

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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Brighten the Corner Where You Are

Helen Steiner Rice

We cannot all be famous
or be listed in "Who's Who,"
But every person great or small
has important work to do,
For seldom do we realize
the importance of small deeds
Or to what degree of greatness
unnoticed kindness leads,
For it's not the big celebrity
in a world of fame and praise,
But it's doing unpretentiously
in undistinguished ways
The work that God assigned to us,
unimportant as it seems,
That makes our task outstanding
and brings reality to dreams.
So do not sit and idly wish
for wider, new dimensions
Where you can put in practice
your many good intentions,
But at the spot God placed you
begin at once to do
Little things to brighten up
the lives surrounding you,
For if everybody brightened up
the spot on which they're standing
By being more considerate
and a little less demanding,
This dark old world would very soon
eclipse the evening star
If everybody brightened up
the corner where they are!



A special thank you to Corinna Francis for sharing a nice book of poems.

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No matter how hard life can get, always go to bed grateful for all you have.



Thinking of You with Love and Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Jim and Carolyn Henry, Jim Hughes, Nancy Inman, Phyllis Johnson, Bill and Mary 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, Mike Wade

Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), Patty Alton, David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Diane Bowling (Madeline Gregg's neighbor), Ann Duley (Niece of Gilbert and Lucille Hardman), Paul DuVall (Terry Hofmann's cousin), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Blaine Hescht, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nesselroad), Carolyn Sue Miller, 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), Kimberly Wade (Marvin and Arrahwana McMasters' daughter), Marv Williams



Please continue to remember all those mourning the loss of loved ones.

Whether your loved one passed days, weeks, months or years ago...when someone you love becomes a memory - that memory becomes a treasure.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, phone calls, texts and prayers during my recent surgery. So very much appreciated. **Mary Lemley**
- ♥ **Ira Klmes** thanks everyone for all acts of kindness shown while Nancy was in the hospital and at the time of her passing. He appreciates everything that was done for him and his family.
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for their visits, food and cards. Also for your comforting words, thoughts and prayers during the loss of my husband and our father. **Janet, Connie and Michele**
- ♥ Jim gets excited when he sorts through the junk mail and finds a card. It makes his day. Thanks so much. **Jim and Sandy Hughes**
- ♥ We want to thank the congregation for all the prayers, cards, words of kindness spoken to us and for the dinner that was provided for us at the time of my brother Joe's death and his memorial service. It meant a lot to us. **Jim Galloway and Family**
- ♥ **Bill Hoover** thanks everyone for the birthday cards and well-wishes.

News and Announcements

MEETINGS TODAY

Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting today at 4:00. Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting 5:00.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES MEETING

Todd would like to meet with all those involved in LLL this evening after services in Room 109.

SHOWER FOR BABY GIRL GRAY

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go baby shower for Josh and Brittany Gray next Sunday in the MP Room 3:00 - 5:00. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

Mark Tonkery would like to meet next Sunday after evening services in Room 109 with anyone willing to help with VBS.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is invited to the sing at Love and Care Monday, January 28 at 7:00PM.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

The first Friday Night Sing for 2019 will be February 15 at the Hopewell congregation at 7:00.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, February 18 in the MP Room 1:00-5:30PM. Sign-up sheets are on the counter.

*Thank
you*

A special THANK YOU to Herb Wright for the delicious luncheon Wednesday. The food was scrumptious!

Daily Bible Reading

January 20 - Matthew 13:24-46, Genesis 41-42

January 21 - Matthew 13:47-58, Genesis 43-44

January 22 - Mathew 14, Genesis 45-46

January 23 - Matthew 15:1-20, Genesis 47-48

January 24 - Matthew 15:21-39, Genesis 49-50

January 25 - Matthew 16, Exodus 1-3

January 26 - Matthew 17, Exodus 4-5

January 27 - Matthew 18:1-14, Exodus 6-7

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



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

God is Fighting for Us!

“Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote then with blindness according to the word of Elisha.” (2 Kings 6:16-18).

Its comforting to know that God’s army is larger than any army in the world, including Satan’s. As Christians we are fighting in a spiritual war where Satan seems to be winning (Eph. 6:10). Satan fools us into believing that he has won the battles that we face and because we believe this we often give up and quit. When Satan tries to make us give up, we need to be reminded that God is much stronger than Satan could ever imagine.

For those who trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, God will give victory over Satan. God’s precious Word tells us that Christ has the power over sin and death (Romans 8:37). Thus, by obeying His Word we as Christians can benefit from Christ’s victory. We as Christians must remember that our God is great, powerful, and almighty. When we are faced with difficult times may we remember the advice of Elisha in 2 Kings 6:16-18, “Don’t be afraid...Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

God can do amazing things when our eyes are open to His will. God will fight for us and will help us win the battles of life. **May we always remember that God is fighting for us!**

Written by Mark T. Tonkery

The Family Meal

In her book The Surprising Power of Family Meals, Miriam Weinstein explains that eating ordinary, average, everyday supper with your family is strongly linked to lower incidents of bad outcomes such as teenage drug and alcohol use, and good qualities like emotional stability. It correlates with kindergartners being better prepared to learn to read. (It even trumps getting read too.) Regular family supper helps keep kids out of hospitals. It discourages both obesity and eating disorders. It supports your staying more connected to your extended family, your ethnic heritage, your community of faith.

The 2003 survey indicates that children and teens who share dinner with their families five or more nights a week were 32% likelier never to have tried cigarettes, 45% likelier to have never tried alcohol, and 24% likelier never to have smoked marijuana. “Those who eat lots of family dinners are almost twice as likely to get A’s in school as their classmates who rarely eat as family.”

