

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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“Come now, and let us reason together,”
says the LORD,
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be as wool.”

Isaiah 1:18

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Stan Inman
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Blessings

Your Storms are only temporary, but the Blessings of God last Forever.



Those who leave everything in God's hands will eventually see God's hands in everything.

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, Bennet Haught (Brian Haught's father), 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

SYMPATHY

We extend our condolences to Brian Haught and family in the passing of his grandmother, Lucille Straight. No arrangements at the time of this printing.

CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE

Phyllis Johnson is a patient at Belpre Landing - Room 317.
She would appreciate prayers, cards and visits.
Address: 1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714

Van Putnam would enjoy hearing from his church family with cards of encouragement. His address is: 360 Country Lane, Petroleum, WV 26161 Telephone: 304.628.3139



- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. In Christian love, **Dearll and Carol Vincent**
- ♥ Thank you for the flowers, food, cards, prayers, hugs, and all acts of kindness shown at the passing of Pat. In Christian love, **Kim Barclay and family**
- ♥ A special thank you to those who sent cards for my birthday. You certainly made my day more special. In Christian love, **Gala Miller**



LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES MEETING

Todd would like to have a LLL meeting today after worship and Bible study in Room 109.

SHOWER FOR BABY GIRL GRAY

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

Mark Tonkery would like to meet this evening after 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 tomorrow evening at 7:00.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

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

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER- GAME NIGHT

Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner - Game Night in the MP Room Friday, February 15 at 5:30. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items.

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.

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY PLANNING MEETING

All ladies are welcome to a devotional/Planning for the 2019 MOV Ladies Inspiration Day at the Lynn Street congregation February 18 at 6:30PM. The MOV Ladies Inspiration Day theme is "Love God, Love Others, Do Stuff!" and will be Saturday, April 6. Flyer on foyer bulletin boards.

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.

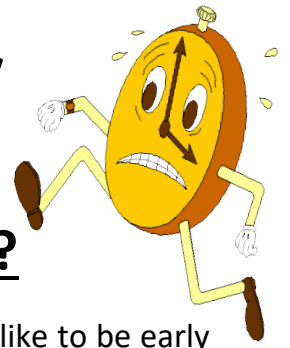
UPCOMING TOPIC

February 3 - *RESPONDING TO JESUS*

Daily Bible Reading

January 27 - Matthew 18:1-14, Exodus 6-7
January 28 - Matthew 18:15-35, Exodus 8-9
January 29 - Matthew 19, Exodus 10-12
January 30 - Matthew 20:1-16, Exodus 13-14
January 31 - Matthew 20:17-34, Exodus 15-16
February 1 - Matthew 21:1-27, Exodus 17-19
February 2 - Matthew 21:28-46, Exodus 20-21
February 3 - Matthew 22:1-22, Exodus 22-23

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Why are we tardy for worship and Bible Study?

I ask this question knowing full well that I am not always on time. Although I like to be early the fact remains that sometimes I am just plain late, because of the unexpected. I share this article, however, to ask a question: Is being late for worship and Bible Study a big deal? After all in school children get bad marks if they are tardy. If I am late in paying my bills there are certain penalties and sometimes I must pay higher interest rates. And if one is late coming to their job there is also a chance that they may get fired. So if being on time is so important in our secular world why shouldn't we pay more attention to being on time in our Christian worship and Bible study? Isn't God and spiritual matters more important than anything else in life?

What really intrigues me is the following observation about Christians' tardiness to the worship services. This observation was made not by a minister, elder, or even a Christian that we might look up to, but by an outsider, an atheist, a non-believer who is questioning the practices of believers.

Hermant Mehta is an atheist who wrote a book called; I sold My Soul on eBay. In it he describes his experiences as he visited all different kinds of churches across America-from very small to very large. He talks about the positives and the negatives of all, but in one chapter he talks about all the things that bothered him. One thing he mentions is this:

“Speaking of those who walk into church late, I want to know why they do so. Not everyone gets stuck in traffic. If church is so important, there is no reason to walk in late. In fact, if going somewhere to worship God is important, then people should arrive early. It seems completely disrespectful to me when people walk into the auditorium five or ten minutes into their service. And what's worse is when parents come in with their children, who learn by example that walking in late is not a big deal. It's just church, right? No need to get there on time. Is that what Christians want to teach their children?”

I can relate to what Hermant Mehta says, not only have I observed tardiness of Christians in the places I have preached but also as a visitor, I noticed the same thing. It is a common problem all round, but if we understand anything about God, doesn't He deserve our being punctual and our reverence. Heb 12:28-29, states, *“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”*

Doesn't God deserve better, or even our best! Isn't the first song, just as much apart of our worship as the last prayer? After all how would we feel if our children come home late for dinner or missed dinner completely? How do you think God feels when we miss part or all of the spiritual meal He offers us through worship?

We may not always be able to avoid the unexpected, but we all can do a little better job at planning ahead and preparing for worship so we will not disrespect God, miss a spiritual meal, interrupt others worship, and not allow our tardiness to become a persistent bad habit which is only passed on to our children.

[Adopted from the Park Ave. Church of Christ's bulletin in Charleston, WV]

SERMON NOTES

Working in the Service of God
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:11-16



I. Christ gave:

- Some as _____
- Some as _____
- Some as _____
- Some as _____

II. To equip the saints:

- For _____
- For _____

III. Until we all attain:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Evening Sermon

Who wrote the Bible?

