

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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♥ Love is a gift from God. ♥

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19



Dear friends, let us love one another,
for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God
and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Elders:

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John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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*Let all that
you do be
done in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:14



Frequently remind yourself that God is with you, that He will never fail you, and that you can always count upon him.

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, 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), David Lawson, 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 Arrahwanna McMasters' daughter), Marv Williams

The Arbors - Colleen Ash (No visits, please.)

Belpre Landing - Phyllis Johnson Room 317

Parkersburg Care on Gihon Road - Jim Henry

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thanks to everyone who sent me the beautiful birthday and holiday cards and pictures of the church family and their children. I keep them all. I love all the sweets and especially the guys singing Happy Birthday to me. That was really great! Love, **Donna McConnell**
- ♥ Thanks to all who sent birthday cards and wishes for Sam and me. The ones for Sam were appreciated especially - by him and me. **Rosemary Merrill**
- ♥ **Ira Kimes** thanks everyone for the cards and everything at the passing of Nancy. His note says God bless all of you! Your brother in Christ, **Ira Kimes**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the use of your building for Joe's service. And for the nice luncheon provided by the ladies. Joe had thought of C.A. as his home congregation for the past years. In Him, **Barbara Galloway**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, gifts and all the greetings for my birthday, With love, **Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ A special thanks for all the birthday wishes and a belated thanks for the holiday and anniversary cards. They were all greatly appreciated. **Herb and Joyce Wright**
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone who attended our baby shower, and to let everyone know how grateful we are for the wonderful gifts. In Christian love, **Josh and Brittany Gray**
- ♥ To my Christian friends for the Christmas cards and gifts and my birthday cards and gifts thanks very much. **Betty Lamb**
- ♥ Receiving the birthday cards were appreciated much. Thank you! **Merilee Morgan**

Thank you to **Gwen Johnson** for preparing the communion bread for January.



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;
as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:34

LADIES MEETING

Ladies meeting today at 5:00 in the MP Room. All ladies are welcome as we meet to begin planning the Ladies Tea.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 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.

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 February 18 at 6:30PM at the Lynn Street congregation. The MOV Ladies Inspiration Day will be Saturday, April 6. Flyer on foyer bulletin boards.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER UPDATE

MNFTM will meet March 18 at 5:30 in the MP Room. More details will be available.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! Our VBS will be July 8-10 from 6:30-8:00PM.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Geraldine Pahl will celebrate her birthday February 8. The address is: 1586 South Pleasant Hill Road, Belleville, WV 26133.

Daily Bible Reading

February 3 - Matthew 22:1-22, Exodus 22-23
February 4 - Mathew 22:23-46, Exodus 24-25
February 5 - Matthew 23:1-22, Exodus 26-27
February 6 - Mathew 23:23-39, Exodus 28-29
February 7 - Matthew 24:1-28, Exodus 30-31
February 8 - Matthew 24:29-51, Exodus 32-33
February 9 - Mathew 25:1-13, Exodus 34-35
February 10 - Matthew 25:14-46, Exodus 36-37

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 10 - *READ THE BIBLE*



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

His Nature to Save

An old Indian used to meditate every morning on the banks of a river. One day, when he finished meditating, he saw a scorpion floating helplessly on the water, close to drowning. As the scorpion came near, the old man reached out to rescue it. When he touched it, however, the scorpion stung him. Instantly, the man withdrew his hand. But soon he tried to save the scorpion again. This time it stung him so severely with its poisonous tail that his hand began to swell and bleed, and his face contorted with pain. At that point, a bystander saw what was happening and said, "Hey, stupid old man, what's wrong with you? Only a fool would risk his life for such an ugly, evil creature. Don't you know you could kill yourself trying to save an ungrateful scorpion?" Looking the bystander straight in the eye, the old man replied, "My friend, just because it's the scorpion's nature to sting does not change my nature to save."

How many times have we "stung" our Lord, Jesus Christ with the sting of sin? A careless word, thoughts of lust, greed, selfishness, and the list could go on and on of the numerous sins that you and I commit that only "sting" and hurt our Lord, who loves us so very much. Yet the Bible reminds us in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." John 3:16 puts it this way, "For God so loved the world that he gave his and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

The Bible tells us that Jesus loves so much that He was willing to lay down His life to die on the cross. Not only did Jesus show us His great love for us, but the crucifixion also accomplished the eternal plan of God to provide salvation from our sins. Although He had committed no sin, Jesus "bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed" (1 Peter 2:22-24).

Although our sin "stung" Christ when He died, it also became a great blessing – as it became the means of salvation to all who will: place their trust in Jesus (Hebrews 11:6), repent of sin (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), be baptized (immersed) so that their sins can be forgiven (Acts 2:38), AND live faithfully to Him until death (Revelation 2:10). Sometimes, even after we have become a Christian, we still "sting" Christ with our sins. 1 John 1:7-10 reminds us to confess our sins and continue to live in the light of Christ. It does not make sense, but the very hands that have saved us are the ones that we sometimes harm.

Although this is true, it is still the nature of Christ to save.

SERMON NOTES
Can We Keep Our Kids?
Scripture Reading: John 10:27-28



1: In this corrupt world, what chance do your kids have to stay faithful?

2: What are some things that are true about the statement, “most of our young people will leave the church”?

3: How many young people leaving is too many? _____

4: What are three things that we can do to encourage the youth to stay faithful?

5: What do you need to do to be a better example to the younger generation?

Evening Sermon
The Way to Stand
Scripture Reading: Psalm 1:6

Doug will be speaking both times today and Wednesday for the morning and evening Bible classes.
Mark will be at the Freed Hardeman Lectureships.
Please pray for Mark and his family as he is away.

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



With Our Kids Forever

My youngest daughter Ayla turned six this week. This meant more cupcakes in my life, which is good . . . but it also meant she broke a previous agreement with her mother to stay five forever. I suppose that should have been expected. She broke the agreement to stay four forever the previous year. Now why do we do that? Why do we have this kind of wishful thinking that our kids will just stay young? Perhaps it's just because little kids are just so cute. Or maybe it is also an awareness of the dangers our child is sure to face when mom and dad can no longer shelter them from most of this world's temptations. After all, Peter's plea for the people to "save [themselves] from this corrupt generation" (Acts 2:40) is still very relevant today. We certainly hope our kids make that good choice.

Christian parents know that they are to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6). And my wife and I try. When the church doors are open for services that's where we go. We pray with them, we talk about memory verses, we try to explain . . . through various means . . . which behaviors please God and which don't. So, is it enough? Have we established a family tradition where "me and my house will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15)? I certainly hope so! That is my prayer. If any of my children do leave the Lord's way it will break my heart.

I love my kids. Maybe another reason why we joke about them staying young forever is we want to be with them. When a kid is little you're with them all the time. Later they go to school, and they're gone for hours five days a week. Later still they go to college and/or get married and our time together is down to visits. Even though I know that starting their own home is what God intends for them I'm sure I'll be sad to see them go. However, as long as they stay faithful to God, I will be consoled by God's promises. God says that he is preparing a new home, and in that home we will be together forever (see John 14:1-3). THAT is why I do everything I can think of to help my children go the right way. Ayla didn't stay five forever but I pray that soon we will be in a place where age no longer matters . . . forever.

Youth Events

2019 Monday Night Merge

7:00PM - 9:00PM

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

Challenge Youth Conference - February 22-24



A Prayer for Healing for Our Hurting America

Dear Heavenly Father,
The news lately is devastating. So many people are hurting, angry, bitter, have hate for others, and the violence and sin in our world.

You are the only answer to the destruction. Please, Father, help our government leaders look to you. We pray for strength for them. Remind us that you are in control, you hear our cries, and mourn with us.

Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers and blessing us. We ask for peace in these troubling times as we wait for your return.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

When Moses was teaching the Lord's Law in Deut. 6:7 he stated, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Timothy's mother and grandmother took these words to heart. In 2 Timothy 3:15 we see that from childhood Timothy was acquainted with the teachings of scripture and it made him wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Teaching of scripture made all the difference in Timothy's life.

Yet some parents say, "We will not influence our children to make choices and decisions in the matter of religion."

I wonder why not?

The media will. The liquor industry will. The movies will. The drug dealers will. The television and internet will. The schools will.

We use our influence in training flowers, in training vegetables, and in training animals - do you think we should ignore our children?

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





Remember our these shut-ins in your prayers and with cards.

Love and Care

Zoe Byrum, Mildred Gault
PO Box 1512
Parkersburg, WV 26102

Belpre Landing

Phyllis Johnson
1915 Hill Street
Belpre, OH 45714

Worthington Nursing Care

Jane Pralley (Room E29A)
2675 36th Street
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Ohio Valley Care and Rehab.

Myrtle Metz
222 Nicolette Road
Parkersburg, WV 26104

The Arbors

Colleen Ash (No visits, please.)
Pat Burkey
400 Seventh Street
Marietta, OH 45750

Harmar Place

Bob Smith
401 Harmar Street
Marietta, OH 45750

The Willows

Doris Newberry
723 Summers Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Willow Brook Christian Community

Kathleen Albright
100 Delaware Crossing West
Delaware, OH 43015

Pleasant Acres Christian Haven

Valeria Sprout
41 Pleasant Acre Drive
Fairmont, WV 26554

Parkersburg Care - Genesis Care

Jim Henry
1716 Gihon Road
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Other shut-ins and members unable to attend services will be featured in an upcoming bulletin.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

We praise God, build each other up and encourage one another as we blend our voices, pray, partake of the Lord's Supper, give of our means, and hear a message and study God's Word.

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.



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, February 10

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Len Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - David Epler

Close - Cody Hoover

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Ron Holleron

SCRIPTURE

AM - Kevin Inman

PM - Gary Alton

COMMUNION

AM - Ray Peters

PM - Ryan Gaston

Mike Wade

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade

2 - Paul Saunders

3 - Dennis Keller

PM

1. Chris & Terry Hofmann

2. Todd & Annette Kirk

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Mary Daniel & Barbara Cramlet

6. Leon & Judy Hupp

Facts and Figures

January 27, 2019

AM Service.....252

Bible Study.....186

PM Service.....181

Wednesday.....92

Contribution.....\$7491.00

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