

# 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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## Let each One Say

As life goes onward day by day,  
Let each one to his conscience say  
That flesh is weak but God is strong,  
That right is right and wrong is wrong.  
That I have found my workday flies,  
But therein all my life's hope lies.  
That on life's upward path I'll run,  
My face forever to the sun.  
That I shall do my best today.  
Not let one moment waste away;  
And as I travel on life's road  
I'll try to share a brother's load.  
That force has power, but love has more;  
That peace is mightier than war;  
That real success is only won  
By deeds of kindness one has done.

**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  
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A home should be a world of strife shut out and a world of love shut in.



**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, Cotton Sayre, 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), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), 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.

Address: 499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180



A ladies Seiko watch with leather band was found. It was turned in at the office. Let us know if this is yours.

***Thank You Notes For You***

- ♥ We want to thank everyone for the beautiful anniversary cards and the gifts - sweet of the Wednesday evening 3rd - 5th grade class and teachers for the "cute" card. Love to all, **The Hardmans**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards and well wishes. **Bob Miller**
- ♥ We received a THANK YOU card from Mark's OVU class thanking us for the care packages. The card is posted on the bulletin board.



Welcome!

I was glad when they said...Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 122:1



### ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS

The Adult Bible Bowl class will begin next Sunday in Room 112 and cover chapters 1 and 2. The Bible Bowl will be September 15 and cover the book of Exodus - NKJV.

### WATER STOP MEETING

If you would like to volunteer at our Parkersburg Half-Marathon water stop, please sign the sheet on the counter. The marathon will be August 18. There will be a meeting next Sunday evening after services in Room 109.

### 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 by next Sunday, May 13. Photos will be returned.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet May 14 in the MP Room. Dinner at 5:45 followed with a brief devo. and 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.

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Lunch Sunday, May 20 in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the high school graduates get-together in the MP Room after evening services Sunday, May 20. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages. Our 2018 graduates include: Malorie Fleak, Stormi Frazier, Jansen Goldsmith, Holly Haught, Emma Hershman, Bram Mills, Alivia Moser, Hannah Shears and Brenden Smith

### BLOOD DRIVE

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



I wonder if we wouldn't do just as well if we'd throw away all our laws and start over again with the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments.

### Daily Bible Reading

- May 6 - Luke 22:24-53, 1 Samuel 30-31
- May 7 - Luke 22:54-71, 2 Samuel 1-3
- May 8 - Luke 23:1-25, 2 Samuel 4-6
- May 9 - Luke 23:26-56, 2 Samuel 7-10
- May 10 - Luke 24:1-12, 2 Samuel 11-12
- May 11 - Luke 24:13-35, 2 Samuel 13-14
- May 12 - Luke 24:36-53, 2 Samuel 15-16
- May 13 - John 1:1-34, 2 Samuel 17-18

### Daily Bible Class Reading

- May 7 - 2 Chron. 20:35-37; 2 Kings 8:16-18, 25-27
- May 8 - 2 Kings 11:1-3, 11-21
- May 10 - 1 Kings 12:1-5, 12-17
- May 11 - 1 Kings 14:21-27, 15:1-6
- May 12 - 2 Chronicles 16:11-13, 17:1-10

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Today my family and I will be at the Little Hocking, Ohio Church of Christ to join them for their 75th Homecoming. Our family spent two years working with this congregation from 2006-2008. We made many friends and memories during our time with the congregation and it will be nice to visit with them once again and reunite with the brothers and sisters in Christ there. I want to thank our elders and the congregation for allowing me this opportunity.

In my place this morning Kyle Lancaster will be preaching and teaching the adult Bible class in the auditorium. Kyle and his wife Sarah attended here before he took the youth minister position at the Sandyville, WV Church of Christ. So please give him a warm welcome.

I would like to thank everyone who has been coming out to Monday Night For The Master. We have been doing a lot of good work. We have one more M.N.F.T.M. May 14. Please make plans to attend and let's make our last M.N.F.T.M. the best attended one this spring.

Also please be making plans to honor our 2018 Graduates. We have a number of young people graduating this year may we be praying for them as they have reached this great milestone in their life and begin a new chapter of their life.

Lord willing, I will be back with you this evening and will be preaching from John 3 and I have titled the sermon "3 Births." Hope you will come back tonight!

I would like to leave you with this thought:

*When G. Campbell Morgan was a young man he visited two elderly ladies each week to read the Bible to them. When he read Matthew 28:20, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He said, "Isn't that a wonderful promise?" One of the ladies quickly replied, "Young man, that is not a promise. It is a fact!"*

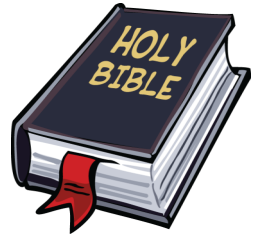
*All of God's promises are fact.*

(Source: *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: The Complete New Testament*, Warren Wiersbe)

# Sermon Notes

Kyle Lancaster will be preaching this morning.

