

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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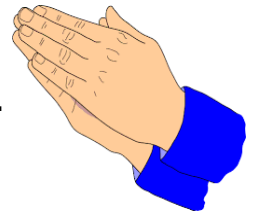
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Broken things can become **blessed things** if you let God do the mending.

Prayer is the most important conversation of your day. Take it to God before you take it to anyone else.



Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Jim and Carolyn Henry, Jim Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Annette Kirk, 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), 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)

Remember the following in your prayers and with cards as they recuperated from recent medical procedures.

- ♥ Bob Armstrong
- ♥ Annette Kirk

Sue VanCamp is scheduled for a medical procedure Tuesday. Remember her with prayers and cards.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Lucille Hardman and family in the passing of her sister, Eulah Whipkey. Visitation will be today 2:00-4:00 at Sunset Funeral Home. Her service will be there at 11:00 tomorrow. Remember them in your prayers,.



- ♥ Thank you to Sandy Hughes for preparing the communion bread this month.

I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH
CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH.

PHILLIPPIANS 4:13



MEMBERSHIP

Chris and Patty Mullins have transferred their membership to the Rockport congregation. Kim Barclay has placed her membership with the North End congregation. Jerry and Shelly Todd are worshipping at other area congregations.

RESTORED - PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We rejoice that Gene Dulaney was restored and placed membership with us. He will be in Care Group 2. We are glad to have him worshipping with us. Let's all welcome him.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send students to the convention, see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Night For The Master will meet March 18 at 5:45 in the MP Room.

Vacation Bible School - July 8-10 6:30-8:00 each evening

Daily Bible Reading

February 24 - Mark 4:1-25, Leviticus 24-25

February 25 - Mark 4:26-41, Leviticus 26

February 26 - Mark 5:1-20, Leviticus 27

February 27 - Mark 5:21-43, Numbers 1-2

February 28 - Mark 6:1-29, Numbers 3-4

March 1 - Mark 6:30-56, Numbers 5-6

March 2 - Mark 7:1-23, Numbers 7

March 3 - Mark 7:24-37, Numbers 8



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



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Winning Souls for Christ

Proverbs 11:30 states, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that wins souls is wise.”

The New Testament continues to emphasize the winning of souls by teaching us to make disciples in Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15-16. Once one has been won to Christ, we are to continue being taught. In Acts 2:42 it tells us to be devoted to the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer. Acts 8:39 tells us to continue to rejoice in our salvation. In I Corinthians 1:17 it tells us to keep preaching the gospel. When each Christian makes disciples, teaching the gospel, fellowshiping, praying, rejoicing and serving we will win souls. According to Acts 2:47 and Acts 16:5 the church continued to win souls daily.

When was the last time you “won a soul for Christ”? When was the last time you taught someone the scriptures about how to become a Christian? When was the last time you saw a person baptized and become a new creation in Christ? When was the last time you at least invited someone to worship services?

We have seen the church winning souls in the past and now it is time to get back to winning souls for Christ. Unfortunately, too many Christians are just baptized and are not involved in the work of winning souls for Christ. Far too many Christians, have not been taught that Christianity is a total conversion and commitment to the cause of Christ, which includes winning souls for Christ.

One’s conversion is just the beginning of one’s salvation. God wants our whole hearts, minds, bodies, and actions. He wants us to be totally converted to His cause. God wants every Christian doing and modeling His will in our daily lives. “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” (Gal. 2:20) Can this statement be our statement, have we crucified our souls, minds, hearts, bodies, and actions with Christ? Are we totally committed to Christ and winning souls for the Kingdom of God?

Written by Mark T. Tonkery

Thank you note

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, Facebook notes, and wished me a Happy Birthday! It is so nice to be apart of a loving church family. May God bless each of you!

Thank you, Mark T. Tonkery

Adult Bible Class

Wednesday Night Auditorium Class starting March 6, I will be continuing what I started in the MP Room on the book of Revelation. March 6, I will give an overview of the Book of Revelation up to the information I have covered so far. The Book of Revelation is always an interesting study and if this study interests you then I invite you come to the Wed.