Scripture reading: 2 Timothy 3:16.17

NOTE FROM MARK

Next week (February 2-7) Doug will be speaking Sunday morning and evening as well as on Wednesday for the morning and evening Bible Classes. I will be at the Freed Hardeman Lectureships. If you need anything during the week, please contact our elders or Doug.

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



We Will Be Together

I have to confess something to you guys. Tuesday nights are brutal. My wife and kids are currently staying with my in-laws in Zanesville while we wait for our house to sell. The current routine is for me to leave Parkersburg for Zanesville after church (and whatever meeting) on Sunday night, stay for a couple days, and leave . . . you guessed it . . . Tuesday evening. It is on the dreaded Tuesday evening when I give them a big hug and tell them I'll see them in five days. Five days! Bleh. Two thoughts help me through that moment. One: God willing, I'll see them in five days. Two: This situation only continues until my house sells, and then we get to be together just about every day.

All this is nothing against the wonderful people here at Camden Avenue. My new church family has done everything possible to make me feel at home. In fact, when I was away from home on my birthday someone bought me a couple of nice presents and someone else bought me a birthday cake. (You know who you are). You can't ask for more than that! In fact, I get hit on both ends of my trip because I'm also sad to leave you guys and miss out on the beginning of the week things going on here. It is going to be so wonderful when my family life and my church and work life are brought back together. It will be so wonderful when there aren't so many sad departures.

I'm fully aware I'm not the only one to experience this. Many of you have had this issue when you moved. Surely most of you know the difficulty of some family member moving to a different part of the country, or some close friend being transferred to a job that is hours away. This world makes a strong effort to force relationships apart. Not so with God! He does many things to bring people together. When there are two God seeks to make them one in Christ (see Galatians 3:28 and John 17:20-23). When some conflict comes up that threatens to drive people apart God desires peacemakers (Matthew 5:9) who make working things out a priority (Matthew 5:23-24). And even better than all this, my hope turns to the place where there will be no more departures, no separations. In this place there is no sorrow, only the joy of the Lord. I look forward to my house selling but I hope even more for the day when together "we will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Praise God that there will be such a day!

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SCHEDULE

2019 Monday Night Merge ~ 7:00PM

Topic: 6 Tips to Avoiding Temptation

February 4 - Pray

Waverly congregation

February 11 - Study

North End congregation

February 18 - Examine Yourself

Sunrise congregation

February 25 - Flee Temptation

Lower Paw Paw congregation

March 4 - Don't Get Discouraged

Camden Avenue congregation

March 11 - Confess and Repent

OVU (Hosted by Latrobe Street congregation)

Flyer on foyer bulletin boards

Traveling Youth Group

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

Challenge Youth Conference

February 21-22

Pigeon Forge

2019 YOUTH RALLY

March 8 -9

North End Church of Christ

Keynote Speaker: Lonnie Jones

Friday 6:30PM, Saturday 8:45AM

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

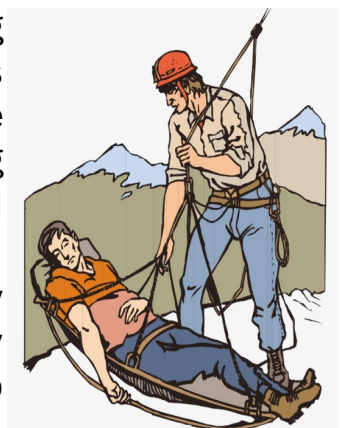
An Alpine climber, after facing the blinding snowstorm and freezing blasts of night air, almost ready to perish, came across a heap in his pathway, and found it to be a human body half-buried in the snow. The climber immediately began to uncover the person and began warming the man with the warmth of his own body. By doing this the climber and the man in the snow were both saved from the extreme cold.

Have we grown cold in our spiritual life? Cold by inaction, chilled by indifference, or frosted by anger? Oh, it is true we are often hurt by people, but it is people God works through to bring us healing and help us to overcome.

1 Timothy 4:16 reminds us, "Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers,"

It is true that sometimes by helping others that we ourselves may be helped.

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, February 3

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Len Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - David Epler

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Patrick Rine

Close - Ryan Gaston

6:00 PM - Steve Moser

Close - Dustin Hughes

SCRIPTURE

AM - Kody Inman

PM - Dearll Vincent

COMMUNION

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Bill Hoover

Scott Johnson

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Allen Coe

2 - Dave Nulter

3 - Lois Nulter

PM

1. Jon & Brandi Hescht

2. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Doug Wells & Bill Mills

6. Chris & Debbie Tallman

Facts and Figures

January 20, 2019

AM Service.....186

Bible Study.....131

PM Service.....159

Wednesday.....194

Contribution.....\$7578.00

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



An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, and truth."

The boy thought about it, and asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

The old man quietly replied, "The one you feed."

Author unknown



Bible Call ~ 304.420.2416

Answers to Bible questions and prompts for Bible studies

Brochures are available in the foyers with details. Feel free to distribute to family, friends, and co-workers.

Any questions, see David Epler or contact him at 304.834.1945 or 616.554.0990.



Thank you for worshipping with us!

Winter Series

January 31 ~ 7:00-8:00PM

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

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

Flyer on foyer bulletin boards