

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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WHAT WILL MATTER?

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought but what you built. Not what you got but what you gave. What will matter is not your success but your significance. What will matter is not what learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example. What will matter is not your competence but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter are not your memories but the memories that live in those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom, and for what. Living a lie that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
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Bill Hoover
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**Advice from a
sunflower:**

Be bright, sunny,
positive and spread
seeds of
Happiness.



Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay,
Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey,
Jim Henry, Gwen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Dennis Keller, Nancy Kimes,
Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peg Phillips,
Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Eloise Smith, Valeria Sprout,
Lenore Vaught

Prayers requested for family and friends

Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, 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), Dolores Kemp
(Friend of Mary Nessleroad), 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)



Our condolences to the family of our Mary Edwards. She
passed Wednesday, October 10 at her residence. A family
service was held yesterday at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

She will be sadly missed.



- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. **Allen and Billie Coe**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. In Christian love, **Sharon Armstrong**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who donated and helped put together the college care packages. We send care packages to Camden Ave. students who are in college and to OVU students in my class. The students really appreciated the packages and wanted to thank the congregation for their kindness. Thank you, **Mark T. Tonkery**



GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to a fellowship get-together this evening after services in the MP Room. Make your favorite dip and bring what you serve it with, such as chips or crackers. Bring your recipe for sharing. The dips can be homemade or semi-homemade, sweet or savory. If you have any questions see Kay Mills.

TRUNK OR TREAT

There will be a brief meeting in Room 109 this evening after services for parents that plan to participate in Trunk or Treat. Trunk for Treat will be October 17 after Bible study. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter. Please bring finger foods, snacks, desserts, and beverages to be served in the MP Room.

HAID'S SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan Haid invite everyone to the annual Bean Dinner at their cabin 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. Remember to bring lawn chairs!

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Elders, Deacons, Preacher meeting next Sunday at 4:00, Men's meeting, and Ladies' meeting 5:00 next Sunday

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet October 22 in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner and 6:30 devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

Our Secret Sister Reveal will be Thursday, October 25 in the MP Room at 6:00PM. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. See Laura or Kimberlee for more information.

RAKE AND RUN

Sign-up sheets are on the counter for Rake and Run-Saturday, November 3. (1) If you would like your leaves raked. (2) If you would like to volunteer to rake.

11:00 WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS

Mark will be teaching the Wednesday morning class beginning November 7. The class will continue through March. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will continue to have the Wednesday evening Bible study at 7:00.

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, VETERANS LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be in the MP Room Monday, November 12. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count.

Daily Bible Reading

October 14 - Philippians 4, Isaiah 37-38
October 15 - Colossians 1, Isaiah 39-41
October 16 - Colossians 2, Isaiah 42-44
October 17 - Colossians 3, Isaiah 45-47
October 18 - Colossians 4, Isaiah 48-50
October 19 - 1 Thessalonians 1, Isaiah 51-54
October 20 - 1 Thessalonians 2, Isaiah 55-58
October 21 - 1 Thessalonians 3, Isaiah 59-63

Compliment people wherever you go.

Be a ray of sunshine to everyone you meet, and make their day better for having seen you.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

It is just fornication

As our society grows more secular, its' influence is seen even more in the church. One such example is that of fornication or sexual immorality. Fornication comes from the Greek word "Porneia" it is where we get our word for "pornography" and can mean any sexual sin outside of the marriage relationship of one man and one woman for life. It can include but not limited to pre-marital sexual relations, incest, adultery, prostitution, homosexuality, bestiality, polygamy, lust, and other sexual sins.

I once had an unfaithful member of the church who was having a sexual affair with another member of the church tell me, "well it is just sex," as if they were just holding hands or they just gave each other a hug. This unfaithful brother is not alone in his thinking, many Christians, are being influenced by the world and thinking there really is nothing wrong with fornication.

