

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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The Positive Approach - A Pleasure Book

A positive approach to life is seen in the story of an elderly woman who had many troubles. In spite of everything, she maintained a sweet, happy face and a cheerful heart. When asked her secret she said that for many years she had kept a "Pleasure Book." Every evening she would write down something pleasant that happened to her that day. Sometimes it was an enjoyable walk or a visit from a friend. On other occasions, she noted that fresh flowers had opened in her garden or that the earth smelled clean after the rain. Every day she found some new happiness.

That is something we all could do. If we determine to be alert to the blessings that cheer us and make us glad, we will not have to look long or travel far to find them, Let us dwell upon the good things in life. As that Psalmist advised, "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits*" (Psalms 103:2). **THAT'S THE POSITIVE APPROACH!**

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
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
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Always end the day with a positive thought and a prayer.



*Prayers go up,
Blessings come down.*

Our church family in need of prayers.

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

Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Eli Clark, 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), Judy Ramsey (Rick Stanley's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Dorcas Stanley (Sallie Hinzman's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)

LOVE

**The Seed that
Produces the
Fruit of the Spirit**



- ♥ We received so many lovely cards for our anniversary and Jim's birthday. You all are so very kind. We sincerely thank you. **Jim and Sandy Hughes**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards I received. **Debbie Tallman**
- ♥ **Judy Ramsey** appreciates the cards and prayers. (She remains a patient in the rehab. facility in FL. Her address is posted on the foyer bulletin boards.)
- ♥ Special "Thanks" for helping us celebrate our 28th anniversary! Really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Love to all, **Ron and Peggy Riddle**
- ♥ Thanks to all who gave us such lovely cards for our anniversary. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ I want to say "Thanks so much" for all the visits, cards, gifts, words of comfort, thoughts and prayers during my stay in the hospital, and Health South. Everything was appreciated very much!! Love to all, **Connie Hickman**
- ♥ Thank you to those who sent cards, expressed words of sympathy and attended the visitation and funeral for our mother. Also, to the church for the flowers and meal. **The family of Dorothy Weaver**



LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 2 will conduct the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and Thursday, June 28 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

DEACON'S MEETING - MEN'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting at 4:30 and Men's meeting at 5:00 today.

SPECIAL MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER TOMORROW

We will have a special Monday Night for the Master tomorrow evening at 5:45 in the MP Room. Each person can bring their own brown bag supper. A meal will not be provided. We will distribute VBS flyers at 6:30PM.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers Amish Country trip will be Thursday, June 28. Departure is 7:00AM to enjoy a buffet breakfast and a day of fun and fellowship. Sign-up sheet and agendas are on the counter. See Dwain for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

VBS will be July 2-4 from 6:30-8:00PM. Care Group 3 will host the Fellowship Lunch July 1 to kick off VBS. *Cookies are needed for VBS. Please leave in the office by July 1.*

The VBS adult class will begin after the children are dismissed to their classes.

Adult speakers: Monday - Mark Tonkery, Tuesday - Rick Stanley, Wednesday - Gary Herridge. We will have desserts Wednesday after VBS in the MP Room. All classes will be dismissed at 7:45 to go to the MP Room. Classes will not return to the auditorium. Please bring desserts and beverages.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 13 in the MP Room.

Bible Class Reading

Thursday - Joel 1:1-4, 10-12, 14-15

Friday - Joel 2:11-14

Saturday - Joel 2:18-27

Monday - Joel 3:9-11, 18-20

Tuesday - Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:16-24

SUMMER SERIES



Our Summer Series will continue this Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Speaker: Dale Parsley

Topic: Becoming a New Creature

Please join us and invite others!

Daily Bible Reading

June 24 - Acts 2:22-47, 1 Ch 28-29

June 25 - Acts 3, 2 Ch 1-3

June 26 - Acts 4:1-22, 2 Ch 4-6

June 27 - Acts 4:23-37, 2 Ch 7-8

June 28 - Acts 5:1-16, 2 Ch 9-11

June 29 - Acts 5:17-42, 2 Ch 12-14

June 30 - Acts 6, 2 Ch 15-17

July 1 - Acts 7:1-19, 2 Ch 18-20



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

“TWO LESSONS CHURCH LEADERS SHOULD LEARN FROM WINNING COACHES...”

