

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 40 - October 7, 2018



Welcome to our Gospel Meeting with Paolo Di Luca.

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE FROM ME?

Sunday 9:30 AM: WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE? (Micah 6:3-8)

11:00AM: A NEW WAY OF THINKING (Ephesians 4:25-32)

6:00PM: MORAL CONSISTENCY (James 2:10)

Monday 7:00PM: READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER (1 Peter 3:13-17)

Tuesday 7:00PM: IMITATE GOD (Ephesians 5:1-6)

Wednesday 7:00PM: LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN (1 Peter 2:12-17)

Please join us as we study God's Word.

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
 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:

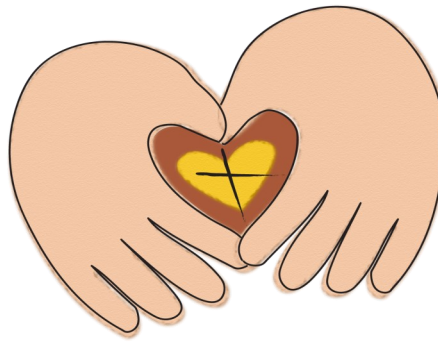
Mark
 preachertonk@cacoc.net
Office
 office@cacoc.net

Website:

www.cacoc.net



**It's not a choice.
 It's a LIFE.**



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, Mary Edwards, 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)



- ♥ Thank you to all who sent cards, phone calls, and well wishes on social media for my birthday. And to the ones planning a 70th surprise party only to find out that it's my 69th! Love and Blessings, **Jo Goldsmth**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and well-wishes. **Kyle Inman**
- ♥ **Dennis Keller** thanks everyone for all the get well cards. **Sandy** thanks everyone for her birthday cards. The cards and well-wishes were all greatly appreciated.
- ♥ Thanks to all for the prayers, visits, cards and all acts of kindness shown to me and Keith while I was in the hospital and after I returned home. A special thank you to the children who drew pictures for me. They were beautiful. Thanks for the food that was brought to us. Everything was greatly appreciated. In Christian love, **Eloise Smith**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, hugs, gifts and everything that made my birthday special. It was a really nice birthday. In Christian love, **Gilbert Hardman**

BAPTISM

We are so happy that Alexa Inman was baptized Wednesday afternoon by her grandfather, Paul Inman. She will be in Care Group 3. Let's all be an encouragement to her as she is a strength to us. We are so proud of her and her decision to become a Christian.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today following worship and Bible study in the MP Room. Please bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages.

WOOD COUNTY LIFE

The 25th Annual Wood County Life Chain will be today from 2:00-3:00 on Murdoch Avenue and Grand Central Avenue between Lakeview Drive and Sam's Club parking lot in Vienna.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items for the College Care Packages need to be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer today. Volunteers will assemble the packages this evening after services in the MP Room. Items needed are listed on the sheet on the counter.

GOLDEN AGER'S FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

The Golden Ager's Fall foliage trip will be this Thursday. Leaving the building at 8:00AM. Agendas are with the sign-up sheet on the counter. See Mark for details.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or 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.

HAIID'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 your lawn chairs!

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

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

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

It's not too late to participate in the "Silver for Children" Gleaner Campaign for Potter Children's Home. Coin banks are in the foyers.

Girls' Bible Study (6th-12th Grade)

All girls are invited to a Bible study series. The study will be based on the current LLL Pearls series.

All girls are invited to attend any or all of the sessions.

Sessions will be October 13 and 27
9AM - Noon – Breakfast will be served.

See Laura for details



A person's a person,
No matter how small.

~Dr. Seuss

Daily Bible Reading

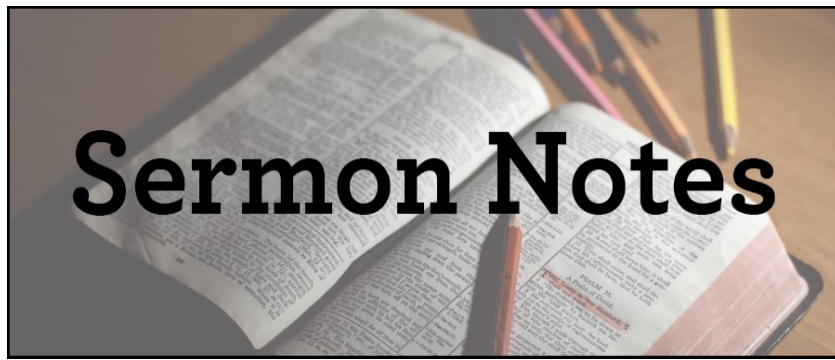
October 7 - Ephesians 3, Isaiah 12-15
October 8 - Ephesians 4, Isaiah 16-19
October 9 - Ephesians 5, Isaiah 20-23
October 10 - Ephesians 6, Isaiah 24-26
October 11 - Philippians 1, Isaiah 27-29
October 12 - Philippians 2, Isaiah 30-32
October 13 - Philippians 3, Isaiah 33-36
October 14 - Philippians 4, Isaiah 37-38



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

SOME REASONS TO STUDY THE BIBLE

The Bible is an incredible book. It is not intended to be a book of history, or science, or medicine, etc. (although it supports these fields of study). It is the revelation of the word of God that mankind needs. It contains the mind of God and His will for each one of our lives. That is why the Bible was given to us: “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:14-15). There are many good reasons why we MUST study the word of God. The following are just a few of the scriptural reasons we must consider. First, THE BIBLE, being the word of God, IS INFALLIBLE. There is no error in God’s written revelation. The law of the Lord is perfect concerning any human soul. The testimony of the Lord is not only inerrant (without error) but it is also infallible (incapable of error). “Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar” (Prov. 30:5-6). The purity of His words does not need anything added to it. God warns us not to misrepresent His holy Scripture. Second, THE BIBLE, being the word of God, IS COMPLETE. The Bible does not need any new chapters or verses. It has all been given to us. Many religious cults add their own books or commentaries to the Bible. In reality, all we need to please God and to be saved is His written word because it is the complete holy word of God. “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book” (Rev. 22:18-19). Third, THE BIBLE, being the word of God, IS TOTALLY AUTHORITATIVE. The psalmist proclaims: “Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven” (Ps. 119:89). The Bible is the only source for absolute divine authority. This divine authority is for you and me as servants of Jesus Christ. No other writing or person has divine authority. “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:8-9). Fourth, THE BIBLE, being the word of God, IS TOTALLY SUFFICIENT FOR ALL OF OUR NEEDS. We do not need anything else. “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). As Christians, can be totally secure in the Lord by studying the Bible because it is God’s plan for our life. In it we find all that is needed to learn and please God. Fifth, THE BIBLE, being the word of God, WILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT IT PROMISES. If God said that something will happen, it will happen! “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” (Isa. 55:11). God sent His word to accomplish His perfect will in our lives. If God makes a promise, He will fulfill it in His own time. There are so many promises given to us in the Bible. These promises reassure us and bring comfort to our lives in our times of trial.



We are glad to have Paolo and Cindy Di Luca with us.
Please join us for each session of our Gospel Meeting and bring others.

From the Elders:

We are pleased to announce that Doug Wells has accepted the position as our second minister here at Camden Avenue. One of his primary responsibilities will be working with the youth.

Doug and his wife, Raeanne, have three children: Levi – 12, Liberty – 10 and Kayla – 5.

The Wells family will continue their work with the Lincoln Park congregation in Michigan for the next several weeks.

We look forward to their arrival later this year!

Abortion

The hottest issue of today's activist is the see-saw battle of abortion. A lot of energy and emotions are vainly spent; whereas, the issue can be solved by answering one question. "At what point does life begin?" Even those who are "Pro-choice" agree that the taking of life is wrong; therefore, if it can be concluded as to the exact second as to when life begins, the issue of abortion collapses.

Research has recently uncovered a breakthrough that, at long last, extinguishes the abortion hot-plate! The answer has finally been uncovered as to when the fetus becomes a living being. Are you ready for this shock? The child becomes a living being at the moment of conception. The source of this information? The Bible! The Author? God!

God's servant, Job, cried out in anguish "Let the day perish wherein I was born, And the night which said, There is a MAN-CHILD conceived" (Job 3:3). At the moment of conception it was already determined as to the sex of the fetus, and, the embryo was not referred to as an unimportant appendage of the woman's entrails, but as a "CHILD!"

Other passages document the fact that life exists in the womb (Job 3:11; Psalm 139:13; Luke 1:44; Jeremiah 20:16b-17). Perhaps the strongest statement is Solomon's "As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything" (Ecclesiastes 11:5). Solomon stated correctly, we do not know "how" the spirit (i.e. life) comes to the child in the womb, but we do know that life is present, and thanks to Job, we now know when it begins.

One interesting note: In Exodus 21:22ff, if two men fighting caused a woman with child to give birth prematurely, the offending party was required to pay a fine. If the child died, the offending party would pay with his life. This fine was more severe than that over the death of a grown, mature servant (Exodus 21:32). Once again we can see the sanctity of the unborn through God's law. "God hates the hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:16-17).

Bulletin Digest - Roddy Covington



Kathy Ireland is a well known actress and supermodel. She is also a former pro-choice advocate. "I was once pro-choice," Ireland says, "and the thing that changed my mind was, I read my husband's biology books, medical books, and what I learned [was that at] the moment of conception, a life starts. And this life has its own unique set of DNA, which contains a blueprint for the whole genetic makeup. The sex is determined. We know there's a life because it's growing and changing."

-The New American, June 16, 2003, p. 27

"Thou shalt not kill...." -Exodus 20:13



You Can be a “Load-Lifter”

I was walking with a friend recently when the name of a member of the church came up. The friend remarked about how friendly that member was, and always lightened her “load” every time they met.

This make me think about how we influence people. Do we present a positive attitude, or are we frequently guilty of complaining about the hand that life has dealt us? Jesus confronted problems almost daily, but He healed the sick, lifted the broken-hearted, and without murmuring, took our sins to the cross. Even as He suffered on the cross, He “reached out” to a thief who finally realized that Jesus was the Savior.

Often we become so consumed in our own problems that we forget the power of a friendly greeting, a simple touch on the arm, a smile, a compliment, a listening ear, a get-well card, or some other small act that says, “I care.” May we all strive to be more Christ-like and lift the load of others in our every day life.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

John K. Wills

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The pony express was a thrilling part of early American history. It ran from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California - a distance of 1,900 miles. The trip was made in ten days. Forty men, each riding 50 miles a day, dashed along the trail on 500 of the best horses the West could provide.

To conserve weight, clothing was very light, saddles were extremely small and thin, and no weapons were carried. The horses themselves wore small shoes or none at all. The mail pouches were flat and very conservative in size. Letters had to be written on thin paper, and postage was \$5.00 an ounce (a tremendous sum those days). Yet, each rider carried a full-sized Bible! It was presented to him when he joined the pony express, and he took it with him despite all the precautions.

You know the Bible was not meant just to be carried but studied and read. Have you read your Bible today?

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, October 14

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Evan Fleak

PM - Ryan Highman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Stan Inman

Close - Paul Saunders

6:00 PM - John Life

Close - Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Steve Gray

PM - Kevin Cochran

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Fleak

PM - Scott Johnson

Brian Haught

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade

2 - Paul Saunders

3 - Dennis Keller

PM

1. Jenny Ware & Connie Hickman

2. Barbara Cramlet & Melva Farris

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Mary Daniel & Robin Anthony

6. Chris & Terry Hofmann

Facts and Figures

September 30, 2018

AM Service.....258

Bible Study.....165

PM Service.....171

Wednesday.....167

Contribution.....\$5702.00

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



Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have any questions, please let us know. We offer informative tracts and Bible Correspondence Courses at no charge. We would also be happy to have a Bible study at your convenience.

Len Haid has made packets that are available on the counter in the parking lot foyer. They contain CD's and tracts. Feel free to help yourself to a packet or give one to a friend.



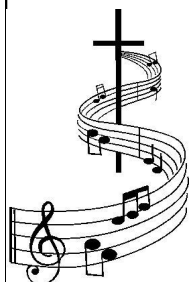
Sunday, October 14 after evening services there will be a fellowship get-together in the MP Room.

The holiday season will be fast approaching. This will give us a time to share recipe ideas just for dips. This is for everyone.

Make your favorite dip and 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 contact Kay Mills.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the Central congregation in Clarksburg.

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 14 - TRUSTWORTHY