

# 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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## Ready for Worship!

At worship, I am given the opportunity to...

**...revere my Maker.** *“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him” (Psalm 89:7).*

**...rejoice in my salvation.** *“And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.” (Psalm 35:9).*

**...refresh my spirit.** *“Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth” (Psalm 119:88).*

I can't wait to come and worship, praise and pay homage to the One who created me, delivered me, and awakens me. How about you? **It is important that we do not create distractions for others trying to worship.**

*“Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness, Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God, It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good, His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations”. (Psalm 100)*

**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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Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Leonard Haid  
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God measures our service, not just by our ability, but also by our willingness!



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

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Penny Eddy, Jim Henry, Lole Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, 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), Casey Freeman (Don and Brenda Dougherty's friend), 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), Gail Ogden (Don and Brenda Dougherty's friend), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Dorcas Stanley (Sally Hinzman's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)

*Please inform the office of changes, updates and additions.*

Please continue to pray for Eli Clark and remember him with cards.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Jean Sheets. She passed away April 25. There will be graveside service tomorrow at 11:00 at the Evergreen North cemetery.



- ♥ We would like to "Thank" everyone for the birthday and anniversary cards and well wishes! Love, **Chris and Terry Hofmann**
- ♥ Thanks for the visits and cards. Sorry I wasn't up to par with your visits. Have a blessed day! **Penny Eddy**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and well wishes for **Dorothy Weaver** during her recent hospital stay.
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and sentiments over the death of Linda Wires, daughter of Dorothy Weaver and sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall.

Thank you to **Joyce Wright** for preparing the communion bread this month.



## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet tomorrow in the MP Room. Dinner will begin at 5:45 followed with a brief devo. then the “work” starts at about 6:30. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count, food items and team assignments. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

## **LOVE AND CARE SING**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00. There is a sign-up sheet since this will also be a MNFTM activity.

## **CHURCH SECURITY WORKSHOP**

We will be hosting a church security workshop this Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. Sign-up sheet on the counter with details.

## **WEDDING SHOWER**

There will be a wedding shower for Drake Logston and Alexandra Hinton Saturday, May 5 in the MP Room at 2:00. Gift suggestions include Kohl’s and Pier One gift cards. They will be married May 18 in Columbus, OH.

## **ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS**

The Adult Bible Bowl class will begin Sunday, May 13 in Room 112 and cover chapters 1 and 2. The Bible Bowl will cover the book of Exodus - NKJV. (A special thank you to Bill Mills for his hard work in preparations and teaching this class.)

## **GRADUATES’ PICTURES**

Pictures of our high school and college graduates will be featured in an upcoming bulletin. Include student’s name and school information with the photo. Pictures may be given to Kimberlee or left in the office. Photos will be returned.

## **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Edwin Hoover had Perfect Attendance in the Sunday 1st Grade class. Great job, Edwin!

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Our VBS will be July 2-4 from 6:30PM - 8:00PM.

### **Daily Bible Class Reading**

April 30 - 2 Kings 15:8-12, 23-24, 27-28, 17:1-5

May 1 - 2 Kings 17:6-16

May 3 - 2 Kings 10:1-17

May 4 - 2 Kings 10:18-21, 24-28, 30-31

May 5 - 2 Kings 13:1-2, 9-11, 13, 20-21



The things you take for granted, someone else is praying for.

Thank you, God for the many blessings in my life.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

April 29 - Luke 19:1-27, I Samuel 15-16

April 30 - Luke 19:28-48, I Samuel 17

May 1 - Luke 20:1-26, I Samuel 18-19

May 2 - Luke 20:27-47, I Samuel 20-22

May 3 - Luke 21:1-24, I Samuel 23-24

May 4 - Luke 21:25-38, I Samuel 25-26

May 5 - Luke 22:1-23, I Samuel 27-29

May 6 - Luke 22:24-53, I Samuel 30-31



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Artisan Christianity

If you have walked down your grocery store aisle lately or have noticed the latest restaurant commercial, you may have noticed that advertisers are using the term “artisan” to advertise their product. Items such as pizza, sandwiches, cheeses, meats, breads, and jams to just name a few. These items are all being labeled “artisan” to appeal to customers that their products are special, unique, handcrafted, and an effort to get back to the original taste and flavor of their product. The “artisan movement” we might say is also trying to attract customers to the idea that their product is not mass produced or done in bulk. In other words, there is a real person behind the creation of this food item and this product is of high quality, special, and unique.