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to visit with a number of outstanding sports coaches. These are men and women who have led their teams (participating in a variety of sports) to winning seasons. Each coach has his or her own style and personality but each share two common characteristics.

#1. They believe in their players.

I can always tell the difference between a winning team or a losing team in sports. The winners have leaders that are positive and believe that their players can and will live up to their full potential. And the coaches tell their players this.

The church is no different. Elderships, preachers, teachers and “opinion leaders” in each congregation need to be positive about what can be accomplished. Consider the positive attitude that Paul showed the young evangelist Timothy. He said, “I know the faith that your grandmother and mother have and I am certain that same sincere faith is yours” (2 Timothy 1:5). Consider some other phrases Paul used to indicate a positive belief in fellow Christians: “confident of your obedience” (Philemon 1:21), “we boast of you” (2 Thessalonians 1:4), “your faith is proclaimed in all the world” (Romans 1:8), etc.

This does not mean that Paul did not criticize. He did. But he usually started out each letter with a genuine, positive comment about his readers. He then pointed out their shortcomings. And then concluded with another genuinely positive comment. This “sandwich” is used by the best sport coaches. And it should be part of every spiritual leader’s character.

Besides telling their players what they did wrong, the best coaches go one step farther.

#2. They concentrate on showing how each player can improve skills instead of just telling them to do the job.

Some coaches’ idea of sports training is to stick an athlete at a position and tell them to “do the job.” But this is ridiculous if the athlete has not been given the basic skills to fulfill the task. A baseball player needs to know the proper way to catch a ball using “cradling.” A football player needs to know how to set to make the correct block. A tennis player needs to understand the grip and follow-through.

Likewise, when a member of the church is told to do something, he or she should be shown how. Some men don’t lead public prayer because they haven’t been taught the basics of doing the task. And many people do not evangelize, not because they don’t want to, but because they haven’t been shown how.

If a leadership wants people to make more visits, then perhaps they should start by simply calling a member and saying: “I’m going to the hospital to see our brother in Christ. Would you like to go?”

That type of training is worth ten personal evangelism classes.

“...set the believers an example in word and deed...” (1 Timothy 4:12).

SERMON NOTES

AM Sermon: Love One Another - Each Other

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-16

We are glad to have Mark and his family back with us. They have been at Camp Hervida (OVCYC) church camp.



PM Sermon: Seeking Souls for Christ
Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:18-20



The Potter's Wheel

The Scripture tells us in Isaiah 64:8, “but now, O Lord, thou art our Father; we the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.”

While living on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi there was an older gentleman in our congregation who was a potter by profession. The little town of Ocean Springs is a craft town where many artisans’ live and work. He and his wife were the owners of a pottery store in the downtown area.

One night our young people were invited to their home for a devotional. As a parent I went along to see what the story being told would bring. As I had thought he took the teens to his shop and sat down at the potter’s wheel. We often sing a beautiful song in worship about the potter molding the clay. He began his talk by placing a piece of clay on the moving wheel. It was just a lump of clay, with no shape at all. As he worked the clay he talked of Jesus and how He is our potter and we are the clay. He said that Jesus looks at us the same way he looks at the clay on his wheel. He anticipates what will emerge and hopes for a beautiful piece to come together but he can never tell until it is finished. He took his hands and encircled the clay and began very gently to mold it. He worked the bottom then the sides and the top never forgetting to have his hands on the inside of the pottery to help hold it and shape it. Always adding water as his hands and the clay dried out, he again worked from the bottom as he moved his skillful hands up the sides once more. Soon we began to see the results of his work. He explained to our young people how our Savior does the same thing when we love and obey Him. He molds us and shapes us inside and out into a Christian, pure and undefiled by the world. Soon a beautiful piece of pottery came into being, perfectly formed and useful to its owner. Are we useful to our owner? After all we are bought with a price. “For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Corinthians 6:2-). Do our lives reflect the Potter’s intent for us?

