

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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Our 32nd annual Bible Bowl will take place this Saturday, September 15.

The Book of Exodus, NKJV.

(1st - 6th grade cover the first 20 chapters of Exodus.)

9:00-9:15—Registration

9:15-9:30—Welcome & Rules

9:30-9:50—1st to 6th Grade Teams, Round 1

9:50-10:10—Teen Teams, Round 1

10:10-10:30—Adult Teams, Round 1

10:30-10:50—1st to 6th Grades, Round 2

10:50-11:10—Teen Teams, Round 2

11:10—1st - 6th Grade Teams and Teen Teams Dismissed for Lunch

11:10-11:30 Adult Teams, Round 2

11:30—Adult Teams Dismissed for Lunch

12:00-12:20—1st to 6th Grade Teams, Round 3

12:20-12:40 Teen Teams, Round 3

12:40-1:00—Adult Teams, Round 3

1:00-1:20—Afternoon Devotional

1:20-1:45—Presentation of Awards

Please come support the teams. Feel free to come part of the day or all day.

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
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Satan's target is
your mind and
one of his
weapon's is lies,
Fill your mind with
God's Word.



*The prayer of a righteous man is powerful
and effective.*

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, Jim Henry,
Phyllis Johnson, Dennis Keller, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley,
Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Mary Nesselroad, Gene & Peggy Phillips,
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),
Sue Nelson (Chris Hofmann's aunt), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards'
father-in-law), Leonard Shears, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny
Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)



Please keep Dennis Keller in your prayers as he continues to
recuperate.

Remember him with cards and prayers.

Loads of Love



- ♥ Thanks to everyone for the beautiful anniversary cards. We enjoyed them very much. Love, **Calvin and Jean Martin**
- ♥ We appreciate the cards, visits, and prayers at the death of our uncle. **Rick and Kay Stanley**
- ♥ We appreciated all the anniversary cards we received. Thanks for making our 25th even more special. **Paul and Barbara Saunders**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, gifts, and messages for my birthday. I am extremely blessed. **Laura Tonkery**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and inspiring messages. I enjoyed each one. **Sherry Wilcox**

Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Proverbs 16:24 ESV



RESTORED

Our brother Glenn Snider came forward Wednesday evening requesting to be restored. Please continue to remember him in your prayers and be an encouragement to him.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

David and Christine Epler have placed their membership with us. They will be in Care Group 2. Give them a warm Camden Avenue welcome.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room. Chili dinner at 5:45 with 6:30 devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. There will be Bible Bowl practice at Monday Night for the Master tomorrow evening. All participants are encouraged to come to the final practice. See Mark T. for questions.

BIBLE BOWL SCORE KEEPERS

Score keepers are needed for the Bible Bowl this Saturday. Let Rick Stanley know if you can help.

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Elders, Deacons, Preacher meeting next Sunday 4:00 with Men's meeting 5:00

5TH GRADE AND UNDER ACTIVITY

Mark and his family have organized a campout September 21 for the 5th grade and younger children and their families at North Bend State Park. Everyone is welcome! The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, September 30 at 2:30 and Thursday, October 4 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Daily Bible Reading

September 9 - 1 Corinthians 12, Psalms 120-132
September 10 - 1 Corinthians 13, Psalms 133-139
September 11 - 1 Corinthians 14:1-25, Psalms 140-144
September 12 - 1 Corinthians 14:26-40, Psalms 145-150
September 13 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-34, Proverbs 1-2
September 14 - 1 Corinthians 15:35-58, Proverbs 3-4
September 15 - 1 Corinthians 16, Proverbs 5-6
September 16 - 2 Corinthians 1, Proverbs 7-8

Bible Correspondence Courses

Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC) are available at no charge. Several topics/series are available.

Feel free to share and study with family, friends and co-workers.