One of the reasons the “artisan food movement” has gained momentum is because food has been so mass produced and manufactured in bulk that it has lost something. It has lost the craftsmanship, flavor, and nutrition it once provided. In a similar way, Christianity has lost something in modern times as well. The religious world is divided and filled with doctrines contrary to the Bible. Modern “Christianity” looks very different than what one finds in the Bible.

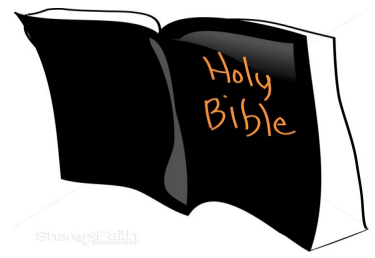
In thinking about the “artisan food movement” I could not help but think how similar this relates to Christianity, we must have an “artisan Christianity.” Let’s get back to the Bible, let’s get back to being like the Bereans in Acts 17:11 who searched the scriptures daily, and let’s be the church we find in the New Testament, nothing more and nothing less. Our goal as Christians should be in one sense “artisan” getting back to the original, as Jesus’ designed it (Matthew 16:18).

One can read in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost when Jesus’ church came into reality. Peter preached, just as the prophets of the Old Testament foretold, Jesus the Son of the Living God did come to earth, he lived, died, and was raised from the dead to redeem all people from their sins and offer salvation. We see that Christ even gave the terms of salvation and entrance into His church. Notice Jesus words in Mark 16:16, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Then Peter repeats Jesus words in Acts 2:38, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” One then reads in Acts 2:21, that “those who gladly received the word were baptized”, and that “the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47). The rest of the book of Acts, as well as the rest of the New Testament, teaches how Christians are to worship God, treat people, and live each day of their lives for the Lord. The teachings of Christ as recorded in the New Testament set these Christians apart from the rest of the people in the world and it will set us apart as well.

If we would only get back to the Bible and be the church that Christ established; we will be His unique, special, and distinctive people just as He created us to be. Let’s be an “artisan Christian”. Let go back to the original as created by the Savior!

# What is Real Faith?

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1,6



What is faith? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 11:1, "Now \_\_\_\_\_ is the assurance of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:6, "And without \_\_\_\_\_ it is impossible to please him, for whoever would \_\_\_\_\_ near to God must \_\_\_\_\_ that he exists and that he rewards those who \_\_\_\_\_ im."

## 4 things that faith is not, and then what real faith is!

I. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. James 2:14 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. James 2:19 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Matthew 7:27 \_\_\_\_\_

II. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. James 2:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Hebrews 11:36-38 \_\_\_\_\_

III. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. James 2:18 \_\_\_\_\_

IV. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. James 2:19 \_\_\_\_\_

V. SO WHAT IS REAL FAITH? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PM Sermon:** What does a Christian look like?

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:1-8

*Thank you to everyone who donated and helped to put together the College Care Packages. They were delivered and my students greatly appreciated them! Thank you and keep up the great work.*

*Mark T. Tonkery*



# WHEN I GET INTO SHAPE . . .



There's this story about an overweight and out-of-shape fellow who started a swimming regiment. For many months, he had walked for weight-loss but later reasoned swimming would be a faster way of shedding his accumulated and unnecessary poundage.

Three times weekly he went to the local gym to make good use of its state-of-the-art indoor pool, but he did so acutely aware that he was not like the other swimmers. He watched out of the corner of his eye, awed by the maneuvers performed. With ease, chiseled and sculpted bodies performed their picture-perfect slips and somersaults and dives while he held on to the pool's edge, occasionally bobbing up and down showing off his ability to hold his breath while pinching his nose. None of the expert swimmers seemed to give him much attention so, after three weeks in the pool, he returned to the safety and security of walking. Discouraged and ashamed, he walked round and round the track and said to himself, "When I get into shape, I'll return to the pool."