As he completed the piece he asked our teens to call out some words that depicted sin. From the group came words such as: drugs, sex, drinking, using bad language, immodest dressing and smoking. With every word that was called out he took a tiny piece of clay and threw it onto the pottery to make it misshapen and ugly and finally useless. We watched intently as the pottery collapsed in on itself. He explained this is what sin will do to the Potter’s work. He quietly removed the broken piece and placed another lump of clay on the wheel. Without a word he formed another piece of pottery and removed it from the wheel.

Our lesson? Jesus lovingly molds us but if we let sin reign in our lives it will destroy everything the Potter intends for us. Jesus our Savior wants us to live for Him and be useful in His Kingdom. Is sin creeping in and destroying us from within? Is our heart right with God? “Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23). Where will our home be after this life is over? Look for the shape the Potter made you, are you still that shape or has sin collapsed the Potter’s creation? “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



In Matthew 19:14, "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus valued and saw great possibility in children and so do we at the Camden Avenue Church of Christ. One of the ways we strive to do this is by offering Vacation Bible School each year.

Vacation Bible School is a special time of year with Cookies. Games. Crafts. Singing. Friends. And learning more about Jesus and the Bible. This year is no different. We will be hosting Vacation Bible School Monday, July 2 through Wednesday, July 4 from 6:30-8:00 each evening. Our theme is **R.U.N. the Christian Race?** There will be classes for ages 2 through adults. You are invited to come every night. Come as a family!

The Camden Avenue Church of Christ is located at 2900 Camden Avenue in Parkersburg, WV... where a warm welcome awaits you!

I am Mark T. Tonkery and this has been a minute of meditation.



Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp - Intermediate Week for Ages 11-14 (June 24-29).

West Virginia Christian Youth Camp - Dates are on the brochure.

Registration forms are available on the counter.

More people are needed to go on the Cedar Point trip in order to receive the group rate for tickets. The trip will be July 13. The group rate is \$53, includes ticket and transportation fee.

Please let Jeff know today if you plan to go. The money will be due by July 1.



To the elders and the Camden Avenue church of Christ,

Due to increasing responsibilities and travel commitments for my job, combined with my responsibilities of first being a Christian husband and father, I am no longer able to fulfill the role of elder for this congregation as I would like to be able to do. Because of this, I am stepping down from the eldership at this time. It has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity and thank you for the opportunity to have done so. My family and I will continue to worship and work with you here at Camden Avenue.

Thank you again for this opportunity, prayers and support you have given to me and my family. I love you all, God bless!

Brian Haught

From the Elders:

We Thank Brian for his hard work and the sacrifice he and his family have made. We will miss him! He brought strong leadership to the Elders.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Ray Peters

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Walter Morgan

SCRIPTURE

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Bill Camp

COMMUNION

AM - Gary Herridge

PM - Bill Hoover

Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Cotton Sayre

3 - Patty Sayre

PM

1. Herb & Joyce Wright

2. Linda Camp & Melva Farris

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

6. Dearll & Carol Vincent



A Prayer For Our Elders

Our Father let me be a pillar of strength to our elders, not a thorn in the flesh to sap their strength, nor a burden on their back to pull them down.

Let me support them without striving to possess them. Let me lift their hands without placing shackles upon them. Let me give them aid that they may devote time to saving others and less time to gratifying my vanity.

Let me see them as shepherds of the whole flock, not compel them to spend precious time bragging on me. Let me be unselfish in what I do for them, not selfish in demanding that they do more for me. Let me serve church more, happy that they serve me less.

Let me receive not an accusation against them except at the mouth of two or three witnesses. Help me to be merciful in judgment upon them—for I have never walked in their shoes. Help me, Lord, to be a Christian at all times that their work may be easier and my own soul may be brought close to Thee.

In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord in this petition offered unto Thee. Amen.

Selected

Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

We have informative tracts and Bible Correspondence Courses at no charge. We would also be happy to have a Bible study.

Facts and Figures

June 17, 2018

AM Service.....268
 Bible Study.....166
 PM Service.....184
 Wednesday.....152
 Contribution\$7655.00

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

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.



EVENTS

August 4

Teachers, Elders, Deacons
 Workshop at OVU

September 15

Our 32nd Annual Bible Bowl

October 7-10

Our Gospel Meeting
 Speaker: Paolo Di Luca