Contact the office for more information.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



My Sacrifice

Stephen R. Covey wrote the following in his book The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People:

Without sacrifice we may become active in a church but remain inactive in its gospel. In other words, we go for the social facade of religion and the piety of religious practices. There is no real walking with people or going the second mile or trying to deal with our social problems that may eventually undo our economic system. It takes sacrifice to serve the needs of other people - the sacrifice of our own pride and prejudice, among other things.

If a church or religion is seen as just another hierarchical system, its members won't have a sense of service or inner worship. Instead they will be into outward observances and all the visible accoutrements of religion. But they are neither God-centered nor principle-centered.

The principles of three of the Seven Habits pertain to how we deal with other people, how we serve them, how we sacrifice for them, how we contribute. Habits 4, 5 and 6 - win-win interdependency, empathy, and synergy - require tremendous sacrifice. I've come to believe that they require a broken heart and a contrite spirit - and that, for some, is the ultimate sacrifice. For example, I once observed a marriage where there were frequent arguments. One thought came to me: "These two people must have a broken heart and a contrite spirit toward each other or this union will never last." You can't have a oneness, a unity, without humility. Pride and selfishness will destroy the union between man and god, between man and woman, between man and man, between self and self.

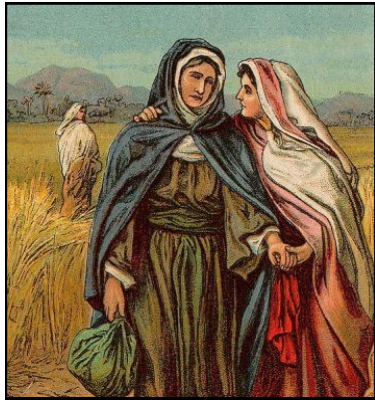
The great servant leaders have that humility, the hallmark of inner religion. I know a few CEOs who are humble servant leaders - who sacrifice their pride and share their power - and I can say that their influence both inside and outside their companies is multiplied because of it. Sadly, many people want "religion," or at least the appearance of it, without any sacrifice. They want more spirituality but would never miss a meal in meaningful fasting or do one act of anonymous service to achieve it.

This observation from Stephen R. Covey made me wonder, "do we ever stop to realize that our Christianity is based on sacrifice? Yes, Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 5:8-10). But Jesus death, burial, and resurrection demands a response, yes one is to confess (Rom. 10:9,10), repent, and be baptized (Acts 2:38) but we are also to serve and be servants of Christ by offering our lives as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1).

Notice Mark 8:34 states, "And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

"When Jesus said, deny self and take up your cross, He used imperative verbs; verbs that are definite acts. Something already done once for all. Jesus literally says: deny, once for all, yourself and pick up once for all, your cross" (taken from an article by Chuck Forsythe).

Jesus' way is different than the world, His way is a way of sacrifice and service. There may be many ways one can be a "living sacrifice" but tomorrow at Monday Night for the Master we can deny ourselves and take up Christ's Cross and be servants. Will you sacrifice a couple of hours to be a blessing to the Lord's church? See you there! Mark T.



Naomi, an example for Grandparents

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:13-17

Happy Grandparents Day!

The Bible is filled with examples of grandparents.

Naomi an unlikely grandmother

1. Naomi teaches us how _____.
2. Naomi teaches us how _____.
3. Naomi teaches us how _____.



Honoring The “Gray Hairs’ (And “No Hairs”) Among Us

From time to time, it is appropriate, and actually commanded by God, that we reflect upon the “specialness” of the older generation. What champions they are. They have been victorious over ruthless enemies. They have blazed many trails for us. They have taken the gospel to much of the world. They have built many great congregations. With their generous giving they have financed an innumerable list of tremendous works to the glory of no one but God.

The “gray hairs” encourage us. Many have retired but most haven't stopped being productive citizens of our Lord’s Kingdom. They have a mind for work, a heart for giving and faces covered with “laugh lines.” Older folks make mole hills out of mountains. They adapt, find solutions, pray fervently and love to worship. They give us stability, maturity confidence, wisdom, sound instruction and direction.