(Taken from Weinstein ads).

“My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste.”

Proverbs 24:13 (KJV)

SERMON NOTES

Life in Christ

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6,7



Paul teaches the Colossians Christians that to have life in Christ was different than the lifestyle they were living before they became a Christian. So how are we to live different after becoming a Christian?

I. We must _____ in Him

A. Col. 2:6 _____

II. We must be _____ in Him

A. Col. 2:7 _____

B. Eph. 3:17 _____

III. We must be _____ up in Him.

A. Col. 2:7 _____

B. Eph. 2:22 _____

IV. We must be _____ in Him.

A. Col. 2:7 _____

B. 2 Cor. 5:7 _____

V. We must be abounding in _____.

A. Col. 2:7 _____

B. 2 Cor. 1:5 _____



Evening Sermon

What Hath The Fool Said?

Scripture Reading: Psalms 14:1

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

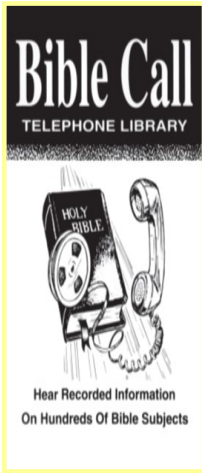


Remain With the Lord

So what would Paul say to you wonderful Christians at Camden Avenue? We talked about a few likely points he would make on Sunday based on Philippians. He would be delighted in your partnership in the gospel. He would encourage you to get along with one another. He would tell you that what matters most is Jesus and Paul would warn you against those who would try and take you away from Jesus. Now let's add one more: I am convinced that Paul would plead with you to remain faithful to the Lord. Listen to his great hope for the Philippians: "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). Now, the church at Philippi was a faithful church, but those still on earth had not yet obtained the blessing of being with Jesus forever. That good work was not yet complete.

If you are a Christian God has also begun a good work in you. You are, no doubt, experiencing many blessings because of that good work. These blessings can be lost by those who choose to turn from God. The greatest eternal blessings that are to come can be lost when God's good work is not completed. In other words, if we do not die in Christ we suffer tremendous loss. Since Paul loves the Philippians he pleads: "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:12-13). Paul made it his personal mission to pursue the goal of living with God forever and then he says "All of us who are mature should take such a view of things" (Philippians 3:15).

Paul made this plea because he loved the Philippians. Since I already love you guys allow me to make the same plea: stay faithful to the Lord! Be committed to Him always! There is nothing that breaks my heart more than to see someone I have ministered to give up on following Jesus. That's not what I want for anyone. The moment you walk away you have lost everything that eternally matters. And so my plea to every Christian who reads this is this: don't walk away. Never, ever, under any circumstances abandon Jesus. What could possibly be worth it when Jesus is worth more than all the world? Decide that you'll never walk away, show time and time again that nothing will change your commitment, and then I too will be confident that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.



304.420.2416

This is the new Bible Call number. The brochures are available in various places around the building. Pick up some to distribute to your family, friends co-workers.

**HAVE YOU CALLED BIBLE CALL THIS WEEK ?
HAVE YOU TOLD SOMEONE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?**

We are going to mail these brochures in the Parkersburg area. We will also provide information about this program on the back of the House to House magazine each mailing. We will also give brochures to area congregations so they can distribute and promote this good work. Call 304.420246 and you will receive prompts for a Bible study. See the brochures for more information.

If you have any questions, contact David Epler
304.834.1935 or 616.554.0990.



LLL Meeting

LLL meeting this evening after services in Room 109. See Todd for more information.

Traveling Youth Group

Transportation will leave next Sunday at 4:30 to join the Traveling Youth Group at the Little Hocking congregation.

Save the date!

CYC
February 21-22
Pigeon Forge

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A little boy was deathly allergic to bee stings. He became petrified when a bee flew into the car one day. His father quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand, and then released it. There, stuck in his skin was the stinger of the bee. "You see this?" he asked his son. "You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you."

You see, when, the honeybee, stings a person she loses her stinger. In hurting another, she hurts herself. It is a good reminder that offensive behavior hurts. Yet the persecutor often suffers more severely than the one persecuted. In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ said: (Matthew 5:10), "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

If those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake are "blessed," what of the one who inflicts the persecutions? He is unblessed; his shall not be the kingdom of Heaven. For better to endure persecution than to persecute!

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Series

January 24 and 31

* Each Thursday 7:00-8:00PM *

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ ~ St. Mary's, WV

Speakers: Greg Yost, Mark Tonkery, Skip Andrews, Randy Baker

January 25 and 26

Ohio Winter Lectures

Church of Christ

1130 Fishinger Road, Columbus, OH

Various Speakers

Flyers on foyer bulletin boards



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 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.



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

JANUARY 27 - BELIEVING JESUS

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, January 27

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall

Close - Stan Inman

6:00 PM - Kyle Inman

Close - Keith Smith

SCRIPTURE

AM - David Epler

PM - Ron Riddle

COMMUNION

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Chris Tallman

Ryan Highman

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber

2 - Verna Huber

3 - Josh Hall

PM

1. Steve & Linda Gray

2. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Mark & Laura Tonkery

6. Cotton & Patty Sayre

Facts and Figures

January 13, 2019

AM Service.....213

Bible Study.....177

PM Service.....189

Wednesday.....197

Contribution.....\$7663.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...5

Placed Membership.....8

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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