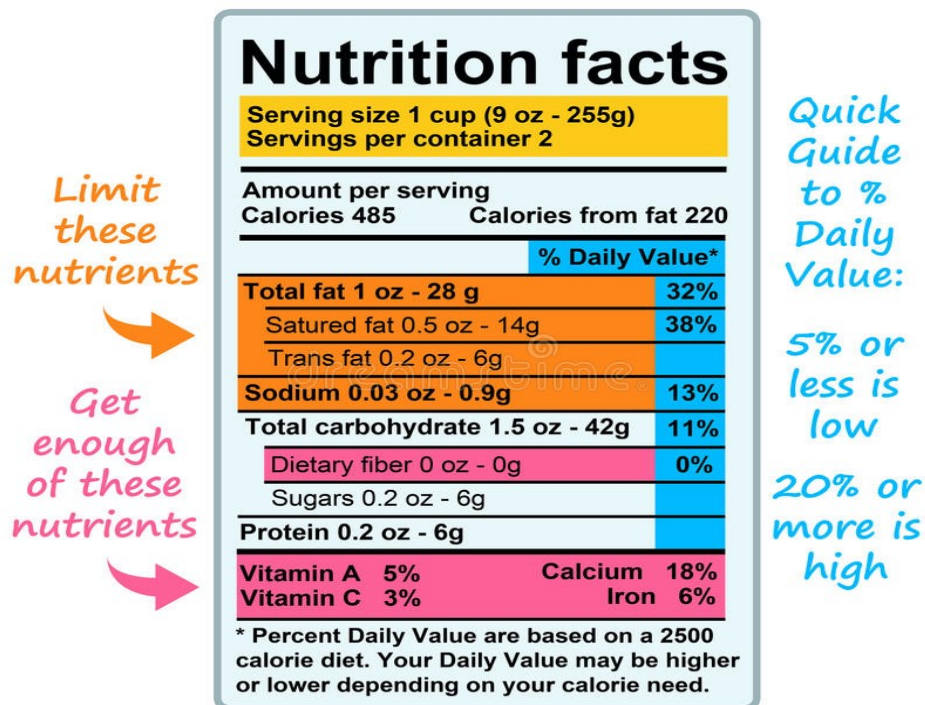


# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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.

Volume 50, Number 33 - August 19, 2018



## Read The Label!

Most of us have become more aware of the need to be sure our foods are safe. We read the expiration dates on milk and other products and, of course, we read the labels on the food we purchase. Too much salt, too much fat, too spicy, these are all shown on the labels of our food. After all, we have only one body.

Yet, so many people neglect the care and feeding of their soul. God in His wisdom has given us labels on the things we take into our heart, the spiritual foods that can harm us. 1 Corinthians 6, and Galatians 5 label the things that are good for us, and the things that can harm us. Read the warnings that God gives on sexual sins, lying, stealing, and the list goes on and on. Of course, the Word of God also informs us of the good things we should take into our hearts. Read 2 Peter 1:5-8 and Galatians 5:22-23.

Remember the old saying, "You are what you eat?" That is true of the soul as well as the flesh.

**Elders:**

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
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  
Todd Kirk  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner

**Minister:**

Mark Tonkery  
740.350.5713

**Camden Avenue  
Church of Christ**

2900 Camden Avenue  
Parkersburg, WV  
26101  
Office: 304.428.0504  
Fax: 304.428.0505

**E-mail:**

Mark  
preachertonk@cacoc.net  
Office  
office@cacoc.net

**Website:**

www.cacoc.net



What God knows  
about me is more  
important than  
what others  
think about me.

# HAVE FAITH in GOD

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

Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr,  
Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Mary Edwards, Gilbert Hardman,  
Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, 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)

S  
Y  
M  
P  
A  
T  
H  
Y

We extend our sympathy to Donna McConnell and family in the passing of  
her brother, Eugene Lyons. Funeral services today at 2:00 at the Leavitt  
Funeral Home with visitation one hour prior.



A special heartfelt thank you to each of our Bible class  
teachers...from cradle roll through adult classes know you  
are appreciated!

Teaching children is primarily the responsibility of parents,  
but as Bible class teachers you work alongside the parents in  
teaching the Word of God. What an awesome responsibility!

Teaching adults takes much preparation. We are truly  
blessed with wonderful teachers! They don't only teach The  
Word - they live it. THANK YOU!

## THANK YOU

notes for you

- ♥ A special thank you for the cards, calls and social media messages for our 49th anniversary. We appreciate the love and thoughtfulness shown to us. God bless, **Marion and Jo Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thank you one and all for the thoughtful and beautiful birthday cards. Each one has helped make #86 a very special day! In Christian love, **Jane Pralley**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards they were beautiful. I appreciate them very much. **Ron Riddle**

# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



## MEETINGS TODAY

Elders, Deacons, Preacher meeting 4:00, Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting 5:00 today.