I wonder how many people use that same line of reasoning when it comes to going to church, or more accurately, coming to worship. "When I get into shape, I'll go," "When I get my life in order, I'll come." "I've got a few things in my life that I need to first straighten out; then I'll come to church." These attitudes reflect faulty reasoning. These thoughts assume wrongly that everyone else is perfect but we are inadequate. These ideas suggest that the church is more a safe haven and sanctuary for the self-righteous than it is a hospital for broken and hurting hearts.

When worshipers gather to worship, everyone assembled is on equal footing. All are sick. All are sinners. All need God's grace. All need God's forgiveness. The call of Jesus is not "Get it all right, then come." The call of Jesus is "Come, and then get it right." Jesus said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." The call of the church must be identical to the call of Jesus.

So if you don't feel "good enough: or "In shape," that's exactly the kind of heart for which God is looking. Get back into the pool! See you Sunday.

# Youth Events

Masquerade Formal Night  
(9th-12th grade)

Saturday, May 12 \* 6:00PM

A Riverboat cruise on

The Valley Gem Sternwheeler with catered dinner

Hosted by the North End congregation.

Reservations due by May 1.

Flyer on youth bulletin board by the office.

Our 6th - 12th grade youth willing to help at the  
Postal Service Drive are asked to be here  
Saturday, May 12th at 1:00.

Everyone is invited to the High School Graduation  
get-together in the MP Room Sunday, May 20  
after evening services.

Please bring snacks, desserts and beverages.

Transportation will leave Sunday, May 27 at 5:30  
to join the traveling youth group at the Rockport  
congregation.



## HELP ME!

**Help me** find someone today who needs what I have to share: a kind word, a thoughtful deed, a bit of loving care.

**Help me** to take the time to be an understanding friend to someone who needs a helping hand on which they can depend.

**Help me** to love as Jesus loves, that same unselfish way. Help me to be like Jesus in all that I do and say.

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## Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The Bible states, "If ye abide In me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what we will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). What if we don't?

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love on another" (John 13:35). What if we don't?

"If you continue in my word, then we are my disciples" (John 8:31). What if we don't?

Now think about this:

What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

What if God forgave us as we forgave others?

What if God gave us ten times the amount of money we give him on Sunday?

What if we never saw a flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?

What if God treated us the way we treat our neighbor?

What if we knew today would be our last?

What if . . .? "If" is a big word!

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



## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, May 6

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman

Close - Jim Galloway

6:00 PM - Brian Haught

Close - Jimmy Galloway

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Gary Herridge

PM - Jon Hesch

### COMMUNION

AM - Patrick Rine

PM - John Hall

Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Jeff Taberner

3 - Julie Taberner

### PM

1. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard

2. Herb & Joyce Wright

\* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*

5. Len & Susan Haid

6. Mark & Laura Tonkery

## Facts and Figures

April 22, 2018

AM Service.....	267
Bible Study.....	184
PM Service.....	174
Wednesday.....	169
Contribution .....	\$9236.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....	0
Restored or Requested	
Prayers.....	2
Placed Membership.....	2

## Services Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM



## A Little Can of Oil

The story is told of a man who carried a little can of oil with him everywhere he went. If he passed through a door that squeaked, he'd put a drop or two of oil on the hinges, and if a gate was too hard to open, he'd oil the latch. So, he passed through life lubricating all the squeaking places, making it a little more pleasant for those who followed after him.

There is no telling how many lives you and I could keep from rusting and squeaking and how many gates we could open to happiness, if only we would take a little oil of human kindness and brotherly love. Let us use it wherever we go, for there are many lives rusting away in sin.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CHURCH CAMP.

Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp at Camp Hervida brochures are available in the foyers.

**Senior Week** for Ages 14-18 (June 10-15),

**Jr. Week** for Ages 8-11 (June 17-22),

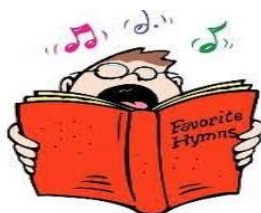
**Intermediate Week** for Ages 11-14 (June 24-29).

## Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have any questions or would like additional information (i.e. home Bible studies, Bible Correspondence Courses, etc.) please let us know.

We want to share our faith with you!

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at 6:15 for the sing at the Dewey Avenue congregation. Join us!



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.