We welcome him and his family and are glad to have them with us.



Sermon topic this evening: 3 Births

Scripture: John 3 :3-5

# A Little Nail



As the story goes, a congregation built a new church building, and people came from far and wide to see it. They admired its beauty! Up on the roof, a little nail heard the people praising everything about the lovely structure - except the nail! No one ever knew he was there, and he became angry and jealous.

“If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit!” So the nail then released its hold, slid down the roof, and fell in the mud.

That night it rained and rained. Soon, the shingle that had no nail blew away, and the roof began to leak. The water streaked the walls and the beautiful murals. The plaster began to fall, the carpet was stained, and the pulpit Bible was ruined by water. All this because a little nail decided to quit!

But what of the nail? While holding the shingle, it was obscure but it was also useful. Buried in the mud it was just as obscure, but now it was useless and would soon be eaten up by the rust!

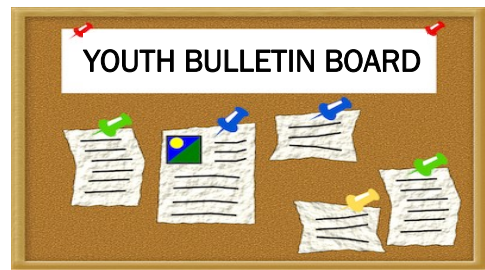
The moral of the story - **every member is important to the church!** Like the nail, you may feel obscure at times, but just like the nail, your absence is felt. When you are not present for worship, in some way the body of Christ hurts. We are all a part a part of the Lord’s church.

*“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”* (Hebrews 10:24-25).

*“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life”* (Revelation 2:10).

Author unknown

*Thank you for worshipping with the family at Camden Avenue!*



I do not ask to understand  
The way Thou leadest me,  
But this I ask: Teach me to do  
The thing that pleases Thee.  
I want to know Thy guiding voice,  
To walk with Thee each day.  
Dear Master make me swift to hear  
And ready to obey.  
And thus the year I now begin  
A happy year will be,  
If I am seeking just to do  
The thing that pleases Thee.

Unknown Author

Masquerade Formal Night (9th-12th grade)  
Saturday, May 12 at 6:00PM  
A Riverboat cruise on  
The Valley Gem Sternwheeler with catered dinner  
Hosted by the North End congregation.  
Flyer on youth bulletin board by the office.

Our 6th - 12th grade youth willing to help at the  
Postal Food 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.

## Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



A certain hog farmer refused to have anything to do with the church because all he ever saw was a bunch of hypocrites who belonged to it.

One day the preacher of the church came to buy a hog from him. After looking over the farmer's entire swine herd, the preacher pointed to a scrawny, sickly, little runt and said, "I want that one."

The farmer protested vigorously, "Why, Preacher, you don't want that one. He's the scrawniest runt I ever saw. Look, here are some fine hogs over here."

"That's all right," said the preacher, "I want that one."

After the purchase was completed, the preacher said, "Now I am going to haul this pig all over the country and tell everyone that this is the kind of hogs you raise!"

"Hey, Preacher, that's not fair," the farmer protested. "I raise fine hogs. An occasional runt doesn't represent my whole stock."

The preacher replied, "I am only following your example of condemning a whole church because of the actions of a few of its members,". The farmer got the point!

This has been a minute of mediation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



# COMPLAINTS

Never once did our Lord have a path free from trouble.

When He went into the wilderness, He was tempted of the devil.

When He tried to rest, the multitudes followed Him.

When He taught in the synagogue, the hearers became angry and sought to throw him off the brow of the hill.

When He gave others rest for their souls, He had no place to lay His head.

When He sought peace in the garden, they came with swords and staves and led Him away to the halls of judgment.

When He did His best to be kind and loving in the face of mockery, they took Him as a sheep to the slaughter and drenched Calvary with His precious blood. And yet, in spite of it all, He never grumbled about His burden.

Jesus did not complain at all! He just went about doing good. Let us be like Him! The busiest are the happiest. Cheerful, active labor is a blessing. The busy, the active, the happy, the cheerful - don't have time to complain.

Borrowed (Author Unknown)

## 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).



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.

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:15 for the sing at the Belle congregation.

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, May 13

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vicent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Ben Haught

PM - Ryan Highman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk

Close - Kevin Cochran

6:00 PM - Patrick Rine

Close - Russ Alton

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Gaston

PM - Kyle Inman

### COMMUNION

AM - Steve Moser

PM - Don Gaston

Ryan Gaston

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM** 1 - Herb Wright

2 - Dwain Shears

3 - Joyce Wright

### **PM**

1. Ben Haught & Cody Young

2. Steve & Julie Moser

\* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*

5. Dennis & Sandy Keller

6. Sonya Hescht & Betty Lamb

## Facts and Figures

April 22, 2018

AM Service.....	258
Bible Study.....	181
PM Service.....	163
Wednesday.....	169
Contribution .....	\$5660.50

### 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