## SCHOOL CLOTHES GIVE-AWAY

The School Clothes Give-Away will be September 4 and 6 from 6:00-8:00PM. Donations of girls and boys clothing (sizes 4-18) and adult sizes are needed. Please leave items in the large box in the parking lot foyer today. Plastic bags are needed. See Terry Hofmann for details. Monetary donations may be given to her or one of the Elders.

## OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY STUDENT EXPO

The OVU Student Expo will be tomorrow from 7:00-9:00PM in the Alumni Gymnasium. We will have a table/display to welcome students to OVU and Camden Avenue. Set-up begins at 6:00PM. If you would like to donate cookies and/or snacks, please let Mark know. If you would like to help welcome the students, come join us.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to the sing at Love and Care next Monday evening at 7:00.

## 5TH GRADE AND UNDER ACTIVITY

A camping trip to North Bend State Park on September 21 is being planned for our 5th grade and younger children. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. Everyone is welcome! See Mark for details.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will begin August 27. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We will have a potluck dinner at 5:45 in the MP Room. Bring main dish entrees, covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Job assignments will begin at 6:20 and will include visitation, work around the building, sending cards, work with Bible Correspondence Courses and teachers can work in their classrooms. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

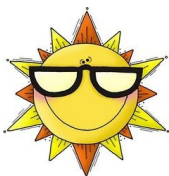
## COLLEGE STUDENTS INFORMATION

Our college students information will be in an upcoming bulletin. If you would like to be included, submit your name or your child's, school information and/or address to the office. Whether you are staying local, in-state or out of state college, we would like to include all.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS - "SILVER FOR CHILDREN"

Banks are available in the foyers. There is still time to fill a bank. A representative will be here in a few months to collect them.

### **SUMMER SERIES**



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

Speaker: Glenn Hawkins  
Topic: God Will Meet Our Needs

**Please join us!**

### **8 RULES TO A BETTER LIFE**

1. Never Hate
2. Don't Worry
3. Live Simply
4. Expect A Little
5. Give A Lot
6. Always Smile
7. Live With Love
8. Best Of All, Be With God



### **Daily Bible Reading**

August 19 - Romans 11:1-21, Psalms 48-51  
August 20 - Romans 11:22-36, Psalms 52-56  
August 21 - Romans 12, Psalms 57-61  
August 22 - Romans 13, Psalms 62-66  
August 23 - Romans 14, Psalms 67-69  
August 24 - Romans 15:1-21, Psalms 70-72  
August 25 - Romans 15:22-33, Psalms 73-74  
August 26 - Romans 16, Psalms 75-77

An illustration of three people walking in a field. On the left, a woman in a red jacket and yellow pants walks towards the right. In the middle, a man in a blue jacket and blue pants walks towards the right. On the right, a woman in a pink jacket and brown pants walks towards the right. They are walking on a path with green grass and yellow flowers. The background shows a simple landscape with green hills and a blue sky.

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## *Trust Jesus with Your tomorrow!*

Someone has stated “We don’t know which way the winds blow so how can we plan tomorrow.” How true! We have people who spend their lives studying the patterns of the weather and are often wrong about the weather. If we cannot predict the weather which happens day in and day out how can we plan tomorrow.

In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus teaches us that we are not to worry about tomorrow; God will take care of us. But many times, we do worry, just like Dr. George McCauslin.

Dr. George McCauslin was a YMCA director serving a YMCA in western Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh. Now this YMCA was losing membership, had financial difficulties and terrible staffing problems. Mr. McCauslin found himself working 85 hours a week and getting little sleep at night. He took little time off and when he was off, he was worrying and fretting about the problems of this YMCA.

He went to a therapist who told him he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. He had to learn somehow to let go and somehow to let God into his problems. He did not know quite how to do that.

So, George McCauslin took an afternoon off, took a pad and paper, and took a walk in the western Pennsylvania woods. As he walked through the cool woods, he could just feel his tight body and his tight neck start to relax. He sat down under a tree and sighed. For the first time in months he relaxed.

He got out his pad and paper, and he decided that he would let them go, the burdens of his life. He wrote God a letter. He said, "Dear God, today I hereby resign as general manager of the universe. Love, George." (Story taken from <https://www.christianity.com/jesus/is-jesus-god/old-testament-prophecies/the-government-will-be-on-his-shoulders.html>).

Many of us like George McCauslin live our lives as if we are in charge of the universe. Busy schedules, running our kids to activities, worrying if this person or that person is going to do their job right, fretting over bills, concerned about our health, and millions of other concerns. So, what are we to do?

We might need to take a day off and go for a walk. But even more important we need to trust and believe the Bible.

Mat. 6:34, it states, “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. And then in Ph. 4:6 puts it this way, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

You nor I do not know which way the winds blow, and we do not know what will happen tomorrow, but there is one that does and that is Jesus. Have you put your faith and trust in Him who holds tomorrow and knows which way the wind blows? Think about it!