They know a lot more about people than they do about computers, in some cases. They belong to the generation that delights in simple things: a grandchild’s laugh, a warm pot of coffee shared with friends, all five verses of “Amazing Grace”, our nation’s flag, a hand-made quilt.

With dignity they have weathered many storms, bade farewell to precious loved ones, seen too many doctors, battled diseases, depression and often loneliness.

Older people stand for something. They live on for Christ. They take time to smell the roses. They still say “sir” and “Ma’am” and deserve the same from us. Their bodies age but their souls have no wrinkles. They built the fires we warm by, and with God’s help, they’re not done. There’s still much fuel in the tank. The sun has not yet set.

“Gray hairs”, we owe you...big time.

“Thou shalt rise up before the hoary (gray) head and honor the face of the old man...”

Leviticus 19:32

Adapted from article in Bulletin Digest

**We are very blessed at Camden Avenue with wonderful Christian grandparents.
Happy Grandparent’s Day!**

Grandparents

Few can bring the warmth
We can find in their embrace,
And little more is needed to bring love.
Than the smile on their face.

They've a supply of precious stories,
Yet they've time to wipe a tear,
Or give us reasons to make us laugh,
They grow more precious through the years.

I believe that God sent us Grandparents
As our legacy from above,
To share the moments of our life,
As extra measures of His love.

Unknown Author



HAPPY
GRANDPARENTS
DAY!

Proverbs 17:6

Children's children *are* the crown of old men,
And the glory of children *is* their father.

HAID'S SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan Haid invite everyone to the annual Bean Dinner at their cabin Saturday, October 20 at 4:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count. Please bring items to go with soup beans and hamburgers also, desserts and beverages. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

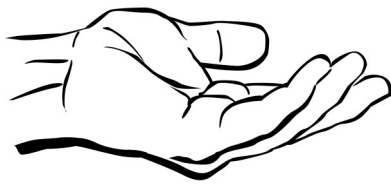


It's exciting to look at God through the eyes of children's faith. I have some letters to God for you today from children. Here's our first one, "Dear God, in Sunday school they told us what you do. Who does it while you're on vacation? Signed, Jane." Here's another, "Dear God, Are you really invisible or is that just a trick? Signed, Lucy." Then there is this one, "Dear God, Is it true my dad won't get into Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house? Signed Anita." Here's another one, "Dear God, Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? Signed, Norma." Here's another, "Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right there in church. Is that okay? Signed, Neal." Then finally, "Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy. Signed, Joyce."

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

Ever want to start over, then become like a little child.

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



His One Mistake

He brushed his teeth twice a day,
with a nationally leading toothpaste.

The doctors examined him
twice a year.

He wore his boots when it rained.

He slept with the windows open,
for the fresh air.

He stuck to a diet with plenty
of fresh vegetables.

He relinquished his tonsils and
traded in several worn out glands.

He golfed - but never more than
18 holes at a time.

He got at least 8 hours of
sleep every night.

He never smoked, drank,
nor lost his temper.

He did his "daily dozen" [exercises] daily.

He was all set up to live to be a hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He is survived by
eighteen specialist, four health institutes, six gymnasiums.
and numerous manufacturers of health foods and
antiseptics. He made just one mistake. **HE FORGOT GOD**, and
lived as if this world was all, and is now with those who say,
"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not
saved" (Jeremiah 6:20). **THINK!**

Selected

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 16

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle

Close - Brian Knotts

6:00 PM - Scott Johnson

Close - Mike Fleak

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dustin Hughes

PM - Ryan Gaston

COMMUNION

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Todd Kirk

Bill Camp

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dwain Shears

2 - Joyce Wright

3 - Herb Wright

PM

1. Dave & Lois Nulter

2. Zoe Merrill & Jennifer Thomas

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Chris & Debbie Tallman

6. John & Karen Life

Facts and Figures

September 2, 2018

AM Service.....227

Bible Study.....171

PM Service.....189

Wednesday.....173

Contribution.....\$7206.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested Prayers....4

Placed Membership.....4

Friday Night Sing



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

Everyone welcome!

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

September 16 - Satan's Schemes

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM