

# 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 Jesus Carry The Load

*“Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

Matthew 11:28

If you haven't learned already, Christianity can be a rollercoaster ride of highs and lows. Sometimes we will be on top and things will be going good for us. At other times we could be in a rough spot maybe from a death in the family or temptations may just seem too much to handle.

Everyone will struggle at some point in their life, but Jesus says when we get weary He can provide rest for us. It is so easy to forget sometimes that Jesus is walking right there beside us and if we lean on Him, He can carry the heavy load for us. As humans we want to do things on our own and try and feel that we did things by ourselves. That may be the case for a few small things but we can easily become overwhelmed. Jesus will be there for us if we choose to lean on Him. We should also never forget that when times seem like they are easy and we are on top of our “rollercoaster” ride that we should praise God for that as well and still look for His guidance.

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Jim Galloway  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Ron Riddle  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Dearll Vincent

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Steve Gray  
Leonard Haid  
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Difficult roads  
often lead to the  
best destinations.



*Prayers please*

Dear Lord, Help me remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I cannot handle together. Amen

- Gilbert Hardman is home recuperating.
- Lenore Vaught is scheduled to go to Parkersburg Care and Rehab Center 1716 Gihon Road, Parkersburg, WV.

**Please keep them in your prayers and remember them with cards.**

**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, Gary Farris, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Cotton Sayre, Bob Smith, Lenore Vaught, 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), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)

**ASAP**

*Always Stop And Pray.*

Please pray for Eli Clark and family.

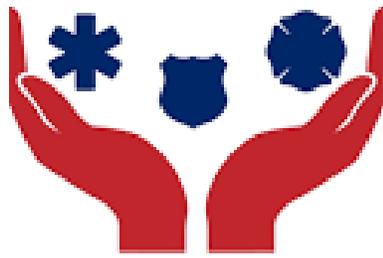
Remember him with cards of love and encouragement.

Address: 499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180



♥ Thank you all for the birthday cards and well wishes. Love you all, **Robin Anthony**

♥ Thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital, at HealthSouth and during my recovery. Thanks to The Caplinger family for the candy and for those that have helped around the house. **Russ Alton**



**Please pray for First Responders.**  
Police, Fire, EMS, Sheriff, Troopers

**MEETINGS**

Elders, Deacons, Preacher meeting today at 4:00. Deacons are asked to have a brief report of their work areas. Men’s meeting and Ladies’ meeting at 5:00.

**DEACON’S MEETING**

Deacon’s meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

**TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP**

The traveling youth group will be conducting our evening service July 29.

**TEACHERS, ELDERS, AND DEACONS WORKSHOP**

The Teachers, Elders, Deacons workshop will be Saturday, August 4 from 9AM-2:30PM at Ohio Valley University. Lunch will be provided. Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards.

**BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION DAY**

Sunday, August 5 will be our Promotion Day for all Bible Classes. All children are asked to move up to the grade they will start for the new school year.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 13 in the MP Room 1:00-5:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion for more information.

**POTTER CHILDREN’S HOME COIN BANKS “Silver For Children”**

Potter Children’s coin banks are available in the foyers. A representative will be here to collect them in a few months.



**Happy 97th Birthday to Harold Stanley this Wednesday, July 18!**  
We love and appreciate you, Brother Harold!

**SUMMER SERIES**



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

Speaker: Mark T. Tonkery  
Topic: God Hears and Answers Prayers  
**Please be here and invite someone!**



**If you have good, happy thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.**

**Daily Bible Reading**

- July 15 - Acts 15:1-21, Nehemiah 6-7
- July 16 - Acts 15:22-41, Nehemiah 8-9
- July 17 - Acts 16:1-15, Nehemiah 10-11
- July 18 - Acts 16:16-40, Nehemiah 12-13
- July 19 - Acts 17:1-15, Esther 1-3
- July 20 - Acts 17:16-34, Esther 4-6
- July 21 - Acts 18, Esther 7-10
- July 22 - Acts 19:1-20, Job 1-3



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## The Joy of Baptism

Acts 2:41 "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."