If there is nothing wrong with fornication, then why does the Bible list it with other sins such as in Rom. 1:26-32, Gal. 5:19-21, Col. 3:5-10, Rev. 21:8; 22:15? Notice fornication's association with other sins tells something about its unrighteousness. Then Mat. 5:32 and Mat. 19:9 tells about its destructiveness, that this sin alone is the cause of divorce in a marriage relationship. 1 Cor. 7:2 teaches that because of the evils of fornication in society a man and woman should marry to help protect and provide self-control from it. Then look through the Old Testament, sexual immorality contributed to the cause of the flood (Gen. 6:2); the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Jude 1:7); And then in Num. 25 what Balaam, the false prophet, could not do with his curses on Israel, sexual immorality and the worship of idols did do, and that is sin against the Lord.

Then look at Samson, King David, King Solomon, Abraham, Gomer, the man in 1 Cor. 5 and the woman in John 8 all these were caught in adultery and had negative results in their life. Even if we understand that some of them received forgiveness for their indiscretion they still had consequences for their sins for the rest of their life.

Then there are these direct commands from scripture: Eph. 5:3, states, "But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints." Col. 3:5, teaches, "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. And 1 Th. 4:3, declares, "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality."

Then there is the "wisdom from the streets" as Pro. 1:21 puts it; that wisdom that we can see and witness. Such is the case with fornication or sexual immorality there is the possibility of an unwanted child, contracting a disease, the relational problems, depression, and stress that can come with living this type of lifestyle.

Then the most powerful teaching of the Bible is that if one continues to commit sexual immorality they will not inherit the kingdom of God (1Cor. 6:9,10; Gal. 5:19-21). Heb 13:4 even states, "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous."

Knowing this, how can anyone say, "it is just fornication or sex?" It is sin. It is the way to great problems here on earth and it is the way of eternal death.

The good news is we do not have to live this type of lifestyle. The Bible teaches us, we can repent and change our spiritual directions. Acts 3:19, reminds us, "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out." Think about it!

God's Design for the Family

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:18-25



I. What is a family?

- A. _____

- B. _____

- C. _____

II. Why did God design us to live in a family setting?

- A. _____

- B. _____

- C. _____

III. How can we help our family be what God wants us to be?

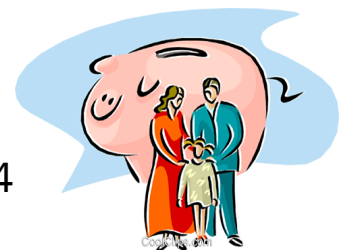
- A. _____

- B. _____

- C. _____

- D. _____

God's Design for Family Finances
Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:14





WHAT WE OWE OUR MINISTER

- I. Our minister is a messenger of God, to teach us the better way of life. As a faithful servant, let us respect him, hold him in honor, listen to his message. When we honor him, we honor God; when we dishonor him, we dishonor God. (Matthew 10:40).
- II. Our minister is a member of God's family. This means that he is our brother, Let us, therefore, rejoice with him, suffer with him, pray with him, pray for him. God forbid that we should make his burden more heavy, his task more difficult.
- III. Our minister is a human being, a man of like passions and infirmities. If overtaken in a trespass, we should not crush him but restore him. (Galatians 6:1,2). Our Master restored an erring preacher and sent him forth. (John 21:15-17; Acts 2:14ff).
- IV. Our minister is a fellow-citizen in the kingdom. This means that he, like ourselves, should regulate his conduct by the King's law. All should subject themselves to the same standard. We should expect no more or no less of him than we expect of ourselves. Our King is not the author of a double-standard.
- V. Our minister is a laborer in the vineyard; therefore worthy of his hire. (Matthew 10:10; Luke 10:7). He is a gospel preacher, therefore he should live of the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14). His support should be adequate.
- VI. Our minister is a neighbor. Therefore, we should love him as we love ourselves. (Matthew 7:12;22;39). Loving him thus, we will do him no injury; we will bless him.
- VII. Our minister is a public man. He is "on the spot." He stands on the line of battle. He fights sin. In fighting sin, he may incur the anger of the sinner. The sinner may seek to do him injury. From all unjust attacks, we should faithfully shield him. (1 Timothy 5:19).
- VIII. The duty of our minister is to study, to teach, to preach. To the end that he may be effective in his assigned task, let us not load him down with minor matters. Let us not ask him to serve tables, to wrestle with financial problems, to spend his time going from house to house. It is his duty to visit unfortunate people, not because he is a minister, but because he is a Christian. Let there be no confusion of his duties. "Let the preacher preach." - F.L.C.



Satan's Plan

A story is told of how Satan asked his demons to design a plan to keep people from becoming Christians. One demon

said, "I'll tell people that there is no God." Satan replied, "No! Only fools deny God's existence." Another demon spoke up, "I'll go and tell the world that religion is a farce." Again Satan answered, "No!

Too many have seen the goodness of faith and know that salvation is real." A crafty demon said, "I will go and tell the world that there is a God; that the Bible is true; that salvation is real, but that there is plenty of time." Everyone cheered as a jubilant Satan called to his followers, "That will work! Go! We have a plan!"

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Youth Events

October 26-27

Bridgeport Youth Rally

Transportation will leave at 4:30PM October 26.

Let Jeff know today if you plan to go.

October 29

Transportation will leave at 5:45 to join the Traveling Youth Group at the Lower Paw Paw congregation

November 3

Rake and Run

Meet at the building at 9:00AM

Sign-up sheets on the counter

November 12

Widows, Widowers and Veteran's Lunch in the MP Room

Sign-up sheet on the counter

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

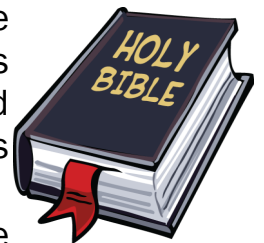
Hello. This is Mark T. Tonkery. Did you know that in the fourth century, the Roman Emperor Diocletian issued an edict ordering that all Christian Scriptures be burned. To this day, there are countries where the Bible is considered contraband and a threat to the government. There have been national borders where travelers were confronted with signs that said, "No Guns! No Bibles!"

Yet, in spite of persistent opposition brought on by fear of this book, the Bible continues to be the single most popular, most translated, most read and most loved book in the world. The entire Bible has now been translated into 392 languages, while some portions of the Bible has been transplanted into 2,287 languages (United Society, 2002).

The status of the Bible at the beginning of the 21st century reminds us of something written more than 2,700 years ago:

"The grass withers and the flowers fail, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

This has been a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, October 21

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Clayton Huber

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dwain Shears

Close - Rick Stanley

6:00 PM - Len Haid

Close - Kody Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Josh Hall

PM - Gary Herridge

COMMUNION

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Steve Moser

Bill Hoover T

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Cotton Sayre

2 - Dearll Vincent

3 - Patty Sayre

PM

1. Amy Young & Nina Cheuvront

2. Clayton & Verna Huber

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Bob & Gala Miller

6. Bill & Rosemary Merrill

Facts and Figures

October 7, 2018

AM Service.....253

Bible Study.....163

PM Service.....190

Wednesday.....160

Contribution.....\$10510.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested Prayers....4

Placed Membership.....5

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM



WEIGHED - FOUND WANTING!

Of what real value is your soul? Weigh it against all treasures, pleasures, honors, positions, fame, prestige, popularity and happiness. Which is of more value?

Where do you place your priorities in life? Jesus set forth the true value of the soul in that great question: *“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”* (Mark 8:36-37). His divine evaluation is that your soul outweighs the whole world and everything in it!

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2018 Round Robin Gospel Meetings

Theme: God Is (Hebrews 11:6)

	<u>Church of Christ</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
October 15	Barlow-Vincent	Nathan Greene
October 22	Veto	Dan Plum
October 29	Hickory Hill	Mike Moore
November 5	Bearwallow	Mark T. Tonkery

Starts each Monday evening at 7:00

For more information, contact Nathan Greene 740.525.3902

Friday Night Sing



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

Please 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

October 21 - ALL-SUFFICIENT