

# 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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## He Chose to Take the Nails



His friends turned against Him  
In a brutal act of betrayal  
But, His love endured  
And, He chose to take the nails.

To the ground from his brow  
His sweat drops of blood fell  
For He knew His life on earth was over  
And, He chose to take the nails.

Soldiers approached Him from all sides  
And, to the ground they fell  
When Jesus said, "I am He"  
And, "I choose to take your nails"

The soldiers led Him to the court  
And beat him until His body was broken and frail  
But, His love for man remained steadfast  
And, He chose to take the nails.

Behind the mob of people  
His mother, Mary, trailed  
Not fully understanding  
Why He chose to take the nails.

And, when they pierced His skin  
He let out a torturous wail  
From His body blood flowed freely  
When He chose to take the nails.

He did it because He loves us  
His love never fails  
For this we can be sure  
Because He chose to take the nails.

And, now we have a choice  
Between Heaven or Hell  
All because our precious Savior  
Chose to take the nails.

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

### Deacons:

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
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Don't say

**"There's still time"**

or

**"Maybe later"**

Because there's  
also the concept of

**"It's too late"!**



### Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gilbert Hardman, Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Lenore Vaught,

### Prayers requested for family and friends

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), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)



Dear Elders, Deacons, Preachers and membership of the Camden Avenue church of Christ,

It has been my privilege and honor to serve you as one of your shepherds for the last several years. It has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Also, it has been one of the most overwhelming roles I have ever entered into.

There have been many wonderful memories, and there have been sad ones. Beloved members have gone home to meet their Lord and Savior, New Christians have been born, people have come and others have moved on. We have experienced each of these together.

Presently as I examine the work before us, I feel the need to step away and let others handle the work ahead. I look forward to devoting more time to my family and areas of personal work.

With your blessings and support I pray we all will work together with our Elders to spread the gospel throughout this community. We must put God's message out in front of the public in all the places we go.

Therefore, I tender my resignation as of this day, July 16, 2018.

His servant always,  
Paul Inman

# Church News and Announcements

## TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

The traveling youth group will conduct our services this evening. Pizza will be provided in the MP Room following services. Everyone is invited. Please bring snacks, desserts and beverages.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

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

## TEACHERS, ELDERS, AND DEACONS WORKSHOP

The Teachers, Elders, Deacons workshop will be Saturday, August 4 from 9:00AM-2:30PM at Ohio Valley University. Lunch will be provided. Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards.

## BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION DAY

Next Sunday will be our Bible Class Promotion Day. All children are asked to move up to the grade they will start for the new school year.

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

LLL kick-off will be next Sunday evening after services in the MP Room. Please bring finger foods, snacks, desserts and beverages. See Todd for more details.

## MEETING TO PLAN COLLEGE STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Mark would like to meet next Sunday after evening services in Room 109 for anyone interested in working and/or planning activities for the college students.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

The School Supply Give-Away will be Tuesday, August 7 from 6:30-8:00PM. Items are needed are listed on page 5.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 13 in the MP Room 1:00-5:30. (All donors will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. Details are with the sign-up sheet.) The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion for more information.

## VBS MATERIAL

VBS teachers are asked to return student registration forms and any unused class material to Mark as soon as possible.

♥ Thank you Debi Inman for preparing the communion bread this month.

## Daily Bible Reading

July 29 - Acts 23:1-22, Job 20-21  
July 30 - Acts 23:23-35, Job 22-23  
July 31 - Acts 24, Job 24-27  
August 1 - Acts 25, Job 28-29  
August 2 - Acts 26, Job 30-31  
August 3 - Acts 27:1-12, Job 32-33  
August 4 - Acts 27:13-44, Job 34-36  
August 5 - Acts 28:1-15, Job 37-38



Your cell phone has already replaced your watch, camera, cam recorder, calendar, alarm clock, calculator, landline phone, timer, notebook, photo album, phone book/contact list, board games, communication skills, and etc.

Please don't let it replace your family and friends.

## **SUMMER SERIES**

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



Speaker: Terry Jones  
Topic: Divine Wisdom

**Please be here and bring others!**



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Are you ready to die?

Are you ready to die? What a question. I mean it, are you really ready to die? It's incredible how busy we people get. You get up between 5:30 and 7 in the mornings you rush to get ready for work, you get in your car, you fit the traffic. Then you spend the morning meeting appointments. You grab a quick bite of lunch, you spend the afternoons trying to catch up on what you should have finished last week. Again, you fight the traffic getting home, you sit down at the dinner table about 6 or 7 and then you're out again doing something seemingly every night of the week. Then as if you even had time to consider it you try to figure out things to do to increase your income because you're afraid your outgoing is causing your downfall. Am I right again? In all that business you don't have time to consider some things important, you know?

Like what I've just asked you. Are you ready to die? We're all going to do that, all of us will die. Are you ready? I understand Al Capone's take in 1927 was reported to have been 105 million dollars. His take when he died was zip, zero, nada. At his funeral there was not a cent in his hands, he couldn't take one Indian head nickel with him. The personal wardrobe of one of Chicago's wealthiest women, an estimated 25,000 pieces of clothing, was sold after her death at public auction for \$40,000. She was Mrs. Violet Bidwell Woofner. Her wardrobe was sold at a 3 day auction by order of the Cook County probate court. Her clothes included more than 1,000 dresses with purses to match each dress, 500 coats, and 1,500 pairs of shoes. She was 62 when she died some years ago in Miami, FL and she left an estate of 3 million dollars to her adopted sons. Violet said she left her estate. That's exactly what she did, she left it all behind.

What I'm trying to say is, I don't care what you make in life, how much money, how much prestige you have, all that, you're going to leave behind. You've got to take some time in life to consider the inevitable. There's one thing we are all going to do and that's die. Are you ready? We do all we can to avoid it [death], look at all the vitamins we take. How many people jog just to stay healthy? Hospitals are filled and running over with people trying to get well. We want to live. I'm not against health matters. Sometimes I think we try to bribe death. Sometime ago a gangster named Dutch Schultz was shot. When he was rushed to the hospital he feebly reached into his pocket and pulled out a bundle. He pressed it into the hands of one of the interns and said, "Here's something for you, pal. Take good care of me." It was a row of bills, \$725.00. There was a guy who thought that money could buy anything. It had always bought him protection before.

You can't be like the ostrich and stick your head in the sand and make death go away. All you can do is face it. Are you ready to die? I mean really ready? The Bible says one day Jesus will return again with his mighty angels and flaming fire, taking vengeance on those who are not ready to die.

# Finish the Christian Race Well

Scripture Reading: Text: Hebrews 12:1-3



Hebrews 12:1-3, “Therefore, since we are \_\_\_\_\_ by so great a cloud of \_\_\_\_\_, let us also lay aside every \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ which clings so closely, and let us \_\_\_\_\_ with endurance the \_\_\_\_\_ that is set before us, \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him \_\_\_\_\_ the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. \_\_\_\_\_ him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not \_\_\_\_\_ weary or fainthearted.”

*How are we to finish the Christian Race well?*

I. Run like \_\_\_\_\_ of faith ran.

A. Hebrews 12:1, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,....”

B. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

II. Run \_\_\_\_\_ the weight of sin.

A. Hebrews 12:1b, “...let us also \_\_\_\_\_ aside every \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”

B. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

III. Run with \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Hebrews 12:2-3, “looking to \_\_\_\_\_, the founder and perfecter of our \_\_\_\_\_, who for the joy that was set before him \_\_\_\_\_ the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider \_\_\_\_\_ who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not \_\_\_\_\_ weary or fainthearted.”

B. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Finally,

2 Timothy 4:7 I have \_\_\_\_\_ the good fight, I have \_\_\_\_\_ the race, I have kept the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Out of Town:** I will be speaking at the Beallsville, Ohio Church of Christ for their Summer Series this Wednesday, Aug. 1. Please come out Wednesday and support our Sermon Series with Terry Jones.

