

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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May your week be filled with good thoughts, kind people and happy moments.



God makes life possible.
Faith makes life workable.
Hope makes life beautiful.
Love makes life complete.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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If you are more
fortunate than
others,
Build a longer
table not a taller
fence.

Thank God for your
blessings.



Our church family in need of prayers.

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

Prayers requested for family and friends

David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce,
Diane Bowling (Madeline Gregg's neighbor), (Paul Deval (Terry Hofmann's
cousin), Casey Freeman (Don and Brenda Dougherty's friend), Paula Garner
(Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend),
Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Dolores Kemp
(Friend of Mary Nesselroad), Sue Nelson (Chris Hofmann's aunt),
Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), John Rockhold,
Leonard Shears, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur
(Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Dorcas Stanley (Sallie Hinzman's
mother), Kimberly Wade (Marvin and Arrahwanna McMasters' daughter,
Marv Williams

The Willows - Jim Henry

723 Summers Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Please send cards and remember him in your prayers.



This is a good time to show your appreciation to others.

- Let Mark know that we appreciate him and what he does in his work at Camden Avenue.
- Show your gratitude to our Elders as they shepherd the flock. Pray for them.
- Let Wes know we appreciate all he does for us.
- Thank the deacons for their work.
- Let the folks that sit around you know that you are glad to worship with them.

Everyone likes to be appreciated....family, friends, co-workers.

Church News and Announcements

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Wirt Cook came forward Sunday evening requesting prayers. He is Ron and DeDe Cook's son. Continue to remember him in your prayers.

SERVICE THIS EVENING

Mark and Rick Stanley will be speaking this evening on the topic of "Winning Over Loneliness." Mark will begin the sermon looking at the Biblical aspect of loneliness and Rick will conclude with practical ways a person may deal with loneliness. Invite your friends and family who may be dealing with this topic.

GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY DINNER

Golden Agers are invited to a Holiday Dinner this Tuesday, December 4. Leaving here at 1:30. Buffet dinner at Theo's in Cambridge, OH then we will visit the Dickens Victorian Village, light show and shops. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with details. See Dwain for more information.

LADIES LOVE AND CARE DEVOTIONAL

All ladies are welcome to a devotional at Love and Care Thursday, December 6 at 7:00PM.

COAT GIVE-AWAY

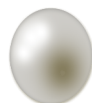
Our Coat/Jacket Give-Away will be Saturday, December 8 from 11:00-1:00. Adult and children's coats, jackets, winter hats, or gloves may be left in the large red box in the parking lot foyer. Items may be gently used but need to be clean.* There's a change with the food. We will have a brown bag lunch including a sandwich, potato chips, cookie and a beverage (canned pop or juice box). 10-12 people are needed to help with set-up and clean-up. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for volunteers. Cookies, canned pop and juice boxes are still needed. **Help is needed this evening after services to carry coats from upstairs to the MP Room.**

TONKERY'S OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is welcome to attend an Open House December 8 from 1:00-4:00PM at the Tonkery's home. Directions are available in the foyer.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.



I turn coal into diamonds,
sand into pearls,
and a worm into a butterfly.
I can turn your life around
too!

~God



December 2 - 1 Peter 5, Ezekiel 38-39
December 3 - 2 Peter 1, Ezekiel 40-41
December 4 - 2 Peter 2, Ezekiel 42-44
December 5 - 2 Peter 3, Ezekiel 45-46
December 6 - 1 John 1, Ezekiel 47-48
December 7 - 1 John 2, Daniel 1-2
December 8 - 1 John 3, Daniel 3-4
December 9 - 1 John 4, Daniel 5-6



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Believe in God who calls things into existence

In Romans 4:16-17 Paul tells us that Abraham believed in the God who calls into existence things that don't even exist. We must understand that Abraham believed that God was going to make a nation to come from his family, receive land for his people to dwell in, and the promise of a Savior to bless all nations at which time none of these things were in existence.

I wonder do we have that kind of faith in God? A faith in God to bring about things that do not exist today? Have you thought about the things that do not yet exist, but need to?

What about our congregation? Are there things that don't exist today that need to exist, so our members and their children will remain faithful?

What about those who are yet leaders? Those who need to be trained to be elders, deacons, Bible school teachers, preachers, missionaries, godly parents and others?

What about the boys and girls who have not yet been born, and the people who have not had the Gospel taught to them. Do we believe that God will give us the opportunity and skill to bring these to Christ?

Maybe there is a ministry that would better help those who are lost to come to Christ?

What about places the Church needs to be planted, missionaries that need to be sent?

Do we have faith in God to begin something that does not exist?

What about Heaven? Although it exists, we cannot see it, we are not there yet; do we have the faith to press on towards the goal of heaven, so we can exist there one day?

If we believe that God spoke this world into being:

Do we have the faith that He will help us bring about opportunities that will help us convert this world and train those converts to be faithful?

Can we look at our problems and say, "What can God do with this?"

Can we look at empty classrooms, empty pews and the people that do not exist as Christians and Christian leaders and say, "What can God do with this?"

Can we look at our Christianity and see the things we lack, things we need to be trained in, and things that we need to improve in and ask, "What can God do with us?"

After all, "God... gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist." (Rom. 4:17). Think about it!



Walk in Well Dressed

Let's say someday you go on a mission trip to support the church in France. While there you make the effort to reach out to people by doing things like visiting the sick and feeding the homeless. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. In fact, the current president of France sees what you're doing and approves. Francois Hollande is so impressed that he invites you into the Capitole de Toulouse to meet him. Now let me ask – what are you going to wear for this meeting? Most of what you've packed for mission work is jeans and T-shirts, but are you going to be comfortable showing up in those? Probably not. I suspect you'd wear the best you have, and maybe you would even go buy an outfit for the occasion. Or maybe not. Maybe you would wear the WORST outfit you have. This outfit hasn't been washed in a month, you've gone out and played in the mud while wearing it. The shoes are going to track in dirt into that fancy building. Is THIS the outfit you would choose? What would happen if you did? My guess is you get thrown out.

Higher than any earthly kingdom is the kingdom of God. And the Lord, the God who made everything, is the King. What will you be wearing when you go to meet Him? You better be wearing the right clothes or you'll get thrown out. In a parable Jesus tells about the kingdom of God there is a man who comes into the wedding not wearing the right clothes. And the king tells his attendants "Tie him up and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 22:14). Woah! I get it – wear the right clothes to meet God. And what are these clothes? God tells us: "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Galatians 3:26-27) If you haven't been baptized you're coming before God covered in sin. That's worse than dirt. But being baptized clothes us with Christ. We are washed. We are clean. Dressed in this way we can confidently go to meet anyone...even God.

By Doug Wells

(The following article is written by Doug Wells, who has recently been hired to work with the congregation here. To help get to know him a little better his articles will be featured in the bulletin.

Please keep Doug and his family in your prayers as they make this transition).

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



When you run out of fuel, the car stops. Stop putting wood on the fire and it goes out. This is no great revelation, just common sense. The Bible says this is true of gossip as well.

Pro. 26:20, states, "For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases."

Nothing stirs up a heated situation like good old-fashioned gossip. Be sure and tell everything you know to everybody you can, then sit back and watch the fire grow. One thing for sure, someone is going to get burned.

Why not just let the fire burn out? We don't have to tell everything we know, even if it is true. Love reminds us to keep it to ourselves, even if you think you'll "bust" if you don't tell someone. Just keep it to yourself and let the fire burn out.

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



**Thank you for worshipping with us!
It is nice to see you and worship together!**

Youth Events

Today

Rake and Run activities today after worship and Bible classes. Meet in the MP Room first for pizza.

December 8

5th Grade and under devo. at the Huber's home. Meet at 2:30. Bring warm clothes. We plan to walk at the park and go caroling.

December 15

Children's Holiday Breakfast
9:00AM in the MP Room
Bring a wrapped gift for your child.
Sign-up sheet is on the counter.



**Your children can run from
you, their upbringing, or
from the church but they
can never run from your
prayers!**



Remember the missionaries we support.

- 1) **Joe Worndle** - Mail may be sent to: 8346 NW 118 Way, Parkland, FL 33076 (Mission work in Haiti.)
- 2) **Jon Galloway** - 4 Broughton, Valleyfield, East Kilbride, G75oJU (Mission work in Scotland)
- 3) **John Davis** - 108 Snell Drive, Florence, AL 35630 (Mission work in Thailand.)
- 4) **Trevor Major** - 11 Olive Crescent, Papatoetoe, Auckland 2025 (Mission work in New Zealand)
- 5) **Gene Clemons** - PO Box 04, Hardy KY 41501 (Mission work in China.)
- 6) **Ryan, Sarah and Luke Davis** - Mail may be sent to: Estes church of Christ, 3505 Highway 45 South, Henderson, TN 38340 or email: DavisCuscoMission@gmail.com (Mission work in Cusco, Peru.)
- 7) **Ed Jones** - PO Box 454, Benton, KY 42025 (Mission work in Benin, South Africa.)

Please remember them with cards and prayers.



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.

December 9 - Designed By God

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, December 9

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
 PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Len Haid
 Close - Brandon Sheppard
 6:00 PM - Kevin Cochran
 Close - Bill Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bob Miller
 PM - Steve Gray

COMMUNION

AM - Dwain Shears
 PM - Bill Mills
 Paul Inman

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade
 2 - Paul Saunders
 3 - Denny Keller

PM

1. Jennifer Thomas & Susan Anderson
2. Ira Kimes & Gary Alton
 * Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *
5. Chris & Debbie Tallman
6. Paul & Nancy Inman

Facts and Figures

November 18, 2018

AM Service.....262
 Bible Study.....170
 PM Service.....173
 Wednesday.....199
 Contribution.....\$6672.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....2
 Restored or Requested Prayers....5
 Placed Membership.....6

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
 Bible Study...15 min. after worship
 PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM