

# 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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**You are invited to the Parenting Youth Seminar  
we are hosting April 13-15.**

**Speaker** - Lonnie Jones from Huntsville, AL

**Friday, April 13 - 7:00PM - *Responsibility of Christian Youth***  
(Following this session - pizza in the MP Room then go bowling.)

**Saturday, April 14 - 4:00PM - *Responsibility of Christian Parents***

5:00 - Meal

6:30 - Singing

7:00 - *How Do You Raise Godly Children?*

**Sunday, April 15 - 9:30AM - *Priorities For The Family, What Needs To Come First?***

11:00 Bible study - *What Immorality And Drugs Are Doing To The Family*

12:00 - Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room

**Invite your family and friends.**

### 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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God knows when to  
 send you exactly  
 what you  
 need...when you  
 need it.

It is really beautiful when someone prays  
 for you without you even knowing it.  
 It the highest form of respect and care.



### Our church family in need of prayers.

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

### Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Eli Clark, Markita Conner  
 (Bill and Kay Mills' sister-in-law), 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), Tony Haid,  
 Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Judy Hughes (Melva Farris' sister),  
 Joe Johnson (Scott's father), David Newberry, Ron Richards (Courtney Richards'  
 father-in-law), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter),  
 Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)

*Please inform the office of changes, updates and additions.  
 Names will appear on the list for three weeks if no update is received.*

### We extend our sympathy to:

- Ken Burton and family in the passing of his mother, Charlotte Burton. She passed March 12 at the age of 103 in Arkansas. Sister Burton was a faithful member here for many years. There will be a memorial service April 21 in Cairo, WV.
- Larry Chaddock in the passing of his brother Roger Chaddock. He passed away Monday in Pennsboro. There will be a family service.

### *Thank You Notes. . .*

- ♥ I would like to thank my Camden Avenue family for the prayers, love and concern that has been show to me and my family this past year. I am still recovering but I am getting better each day. I could not have made it through this ordeal without the support from each of you and God! **Todd Kirk**
- ♥ I want to thank you for the lovely birthday cards. They were all so special. Love, **Sandy Hughes**
- ♥ Thanks to all who gave us birthday cards. They made our day happy. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ Thank you for all the prayers, cards, texts and phone calls. Your love and support has been greatly appreciated. **Randy and Jenny Ware**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the anniversary cards. We enjoyed them. **Bill and Kay Mills**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each and every one of them. **Dennis Keller "Candyman"**

Thank you to Jo Goldsmith and Annette Kirk  
 for the beautiful bulletin boards around the building.

# Church News and Announcements

## LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 4 will conduct the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and this Thursday evening at 7:00. This is always a wonderful time of worship and fellowship. Please join us.

## MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING

Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting today at 5:00.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room with a meal at 5:45. The "work" will begin around 6:30PM after a brief devotional and prayer. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count, food items and team assignments. *Please sign-up if you plan to attend.*

## SECRET SISTER'S

If you would like to participate in Secret Sister's, see Laura or Kimberlee by next Sunday for an information sheet. We plan to restart Secret Sister's in a few weeks. Details are included with the form. (If you received a sheet please complete and return to Laura or Kimberlee by next Sunday.)

## DEVOTIONAL FOR 5th GRADE AND YOUNGER

Melva Farris will host a devotional Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 at their home at 702 Hawthorne Street. Parents are welcome. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 4:30.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

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

## KATHLEEN ALBRIGHT'S BIRTHDAY - MARCH 28

Let's shower Mrs. Albright with cards for her 90th Birthday. Cards may be sent to: 681 Brackenridge Road, Vincent, OH 45784.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count. Galatians 6 will be discussed.

### Daily Bible Reading

**March 18** - Mark 14:53-72, Numbers 36  
**March 19** - Mark 15:1-20, Deuteronomy 1-2  
**March 20** - Mark 15:21-47, Deuteronomy 3-4  
**March 21** - Mark 16, Deuteronomy 5-6  
**March 22** - Luke 1:1-25, Deuteronomy 7-9  
**March 23** - Luke 1:26-56, Deuteronomy 10-11  
**March 24** - Luke 1:57-80, Deuteronomy 12-14  
**March 25** - Luke 2:1-24, Deuteronomy 15-17

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth  
(2 Timothy 2:15)



### Daily Bible Class Reading

2 Samuel 15:1-2, 5-6, 13-14  
2 Samuel 16:11-12  
2 Samuel 17:6, 11-12, 14  
2 Samuel 18:5, 7, 9, 14, 33  
2 Samuel 19:1-5, 7, 14

**Thank you to our Bible class teachers! We appreciate all that you do!**

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Why I Preach?

While I was at Ohio Valley College one my professors asked our class of preaching students to write a bulletin article on, "Why We Preach?" Since then I have continued to ask that question and have used it to evaluate my reason for preaching for over 20 years.

Now that I am transitioning to preaching regularly again, I have asked myself, "Why do I preach?"

First, while growing up our family always went to worship and Bible class. I enjoyed studying and learning about the Bible. Then when I was about twelve years old a Bible class teacher, told me she thought I should be a preacher. Although I enjoyed studying the Bible, I never thought of myself as ever being a preacher, especially at twelve years old, from that time on I fought the notion that I would ever be a preacher. Although I continued to be interested in the things of the Bible and continued go to Bible class, worship, and would read my Bible regularly, preaching was not the plan I had for my life.

Then when I was about thirteen years old I was baptized into Christ and continued to grow in faith. When I was fourteen years old I was asked by one of our elders to teach the Wednesday night second - sixth grade Bible class; I learned I enjoy teaching the Bible. Then when I went to college my interest and love for the Lord continue to grow. I would often have Bible studies with other students and tried sharing the gospel of Christ with those who were lost.

It was while in college that I realized my heart's desire was to make it my life's mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus. Although I am an imperfect person, just like everyone else. I felt like Jeremiah in Jeremiah 20, I just could not keep the message of God to myself.

Luke 19:10 tells us that Jesus Christ came to this world to seek and save the lost. Jesus then gives each one of us this mission in Matthew 28:19-20, where He states, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

I preach because I want to obey Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19-20 and put them into practice. I want to be able to show people that our God is a loving and caring God. God's love was demonstrated by Jesus; by Him dying on the cross and being resurrected from the grave He took care of our sin problem and made a way for people to go to Heaven.

God has designed a wonderful plan for each one of us, so that we may be able to live the best way possible in this life and help prepare us for eternity. I preach because I want to be able to share God's wonderful plan with other and if I do not who will?

I will have more to say about "Why I Preach?" this morning. I am so glad that you are here this morning to worship with us and study the Bible. We hope that you will be blessed and encouraged by the worship and Bible study! God Bless you, Mark T. Tonkery

## Announcements

**College Care Packages** – if you would like to donate items to make Care Packages for our college students and those in Mark T. OVU college class, please sign up by the items you would like to bring. All items are due April 22 in the bin in the parking lot foyer. Thank you!

**Help needed** – If you would like to help put together College Care Packages April 22 after evening services, please sign up in the foyer. Thank you!

# Why I Preach

Text: Romans 10:14-15



I. I preach because \_\_\_\_\_.

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II. I preach because \_\_\_\_\_.

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III. I preach to \_\_\_\_\_.

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IV. I preach to \_\_\_\_\_.

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# April Birthdays and Anniversaries



April 3 - Pam Bayer  
April 4 - John Hall, David Mullins, \*Mike and Pam Bayer  
April 5 - Edwin Hoover  
April 6 - Calle Sheppard, Mike Wade, \*John and Linda Hall  
April 7 - Amzie Inman  
April 8 - Amanda Cochran, Alex Saunders  
April 9 - Patrick Davis  
April 10 - Delbert Beach, Bev Rine, Sharon Smith, Sarah Wilcoxon, \* Dave and Lois Nulter  
April 11 - Kasen Inman  
April 12 - Deanna Hilliard  
April 13 - Steve Gray  
April 14 - Pat Burkey, Jimmy Galloway  
April 15 - Chris Hofmann, \*Doug and Alisha Hershman  
April 16 - \*Brian and Ann Knotts  
April 17 - Dustin Hughes, Peggy Phillips  
April 18 - Terry Hofmann  
April 19 - Zoe Byrum  
April 20 - Bob Miller  
April 21 - Lauren Proffitt, Carly Taberner, \*Chris and Terry Hofmann  
April 22 - Henley Hoover  
April 24 - Lizzy Hoover, Lois Porter  
April 27 - Mandy Camp  
April 28 - Carolyn Davis  
April 29 - Sarah Buckley

\* Anniversary

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

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## Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The story is told of a lady who walked into a pharmacy and asked the pharmacist if he had a cure for the hiccups. The pharmacist said, "I sure do," and immediately and unexpectedly yelled, "BOO" at the top of his lungs. Well, this nearly scared the lady half to death! She looked at the pharmacist and asked, "Why in the world did you do that?" The pharmacist said, "Because a good scare will rid a person of hiccups." The lady then said, "But I don't have the hiccups. My husband does and he's out in the car!"



