 20 - Sandy Sheppard  
 February 22 - Brenda Guthrie  
 February 25 - Payton Knotts  
 February 26 - Mikayla Hennen, Kody Inman, Ira Kimes,  
 \*Pat & Kim Barclay, \*Mike & Gwen Lucas  
 February 27 - Charlotte Galloway, Doug Hershman  
 February 28 - Danielle Mullins

\* Anniversary

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

## Facts and Figures

January 7, 2018

AM Service.....231  
 Bible Study.....172  
 PM Service.....158  
 Wednesday.....180  
 Contribution .....\$9065.00

#### **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

### Winter Training Series

January 4 - 25 Thursdays 7:00-8:00

Dewey Avenue church of Christ

Speakers: Lloyd Westbrook, Andy Robison, Dan Kessinger,  
 Roger Rush

### 7th Annual West Virginia Marriage Getaway

February 9, 10, 11

Charleston Civic Center

Details on foyer bulletin boards

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*  
 Have a great week in the service of our Lord!

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.