God Bless each of you! Mark T. Tonkery



## School Supply Give-Away

### The items we need:

Pencil top erasers, wooden/plastic rulers, college rule filler notebook paper, wooden pencils, folders, colored markers, children's scissors

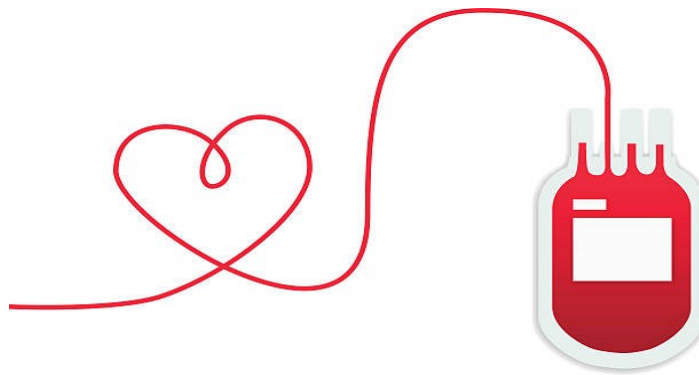
Items may be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer.

The School Supply Give-Away will be Tuesday, August 7 from 6:30PM-8:00PM  
in the parking lot foyer.

If you would like to help with this work, see Scott Johnson,

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*Donors needed*



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## YOUR CHILD DESERVES

- ...to hear you pray earnestly and often.
- ...to go to worship and Bible classes with you faithfully.
- ...to see you sacrifice for the Lord.
- ...to hear you talk to others about becoming a Christian.
- ...to go with you to visit the sick and bereaved.
- ...to hear you praise the church and her leaders.
- ...to be encouraged by you to seek and obey the truth.
- ...to see you putting the Lord first in your giving,
- ...to know the Christ living in you.

Borrowed



## School Clothing Give-Away

We will be having a  
SCHOOL CLOTHES GIVE-AWAY.

We need girls and boys clothing, sizes  
4-18, and some adult sizes.

Jackets, socks and undergarments  
are also needed. (Undergarments  
must be new and in package.)

Please donate gently used clothing,  
no holes or stain. Items should be  
laundered and clean.

Items may be left in the large box in  
the parking lot foyer by next Sunday.

If you need more information, see  
Terry Hofmann.

## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Tact is one of the lost arts of the twenty-first century. Someone has defined tact as the art of removing the stinger from the bee without getting stung. Harry Truman, put it this way, "Tact is the ability to step on a man's toes without messing up the shine on his shoes." At least that would be very tactful.

The dictionary defines tact as the ability to manage others with consideration for their feelings; sympathetic understanding. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he said, "Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Many of the little things that disturb the peace of homes, the church, and nations are due to the lack of tact on the part of somebody. The Bible says, "A soft answer turned away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger."

Maybe these thoughts can remind us to be a little more tactful today in our dealings with others.

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



# Opportunities To Serve

## Sunday, August 5

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Stan Inmnan  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Todd Kirk

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Evan Fleak  
 PM - Jon Hescht

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dennis Keller  
 Close - Dustin Hughes  
 6:00 PM - Mike Wade  
 Close - Kevin Cochran

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Dearll Vincent  
 PM - Bill Merrill

### COMMUNION

AM - John Life  
 PM - Bill Camp  
 Steve Moser

**PA SYSTEM** - Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber  
 2 - Verna Huber  
 3 - Donovan Walton

### PM

1. Cody & Kristi Hoover  
 2. Delmas Carr & Bill Mills  
 \* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*  
 5. Josh Hall & Cody Young  
 6. Sonya Hescht & Betty Lamb



Dear God,  
 I bow my head and ask, if it be thy will, please save this land  
 from those who seek to destroy it.  
 Help us turn back to you and your teachings.

## Vacation Bible Schools

July 29 - August 1

Hopewell congregation  
 Sunday 6:00-7:30PM, Monday - Wednesday 7:00-8:30PM  
*Noah's Ark Adventures*

July 29 - August 1

Lubeck congregation  
 6:30-8:00PM  
*VBS Christian Academy 2*

July 30 - August 3

Waverly congregation  
 9:30-11:45AM  
*"Bizarre Bible Stories"*

August 5 - 8

North End congregation  
 Sunday 6:30-8:00PM, Monday - Wednesday 7:00-8:30PM  
*God's Creation - Digging for Answers*

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

## Facts and Figures

July 22, 2018

AM Service.....258  
 Bible Study.....160  
 PM Service.....178  
 Wednesday.....159  
 Contribution .....\$6823.10

### 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

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation  
 will leave Friday  
 at 6:35 for the  
 sing at the  
 Veto  
 congregation.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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

**August 5** - THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT