

# 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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## December is Sack the Pulpit to restock our church pantry.



### Items requested:

- Canned potatoes
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Baked Beans
- Vegetable Soup
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned carrots
- Canned Meats (Chicken, Vienna Sausage, etc.)
- Crackers
- Breakfast cereals
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned peaches/fruit cocktail
- Mac n cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Peanut butter
- Jelly

Items may be left on either side of the pulpit.



### Elders:

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
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

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Star When You  
Can Pray To The  
One Who  
Created Them  
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### 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

Cindy Adkins, Patty Alton, David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother),  
Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Diane Bowling (Madeline Gregg's neighbor),  
Paul DuVall (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

Belpre Landing - Nancy Kimes (Room 112 ), John Rockhold (Room 202)

Mike Wade will have knee surgery December 12 in Morgantown. Keep him  
in your prayers.



### *Thank You Notes*

- ♥ Thanks to everyone who helped rake our leaves. It was a big job. **Mike and Teresa**
- ♥ **Rick and Kay Stanley** thank the Rake and Run people. Your help was very much appreciated.
- ♥ **Don, Mary and Debby Nesselroad** thank everyone for the beautiful cards and gifts for their birthdays.
- ♥ We want to extend a special thank-you to the Taberner and Tonkery families for raking up our leaves. It was huge help and we truly appreciate your hard work...especially on a nice sunny day you could have been doing something fun. Sincerely, **Jim and Sandy Hughes**
- ♥ Thank you for those who sent cards. Cards mean you have friends. Thank you, friends. **Carol Vincent**

Thanks to **Jo Goldsmith** and **Annette Kirk** for the winter bulletin boards in the foyers and Room 109. Once again they did a GREAT job!



### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

### CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Care Group Leaders meeting this evening after services in Room 109.

### MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY

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

### LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Ladies Holiday Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 18 at the Parkersburg Country Club. Lunch will be served at noon. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with complete information. Checks need to be made payable and given to Gala Miller. The deadline to sign up is December 12.

### NEW ADDRESS

New address for Cotton and Patty Sayre - 1947 Lost Pavement Road, Parkersburg, WV 26101. Phone numbers remain the same. (Cotton and Patty are downsizing and would like to give their Lester Spinet Piano to a church family. Please contact them if your family is interested.)

### HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the boxes in the rear auditorium foyer for your holiday cards. Feel free to distribute to others.

### BIRTHDAY

Ty Inman will celebrate his first birthday December 31. Please update your church calendar.

*You never know how your actions affect others - so be kind to everyone.*

### Daily Bible Reading

December 9 - 1 John 4, Daniel 5-6  
December 10 - 1 John 5, Daniel 7-9  
December 11 - 2 John-3 John, Daniel 10-12  
December 12 - Jude, Hosea 1-3  
December 13 - Revelation 1, Hosea 4-7  
December 14 - Revelation 2, Hosea 8-11  
December 15 - Revelation 3, Hosea 12-14  
December 16 - Revelation 4-5, Joel 1-3

I could use the empty envelopes from holiday cards to distribute coupons. The envelopes could be placed in my holiday card folder, instead of being thrown in the trash.

Thanks, Melva



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Our Money Talks

The Encourager, the bulletin of Calvert City Church of Christ, edited by Terry Casey shared the following:

In Sunday's edition of the San Antonio News was an interesting item. A wealthy business man is being sued by his wife for a divorce. According to a court affidavit the wife is demanding almost \$28,000 per month as a settlement. The breakdown of projected monthly expenditures was reported as follows:

Vacation	\$10,446.00
Clothing	\$6,452.00
Restaurants	\$2,600.00
Gifts	\$2,267.00
Groceries	\$1,592.00
Beauty Parlor	\$1,440.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,407.00
Furnishings	\$1,255.00
Pet Care	\$171.00
Church Charities	\$20.00

WOW! Her demands for one month are as much or more than many folks make in a year. But what stands out even more is the last figure ("church charities") as compared to the other items. It is evident where her priorities are.

This story reminded me of another story: An old dollar bill and an even older \$20 arrive at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. "I've had a pretty good life," the \$20 says. "I've been to Vegas, the finest restaurants in New York, and even on a Caribbean cruise." "You did have an exciting life!" the dollar says. "Where have you been?" the \$20 asks. "Oh, I've gone from church to church throughout my life. "Wait," the \$20 interrupts. "What's a church?"

Money talks? Maybe not verbally but if someone was to look at our checkbook it would tell what we value, what we think is important and speaks about where we spend our money.

What does our checkbook say about our relationship with God? 2 Cor. 9:6-7, reminds, "... whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

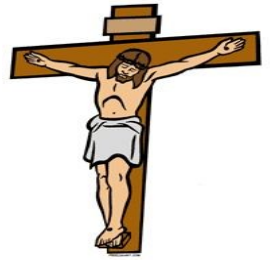
Then 1 Cor. 16:2 teaches, "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...."

No matter how much we give we must give with a cheerful heart, a pure heart, and a spirit of sacrifice. Acts 20:35 tells us it is more blessed to give than receive. As we give of our money this morning, what will our money say about our loyalty to the Lord?

(edited by Mark T. Tonkery)

# Jesus is...Savior

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-11



Today begins a four part sermon series on Jesus is.... We will be studying who Jesus is as described by the scriptures. This morning we will begin with Jesus is Savior and then the following weeks we will study how Jesus is Lord, The Christ, and the Son of God. Hope you will bring a friend and be with us for each sermon in this series.

## Jesus is Savior

### I. What is a Savior?

- A. Savior means - \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Saved from what? - \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Only \_\_\_\_\_ Savior.
  - 1) Jude 1:25 - \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Why do we need a Savior?

- A. Rom. 3:23 - \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Acts 5:31 - \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Acts 13:23 - \_\_\_\_\_
- D. 2 Timothy 1:10 - \_\_\_\_\_

### III. How can Jesus become our Savior?

- A. Mark 16:16 - \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ and you will be saved.
- B. Acts 2:38 - \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ for the remission of sins.
- C. Acts 22:16 - "What are you waiting for arise and be baptize washing away your sins."

If you believe in Jesus and have not put Christ on in baptism do so today, don't delay. There is no other Savior - only Jesus can redeem you from your sins.

**Sunday Evening Sermon**  
Do Good Works  
Scripture Reading: Titus 2:1-8



*(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).*



## Love Keeps on Going

Energizer made a very clever move when they came up with the bunny who wouldn't quit. That bunny has been drumming since 1988. Yes please – I want my battery powered devices to last thirty years. I think Energizer came up with some effective advertising by tapping into our respect for things that persevere. All the other toys around that bunny have long given up, but he just keeps going and going and so on and so forth.

We respect that. We respect those who refuse to quit. This is a quality that God likes as well: “And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good” (2 Thessalonians 3:13). You are called to just keep serving and loving and serving and loving . . . Of course, we probably don't always want to keep serving. The devil is always trying to discourage us from loving actions to varying degrees of success. His goal is to get us to think that all of our efforts are not worth it, that they won't amount to anything. He wants us to think that the people we serve will disappoint us and that our relationships are doomed to fall apart. If he is succeeding in your life I would like to direct your heart and mind to the love of God.

Has God ever quit on you? Has He, not day after day, reached out to you and encouraged you to be near Him? Of course, He has, for God is love. And love “always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” (1 Corinthians 13:7).

When you see a fighter who takes punch after punch and just keeps going you probably respect him for it. When you see a bullied kid courageously keep walking to school day after day you may cheer him on. And you should! But also cheer for the “friend who sticks closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:24). There are a lot of ways a friendship can fall apart – but the ones you really want to have are the ones who just will not give up on you. That is godly love. Respect the marriage that lasts fifty years. There are a number of ways that a marriage can fall apart, but give credit to the man who is faithful to the “wife of his youth” (Malachi 2:14). This is godly love – a love that always protects, always trusts. always hopes, and always perseveres.