Night Auditorium Class beginning March 6 at 7p.m. ~Mark T. Tonkery

David Epler will preaching at both services today in Mark's absence.
Mark and his family and Doug and his family are at CYC.

SERMON NOTES

"LOVEST THOU ME"

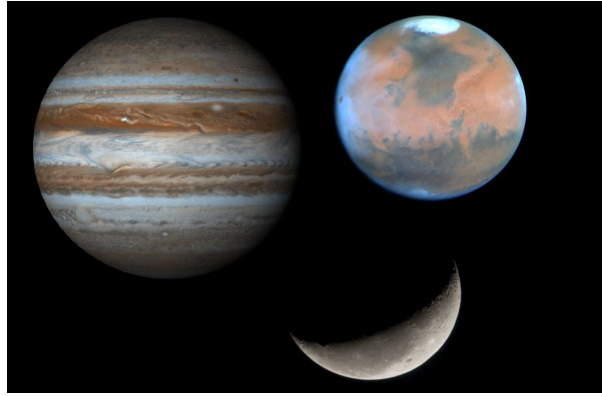
John 21:15-17

- A. "Lovest thou Me" a very searching question.
- B. Simon had three times denied the Lord.
1. Peter had professed a greater attachment to Jesus.
 - a. **John 13:6-8** _____
 - b. **Matthew 26:31-33** _____
 - c. **Matthew 26:51** _____
 - d. **John 21:7** _____
 2. Yet the question **John 21:15**
- I. Genuine Christian has true love for Christ
1. Worship is not just a habit - But _____
 2. Not just a Sunday Christian - But _____
- A. True Christians religion is in His _____
and _____. It is felt in the _____ and seen by others in his _____.
- B. True Christians love Christian Pre-eminently **Eph. 6:24**
1. Because of what Christ _____
 2. Because of what Christ _____
- II. If we really Love Christ
- A. Will _____ **Jn. 14:15, 21, 23, I Jn. 2:4-5**
- B. Want to be _____ **Matt. 18:20, I Cor. 10:16; 11:26; Heb. 10-25, Ph. 13:20, I John 3:2**
- C. We will want to _____. **Matt. 18:19-20, Heb. 4:14-16, Js. 5:16, I Peter 3:12**
1. We want those who love us to _____ to us. **Ps. 1:1-2, 19:7-11; 119:97**
- D. Glad to bring _____ to those we love. **Matt. 2:11**
1. What kind of giver does Jesus want? _____ **II Cor 9:7**
- E. We are willing to _____ for His cause. **Jn. 3:16, Gal. 1:4, Eph. 5:1-2, I Jn. 4:10**
Give bodies _____ **Rom. 12:1**
This is your _____ service.
- F. We will forgo and abandon anything that will bring _____ on the name of Christ.
I Cor. 10:31-33, Matt. 18:6, Rom. 14:21, 15:1-2, I Cor. 8:9-13
- G. We will love all of Christ disciples **I Jn. 5:1**, Same family **I Jn. 3:14-15; 4:7-8, 20**
- The text - background **Matt. 26:31, 33-35; 26:69-75, Jn. 21:15-17**
- Two Greek words "Agapas" **Jn. 3:16, Eph. 5:25**
- Deep devotion, love devotedly, affectionately ardently.
 - "Phileo" 'to befriend, to like, promoted by emotion.'
- First two times Jesus asked "Do you "Agapas?"
Peter answered I "Phileo."
- Third time Jesus said do you "Phileo?"
- How can you see "Phileo" for Christ in your life? _____
- How can you see "Agapas" in your life for Christ? _____
- Do you really love the Lord?
- Two ends **I Cor. 16:22, Js. 1:12 -**

Evening Service

Topic: Characteristics of A Soul Winner

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



The Work of God's Fingers

I have been fascinated with space ever since I was a kid. Call me a nerd if you must, I just can't hide my sense of wonder when I consider all that God has made. I still remember being introduced to the planets in grade school. After the first lesson I ended up heading to the library to get everything they had on space so I could binge read planet books. If I remember right the teacher ended up letting me teach a class on one of the planets. The nerdiness was (is?) indeed great. However, before you judge too harshly don't forget that David was amazed by the same thing. He once said "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" (Psalm 8:3-4).