Oops! Now there's an illustration of how assumption can be costly. However, the greatest cost regarding assumptions occur in the spiritual realm. How many people assume they are believing and practicing the things that please God? How many people believe things that they never bothered to read and study for themselves in the Bible?

The Bible says to "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

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



Last week I focused on our younger children. This week I would like to think about our older students. I was so encouraged and proud last Sunday night as Brenden led our singing during the worship service. I have seen his progress from his first times to lead a song in front of a small group to now. The growth is remarkable. As with all our children the adult examples along the way make this possible. This is the goal with this entire effort. Train them as they grow up and prepare them to be Christian leaders when the time comes. Over the next few weeks there will be many opportunities to support our group. When you can, let each of them know that you love and support them.

Todd Kirk

**Haylee Smith**

Art Says It  
Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Year-Round Bible Reading/Study  
Know the Books  
Group Scrapbook  
Songs of Praise – Winner Circle  
Year-Round Songs of Praise  
Group Banner  
Keepers

**Samantha Tonkery**

Art Says It  
Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Know the Books  
Teach to Teach  
Good Samaritan  
Read the Word  
Pearls Test  
Group Scrapbook  
Songs of Praise  
Year-Round Songs of Praise  
Group Banner  
Keepers

**Alice Cochran**

Art Says it  
Year-Round bible Reading/Study  
Know the Books  
Good Samaritan  
Junior Leaders  
Keepers

**Clifton Inman**

Art Says It  
Oral Bible Reading  
Know the Books  
Good Samaritan  
Song Leading  
Year-Round Song Leading

**Carly Taberner**

Art Says It  
Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Year-Round Bible Reading/Study  
Good Samaritan  
Songs of Praise  
Year-Round Songs of Praise  
Group Banner  
Keepers

**\* If you would like to make a monetary donation to LLL, please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills. \***

If you would be willing to donate items for the LLL picnic, the sign-up sheet(s) is on the counter.

Everyone is invited to the LLL Showcase Sunday, March 25 in the MP Room at 4:45.

(Note: All those involved need to attend as we will discuss trip details.)

# LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

March 18 - 22

Harmar Hill

Speaker: Ron Thomas

April 8 - 11

South Main at Smith Street (New Lexington, OH)

Speaker: Willie Franklin

## OTHER EVENTS

April 27-28 - 2018 Men's Retreat

Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp in Bergholz, OH

Registration due by April 13

April 29 - Friends and Family Day

Sixth & Washington Street congregation in Marietta

Speaker: Clay Brown

April 14 - 30th Annual Golden Agers Day

New Concord congregation

Speaker: Willie Franklin

April 13 and 14 - Day of Edification

Chapel Hill congregation in Gallipolis, OH

May 1 - Senior Saints' Day

Lubeck congregation

Speaker: Eddie Cooper

## LADIES EVENTS

April 14 - Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day

at the Belpre congregation

April 28 - Ladies Tea

Sixth & Washington Street congregation

Speaker: Jennifer Brown

Flyers on foyer bulletin boards

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, March 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - Brian Haught

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Ben Haught

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders

Close - Clayton Huber

6:00 PM - Keith Smith

Close - Dearll Vincent

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ira Kimes

PM - Patrick Rine

### COMMUNION

AM - Mike Fleak

PM - Ron Riddle

Bill Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber

2 - Verna Huber

3 - Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Stan & Debi Inman

2. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

\* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*

5. Mike & Teresa Wade

6. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

## Facts and Figures

March 11, 2018

AM Service.....243

Bible Study.....178

PM Service.....188

Wednesday.....177

Contribution .....\$6875.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....0

## Services Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Love and Care currently has private rooms available. If you or your loved one has been considering the need for assistance in your daily living, now might be the time to take a tour of our facility.

Here are just a few of the things we have to offer:

Room and board, Three balanced meals per day, Laundry service, Medication dispensed by Nurse or AMAP, Daily activity schedule, Weekly worship service and daily devotions, Christian environment Assistance with bathing and hair care, 24-hour security service, plus much more

Please call for more information and pricing (304) 863.8950.

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.

### UPCOMING TOPIC

March 25 - A CLEAN CONSCIENCE

## Friday Night Sing

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



Everyone invited!