### Today

All boys are invited to a holiday get-together today at 4:00. Come for fun and a gift exchange (\$10 wrapped gift). See Kyle for more details.

### 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.

### January 11-12

*The Priestly Kingdom* - (Belle Church of Christ)  
The Student Conference by Kingdom Forward is about encouraging and equipping students (middle school through college) to be a part of the King's mission.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

Deadline to sign-up December 15.

See Mark Tonkery for more information.



## TOO BUSY

Too busy to read the Bible,  
Too busy to wait and pray;  
Too busy to speak out kindly  
To someone along the way.  
Too busy with cares and struggles  
To think of the life to come,  
Too busy building mansions  
To plan for the heavenly home.  
Too busy to help a brother,  
Who faces the winter's blast,  
Too busy to share the burdens  
When self in the balance is cast.  
Too busy for all that is holy,  
On earth beneath the sky,  
Too busy to serve the Master,  
But not too busy to die.

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## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Royce Clay tells the story about an experience he once had. While he was waiting at a bus stop, an elderly lady got off the bus and walked slowly over to where he stood.

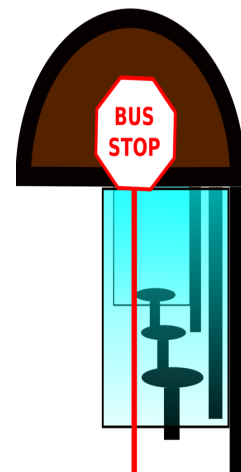
"Could you tell me when the next bus is due?" she asked. He asked where she was going. Upon hearing her reply, he exclaimed, "But you just got off a bus going to your destination."

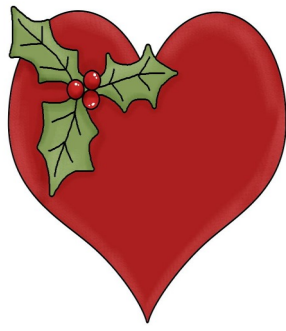
"Well," she stammered, "there was a crippled man on that bus and nobody offered him a seat. I knew he'd be embarrassed if an old lady like me got up for him, so I pretended it was time for me to get off, so he could have my seat. He wasn't embarrassed, and I well - there's always another bus.

We need more individuals like this lovely lady.

The Bible puts it this way, in Php. 2:3, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

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





## Precious Memories

Most of us, if we live long enough, will have more time to look back upon, than we have to look forward to. We will have memories of marriage, children, and grandchildren. We will smile when we think of the times spent with family, trips and holidays. A real joy will come when we contemplate with fondness the pleasures that hobbies, games, and sporting events brought us. We will remember the smell of summer rain, the barking of a pet as we came home.

Sadly some will not build the kind of life that will produce those kinds of memories. Their memories will be sordid, and sad. There will be more pain than joy, more sadness than pleasure. Their memories will bring heartache and grief.

Memories are the pictures in our minds of the life that we choose to live. No life is perfect, and all of us fail, but to have lived my life in sin, and for sin, bring memories that are dark and mean.

We are told to “redeem the time” (Ephesians and 5:16). The Psalmist encourages us to “remember how short time is” (Psalms 89:47).

So, build a life that will be a joy to look back on!

Bulletin Digest



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 16 - WE CAN BELIEVE

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, December 16

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Scott Smith

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman

Close - Josh Hall

6:00 PM - Brian Haught

Close - Chris Tallman

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Jeff Taberner

### COMMUNION

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Mike Wade  
Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Inman

2 - Doug Hershman

3 - Alisha Hershman

### PM

1. Bre Tonkery & Claire Moser

2. Delmas Carr & Bill Mills

\* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*

5. Cotton & Patty Sayre

6. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

## Facts and Figures

December 2, 2018

AM Service.....281

Bible Study.....208

PM Service.....208

Wednesday.....202

Contribution.....\$8851.00

### 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