Can you picture God shaping a planet or a star with His fingers? I mean . . . I'm a little proud of myself when I make something that slightly resembles a horse out of Play-Doh. That's the limit of what I can make with my fingers, but God designs galaxies containing billions of stars! He definitely wins all the art contests. I become a little sad when Atheists and Agnostics try and capture the wonder of space for their own purposes. There's a message out there that goes something like "you don't need God to satisfy your sense of wonder, just look at the stars." How sad to try and separate the creation from the creator! Instead of being a distraction FROM God the stars and planets should point us TO the one God who made it all.

What is in your heart when you consider the heavens? What goes through your mind when you look at the moon and the stars? My prayer is that your heart and mind turn toward God. I pray you are compelled to give God glory. Don't make the mistake of looking at the work of God's fingers and not coming to the obvious conclusion that God is great. When the people of the past failed to give God glory for these things "their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:21). So yes, I love space. I always have. But what I love most about space is the lights of the heavens point me to the light of God. Give God praise if that's also true for you.



Betty Lamb was recently honored with a certificate for her 23 years of service as a American Red Cross volunteer. She has been a great asset to our church Blood Drives for many years.

Thank you, Betty!



We had a very good Blood Drive this time. We were able to collect 25 pints. This will directly help 75 or more people.

Thanks to all who gave and those who worked the drive: Pat and Bev Rine, Verna Huber, Mike Wade, Jo Goldsmith, and Karen Life. A special thanks to Sandy and Jim Hughes for the cookies and John Life for helping with the clean up.

The next Blood Drive will be August 26. Plan now to donate.

Marion Goldsmith

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

On September 7, 1995, Cal Ripkin, shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles, became the first man in baseball history to play in 2,131 consecutive games. When asked why he was always there and never missed a game, he said it was because he wanted to be there.

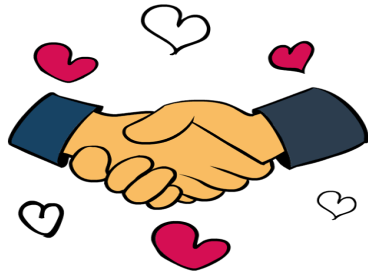
There was a lady from Augusta, Georgia, who had not missed Bible class or worship services in 44 years. Then there was a man who was an elder of the church in New Orleans. He owned a chain of restaurants, and had been president of 33 different business and civic organizations. Yet, he never missed one service of the Church.

Why did these two individuals never miss worship services? The same reason Cal Ripkin never missed a game; because they wanted to be there.

Whether we realize it or not, 99% of all we do in life is because we want to. In the Bible, Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15)

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





Show your appreciation to others.

- Let Mark and Doug know that we appreciate them and what they do in their work at Camden Avenue. Let's not forget their families. We love and appreciate them.
- Show your gratitude to our Elders. 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.
- Let your family know you appreciate and love them.

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

2019 Monday Night Merge
7:00PM - 9:00PM

Topic: 6 Tips to Avoiding Temptation


- 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

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
March 3 - IN GOD

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:15 for the sing at the Bridgeport congregation.

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Sign schedules and bus schedules are available in the foyers.

Opportunities To Serve
Sunday, March 3

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman
PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Walter Morgan
Close - John Hall
6:00 PM - Chris Tallman
Close - Rick Stanley

SCRIPTURE

AM - Rob Hoover
PM - Bob Armstrong

COMMUNION

AM - Mark Tonkery
PM - Donovan Walton
Patrick Rine

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Tammy Kerns
2 - Herb Wright
3 - Joyce Wright

PM

1. Clayton & Verna Huber
2. Steve & Linda Gray
- * Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *
5. Bill & Rosemary Merrill
6. Addie Miller & Betty Lamb

Facts and Figures

February 17, 2019

AM Service.....253
Bible Study.....189
PM Service.....198
Wednesday.....173
Contribution.....\$5892.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested Prayers....1
Placed Membership.....1

Services Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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