Did you catch that? Those who heard Peter's message gladly received his word and were baptized! No arguing. No doubting. No denying. And no stalling. They were glad to hear the good news. These sinners realized their sins had crucified the Son of God, and they, like we were sinners condemned to die.

In Acts 2:37 the crowd heard the gospel of Christ preached and was pricked in their hearts and asked Peter what they should do. In verse 38 Peter states, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

As one reads the text of Acts 2 Peter started preaching where the people were and took them to Christ. Too often in our evangelism we start at baptism and end at baptism. When we are done no one is glad and no one is baptized. If we want the responses that Peter had, we must preach what Peter and the Apostles preached, the Gospel, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and then teach them why baptism is so essential.

Looking at Acts 2, Peter shared the Gospel to a lost people and in doing so he broke their hearts. No one who honestly grasps the death, burial and resurrection of Christ can go away with dry eyes and a harden heart. So, it is true with us over 2000 years removed from the resurrection of Christ, we must share the gospel of Christ and in doing so we will break hearts. A heart when it is broken searches to be healed. Healing for a pricked heart can only come from the good news of the cross.

There is a story told about a young atheist who wanted to question a wise old preacher about his life long relationship to Christ. The wise old preacher agreed to talk to the young atheist. Before they began to talk the wise old preacher asked the young atheist if he wanted something to drink. The young atheist said, "Yes." As the preacher began pouring the water into the atheist's cup, the water began to overflow. The young atheist was in shock and jerked his cup away. The atheist was horrified as he gave a degrading look to the preacher. The wise old preacher turned to the young man and said, "Until you empty the hardness of your heart and allow Christ to prick your heart, I can never explain to you the reason I have lived my life as a Christian, preaching the Gospel."

The same is true for anyone wanting to become a Christian. They must be pricked in the heart and be emptied of all their selfishness and sin. Until people are pricked in their hearts they will never come gladly and receive baptism.

Written By:  
Mark T. Tonkery



# SERMON NOTES

Run the with the Proper Attitude  
Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:14-16



In Philippians 3:14-16 Paul reminds us that we are to run the race with the proper attitude.  
What is this attitude?

I. An attitude ready to \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 14).

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II. An attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ thinking (v. 15). See NASV.

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III. An attitude to obey God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ if necessary (v. 15b).

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IV. An attitude to keep \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ – (v. 16).

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Finally,

Your attitude may determine your altitude.

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Sunday Evening Sermon Title: *“What if I sin after I become a Christian?”*  
Scripture Reading: *1 John 1:8-10*



## A Giving Heart

I'm told there is a sea where water flows in and none flows out. This isn't normal, most bodies of water have both inlets and outlets. Water flowing through is a good thing. But this one sea is different, it only has water coming in. And this sea is known as the Dead Sea. Without an outlet, the water has become stagnant, and way too salty. Eight times as salty as the ocean. And I want to agree with others who suggest that this sea serves as a good image of what can happen to our hearts.

You see, we always have blessings flowing into our lives. God is the giver of many good things. 1 Timothy 6:17 says that God "richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." All good things come from Him, and from Him come many good things that we can enjoy. But these good things were not meant to be enjoyed alone. They were meant to be shared. As God is a blessing to us He hopes that we will be a blessing to others. We are called to remember the words Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). And what will happen if we take all these blessings in but are unwilling to share? Then I suggest that we will become like the sea – stagnant. Our hearts will spiritually suffer for it.

And so I encourage you to have a giving heart. You have been given, so give! Bless the people around you when you have an opportunity. Give generously to God. Rejoice while you do it! Live for the moments when you can contribute to the Lord's work and put a smile on someone's face. Do this and your heart will thrive with all kinds of spiritual blessings. Give, and "my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). Isn't that a wonderful thought? Meditate on this verse so that when you have an opportunity to give you actually WANT to do it. That's important – and that pleases God.



- August 2** - Cassie Hennen, Nancy Stanley, \*Paul and Nancy Inman
- August 4** - Scott Johnson, \*Bob and Sharon Armstrong
- August 7** - Richard Cozad, Bill Davis
- August 8** - Bill Camp, Skylar Knotts, Ed Porter, Hannah Shears
- August 9** - Sharon Herridge
- August 10** - Ron Riddle, Donna Tice, \*Marion and Jo Goldsmith, \*Brandon and Calle Sheppard
- August 11** - Colleen Ash
- August 12** - Marvin McMasters
- August 13** - Julie Moser
- August 14** - Jane Pralley, Emily Saunders
- August 17** - Sallie Hinzman, \*Steve and Linda Gray
- August 18** - John Life
- August 19** - Lois Nulter, \*Ryan and Cheryl Logston, \*Dwain and Kimberlee Shears
- August 20** - Drew Hershman, Chad Turner
- August 21** - Arrahwana McMasters
- August 22** - Bill Lemley, Ray Sams, Dearll Vincent
- August 24** - Larry Stanley
- August 26** - Sherry Wilcox
- August 27** - Linda Gray, Karen Life, Brad Sheppard, Eloise Smith, Clyde Yoho
- August 29** - Keith Cowdery
- August 31** - Tim Proffitt, Laura Tonkery

\* 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 notify the office this week.

## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

### Heard on 910 AM WLTP



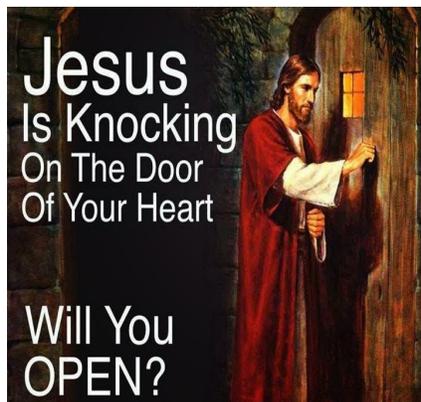
If you have ever done any construction work, you learn that when a number of boards need to be the same length, you do not measure each board by the one previously cut. If you were to do so, the last board would not match the measure of the original board. You measure each board with your ruler to get the exact measure of every board. Only then will each board be equal to the same measuring standard.

Jesus in John 13:15 states, “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” The Bible reminds us that Jesus is our measure and our example. To get the most out of life and to be all we can be we must measure our lives by Jesus rather than measuring our lives by what other people are doing.

The word rendered “example” means a “written copy,” a pattern for imitation.

Jesus is our measure and our example the question is: Will we follow His example?

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



A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never received the response equal to four year old David's comment. She gently tucked the stethoscope into his small ears and placed the disk over his heart.

"Listen," she said, "What do you suppose that is?"

David drew his little eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap-tap-tapping deep in his chest. Then his little face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

Adapted from Bulletin Digest

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 22

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman  
 PM - Clayton Huber

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall  
 Close - Steve Moser  
 6:00 PM - Chris Tallman  
 Close - Paul Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Gary Alton  
 PM - John Life

### COMMUNION

AM - Ray Peters  
 PM - Ryan Gaston  
 Bill Mills

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM**  
 1 - Doug Hershman  
 2 - Alisha Hershman  
 3 - Tammy Kerns

### **PM**

1. Scott & Gwen Johnson  
 2. Dave & Lois Nulter  
 \* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*  
 5. John & Karen Life  
 6. Ryan & Madison Highman

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

Have a great week in the service of our Lord!



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)

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the Pennsville, OH congregation.

Everyone is welcome to 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.

### UPCOMING TOPIC

July 29 - BE DILIGENT

## Facts and Figures

July 8, 2018

AM Service.....250  
 Bible Study.....160  
 PM Service.....196  
 Wednesday.....200  
 Contribution .....\$7831.00

### 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