# Yes, We Have Music! (Vocal)

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:7,15



So why do we in the churches of Christ only use the voice in our worship services?

I. Reasons that I have heard why we do not use instrumental music in our worship:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

II. Reasons, why we do not use instrumental music in our worship:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

Finally,

Instrumental music does not accomplish what vocal music does.

---

---

---





## **Repenting Before the Review**

When I was a preaching intern in Pittsburg there was something that I had to do every Monday morning. I would preach a sermon on Sunday, and then every Monday I would sit in a room with a preacher and an elder telling me how I did. One critique I heard often was that I preach too fast. (And I did, as a young preacher I was nervous). I was motivated not too though because I knew that if I did the next day I would hear about it. I'm glad though – knowing that someone would be reviewing my work made me try harder. It gave me motivation to improve from week to week. Having someone keeping me accountable helped me in living out the Bible's standard for working hard: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23).

But what if someone ignores the fact that their work is going to be reviewed? What if someone spends most of their time on the job playing solitaire? What if they ignore directions given to them by their employer? What if someone puts in the minimum amount of work just to get by? Someday the boss is going to call that person into the office for a review, and I doubt it will go well. If I was talking to that worker I might say "look man, you need to try harder. The quality of your work is going to be judged by your boss and if you don't do better that won't be a good thing for you. Wouldn't you rather be rewarded than punished?"

Well, maybe you've never had a work review, but there will come a day when we will all be "called in". The Bible speaks of a day of judgement where we will all stand before God. "And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books" (Revelation 20:12). Our LIVES are going to be reviewed. And if our lives are filled with things we were unwilling to repent of, if they are full of a rejection of God then I imagine that is going to come up. Know that review is coming – and decide now to try harder. God says "repent and live!" If we live for God than instead of a punishment that day will bring a reward.

THANK YOU



Thank you to those that helped with our Blood Drive.

They include: Linda Camp, Robin Anthony, Bill Mills, Karen Life, Patty Sayre, Jo Goldsmith, Sandy and Jim Hughes (for the homemade goodies ).

We appreciate all who came to give, a total of 23 donated.

Thank you.  
Marion



## The Value of a Smile

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated.

A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed, or taken away against our will. You have to be willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good.

So if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile, let him have one of yours anyway, Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.

Borrowed



**REMINDER!** Our 32nd annual Bible Bowl will be September 15 and will cover the book of Exodus, NKJV. (1st-6th grade will cover the first 20 chapters of Exodus.)

## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Once the mother of a little crippled boy asked a friend named Joe if he would drive her son 50 miles to the hospital for a checkup. He didn't want to but finally consented. After a mile or so down the road the little boy asked Joe, "You're God, aren't you?" Joe said, "I'm afraid not." The little boy said, "I thought you must be God because I heard my mother praying and she asked God to help get me to the hospital, so I could get well. The little boy continued, "You at least work for God, don't you?" Joe said, "Well, sometimes I do I guess. But, I think I'm going to work for Him a lot more from now on."



It was Jesus who said in Matthew 25:40, "...Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Anyone can work for God! It's amazing what can become when God enters the picture.

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 26

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

## SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway  
PM - Evan Fleak

## PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran  
Close - Scott Johnson  
6:00 PM - Walter Morgan  
Close - Dave Nulter

## SCRIPTURE

AM - Mike Wade  
PM - Kevin Inman

## COMMUNION

AM - John Hall  
PM - Len Haid  
Keith Smith

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

## DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Saunders  
2 - Josh Hall  
3 - Dennis Keller

## PM

1. Ryan & Madison Highman
2. Paul & Barbara Saunders
- \* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*
5. Marion & Jo Goldsmith
6. Walter & Merilee Morgan



## If God Should Go On Strike

How good It is that God above has never gone on strike,  
Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like.

If only once, He'd given up and said, "That's it. I'm through,  
I've had enough of those on Earth so this is what I'll do:

I'll give my orders to the sun cut off the heat supply!  
And to the moon, give no more light, and run the oceans dry.

Then to make things really tough and put the pressure on,  
Turn off all the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"

You know He would be justified if fairness was the game,  
For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain

Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me  
With all the favors of His grace, and everything for free,

Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,  
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.

We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;  
But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

Walt Huntley

## Facts and Figures

August 12, 2018

AM Service.....277  
Bible Study.....178  
PM Service.....188  
Wednesday.....181  
Contribution.....\$8136.00

## MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0  
Restored or Requested Prayers.....3  
Placed Membership.....3

## 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.

## UPCOMING TOPIC

August 26 - A MEMBER OF THE BODY

## Friday Night Sing

Transportation will  
leave Friday at 6:15  
for the sing at the  
Harrisville  
congregation.



Everyone is encouraged to attend!