

# 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.

**Bible Call 304.420.2416** - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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Our Vacation Bible School is fast approaching  
**July 8 - 10 ~ 6:30 - 8:00 each evening.**

Cradle Roll through Adult classes

Come and join us and bring others as we grow to become more like Christ, the true superhero of faith!

### Elders:

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
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

### Ministers:

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Life isn't about  
finding yourself,  
it is about  
discovering who God  
created you to be.



### Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gary Farris, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

### Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Mark Berry, Don & Sheri Blackwell, Bob Crawford, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Sherry Haddox, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Rose Higginbotham (Aunt to Debi Inman and Patrick Rine), Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brian & Judy Hunter (Kelly & Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), David Lawson, Carolyn Sue Miller, Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter)



### Dearll Vincent - Belpre Landing (Room 201)

Address: 1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714

He enjoys receiving cards. Let him know we love and appreciate him. (No visits.)



- ♥ During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. **The Family of Richard Deem**
- ♥ A Special Thanks for helping us celebrate our 29<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – Love & Hugs, **Ron & Peggy Riddle !**
- ♥ A note of thanks for our anniversary cards (56 years). We enjoyed reading them all. **Jim and Charlotte**

Thank you **Jo Goldsmith** and **Annette Kirk** for the summer bulletin boards around the church building. They look great!!!!





### MEETINGS TODAY

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

### LOVE AND CARE SING

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

### WEDNESDAY 11:00AM BIBLE CLASS JUNE 26

Everyone is encouraged to attend the 11:00AM Wednesday Bible study this week. Mark will continue the study on prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch following this class at Fort Boreman Park. Bring your brown bag or fast food lunch.

### WEDDING SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go wedding shower for Evan Fleak and Aimee Barbeau in the MP Room next Sunday from 2:00-4:00. They are registered at Walmart, Kohl's, Pier 1 and JCPenney's.

### NORTHEAST CONGREGATION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - PLANNING MEETING

Mark would like to meet next Sunday at 5:00 in Room 109 with anyone willing to help with this mission work. This is the church where Dana Slingluff preaches in Galena, OH. We plan to conduct their VBS August 2, 3, 4. More details are with the sign-up sheet on the counter.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER - VBS WORK EVENING

MNFTM will meet in the MP Room July 1 at 5:45 dinner/6:20 devo and work projects. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for dinner attendance count and food items. Everyone welcome.

### EVANGELISM - VISITATION CLASS JULY 15

The Wednesday evening Visitation/Evangelism class will take a new phase with class training and assignments for anyone interested in this work. The class will begin Monday, July 15 at 6:30PM in the MP Room. Any questions, see Ron Riddle, David Epler or any of the Elders.

### BIBLE BOWL COACH NEEDED

A Bible Bowl coach is needed for our 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade team. Let Mark Tonkery know if you would be willing to coach this team.

CHURCH PICNIC - August 17      *Save the date!*



### **Bible Call 304.420.2416**

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Keep up the good work of telling others about this program. Brochures are in the foyers.

Distribute to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

June 23 - Acts 2:1-21, 1 Ch 26-27

June 24 - Acts 2:22-47, 1 Ch 28-29

June 25 - Acts 3, 2 Ch 1-3

June 26 - Acts 4:1-22, 2 Ch 4-6

June 27 - Acts 4:23-37, 2 Ch 7-8

June 28 - Acts 5:1-16, 2 Ch 9-11

June 29 - Acts 5:17-42, 2 Ch 12-14

June 30 - Acts 6, 2 Ch 15-17



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Are you ready to live?

Are you ready to live? Often, we get so busy with life that we forget to prepare to live. Maybe you can picture the following in your mind.

Agony claws my mind. I am a statistic. When I first got here, I felt very much alone. I was overwhelmed by grief, and I expected to find sympathy. I found no sympathy. I saw only thousands of others whose bodies were as badly mangled as mine. I was given a number and places in a category. This was called "Traffic Fatalities." The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus! But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheeled the car out for Mom. "Special Favor," I pleaded. "All the kids drive." When the 2:50 p.m. bell rang, I threw my books into the locker. Free until tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss. It doesn't matter how the accident happened, I was goofing off – going too fast, and taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard a crash and felt a terrific jolt. Glass and steel everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream. Suddenly, I awakened. It was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. And pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over. Strange that I could not feel anything. HEY! I cried. Don't put that sheet over my head. I can't be dead. I'm only 17. I've got a date tonight. I'm supposed to have a wonderful life ahead of me. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead. Later I was placed in a drawer. My folks came to identify my body. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked very old. He told the man in charge, "Yes – That is our son." The funeral was weird. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. And a few girls touched my hand as they walked away. Please – somebody – wake me up! Get me out of here. I can't bear to see Mom and Dad in such pain. My grandparents are so weak from grief they can barely walk. My brother and sister are like zombies. They move like robots. In a daze. Everybody. No one can believe this. I can't believe it either. I'M SO UN-PREPARED TO BE DEAD. Please don't bury me. I'm not dead. I have a lot of living to do. I want to laugh and play again. I want to sing and run once again. Please don't put me in the ground. I promise if you give me just one more chance God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance. Please God, I'm only 17 (Story Written By: John Berrio).

Are you ready to live? This young man thought he was living, living life to its fullest, yet he was not ready to die. We never know when that day may come when our life on this earth will be no more. So, I ask again are you ready to live, live for eternity? It is important that we prepare ourselves for the next life. Jesus says in John 14:2-3, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also." Although Jesus does the preparing, we must respond to what He is doing. Mark 16:16 proclaims, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Are you ready to live? Live for eternity in Heaven.

By Mark T. Tonkery



## SERMON NOTES

# Honesty

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:9-10

Colossians 3:9-10, "Do not \_\_\_\_\_ to each other, since you have taken \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ self with its practices and have put on the \_\_\_\_\_ self, which is being \_\_\_\_\_ in knowledge in the image of its \_\_\_\_\_."

I. So, what happens when people lie?

A. We get into \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Genesis 3:1-4 - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Isaiah 59:2, "but your \_\_\_\_\_ have made a \_\_\_\_\_ between you and your God, and your \_\_\_\_\_ have hidden his \_\_\_\_\_ from you so that he does not hear."

3. Acts 5:1-11 - \_\_\_\_\_

B. What happens when we lie?

1. John 8:44, states "You \_\_\_\_\_ to your father, the \_\_\_\_\_, and you want to carry out your fathers desire. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning, \_\_\_\_\_ holding to the \_\_\_\_\_, for there is no \_\_\_\_\_ in him. When he \_\_\_\_\_ he speaks his native language, for he is a \_\_\_\_\_ and the father of \_\_\_\_\_."

A) Genesis 39:13-20 - \_\_\_\_\_

B) 1 Kings 21 - \_\_\_\_\_

C) Others like - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Lying hurts \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

A) Revelation 22:15 - \_\_\_\_\_

II. But what if we tell the truth?

A. Ruth 2:17-18 - \_\_\_\_\_

B. Job 31:4 - \_\_\_\_\_

C. Paul - \_\_\_\_\_

D. Mark 11:25 - \_\_\_\_\_

E. Colossians 3:9-10 - \_\_\_\_\_

F. Numbers 23:19 - \_\_\_\_\_

G. Titus 1:2 - \_\_\_\_\_

H. Hebrews 6:18 - \_\_\_\_\_

I. Psalms 15:1-2 - \_\_\_\_\_

J. Ephesians 4:25 - \_\_\_\_\_

III. Why is \_\_\_\_\_ so important to God?

A. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. We \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ to teach the Gospel.

# DOUG'S DISCUSSION



## Shining Like Lights

I think lighthouses are fascinating. They stand there on the shore to be a light for those at sea. They are a beacon to show others the way through dangerous waters. They help people safely get home. Without their help over the years who knows how many more sailors would have been lost? Yep, I love lighthouses. It's official.

I also love it when people do the same thing. Listen to this: "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life" (Philippians 2:14-16). Christians, we are children of God. And we are called to live by the standards found in the Word of God. And those standards are SO different from the world's that if we live by them we will stick out. But I mean that in a good way – the Word says that you will "shine like stars". Live by the Word and you will have such good character that people will wonder what's wrong with you. In a good way. And if anyone's interested we "hold out the Word of life".

God set the boundary between the land and the sea. And that boundary doesn't change based on whether it's dark or light. If the lighthouse stops working you can't see the shoreline, but you certainly can still run into it. God also set the boundaries between what is right and what is wrong. Not knowing where these boundaries are doesn't mean they're not there. And crossing them can be painful for us and for others. So, as loving Christian people, we need to be lighthouses shining the way, helping people be safe. We need to show people the way home.

Written by Doug Wells

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## PROPER PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RECEIPTS

When you purchase items using church funds or are submitting receipts for reimbursement, the receipts must include: where the item(s) were purchased, your name, what the items are for, and the date. Receipts should be given to Jim Galloway or placed in his mailbox in the office promptly for payment or reimbursement.





## Bible Camp

### WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

WVCYC at Pennsboro starts this week with College Week and goes through the end of July. You can check the dates and registration form at: <https://www.wvcyc.com/media/16>. Mark will be teaching and working All Age Week July 21-27. They would love to have as many campers as possible. Let Mark know if you have questions.

### OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

Intermediate Week ~ June 23 - 28

Registration forms in the foyers.



### King's Island Trip

The trip will be Monday, July 29.

Be here at 6:45AM so we can leave at 7:00AM.  
We will leave the park at 8:00PM.

\$44.50 per person, includes ticket and fees

Give money to Doug Wells by July 14.

Sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to go.



## Congratulations to Bre Tonkery!

She placed FIRST in the Girls Bible Bowl at OVCYC Senior Week!  
Way to go, Bre!

## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

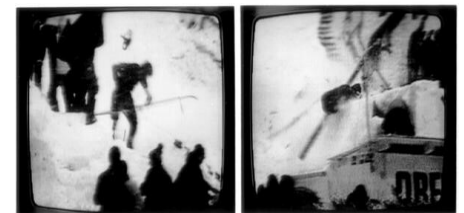
Heard on 910 AM WLTP

For years, the opening of "The Wide World of Sports" television program illustrated "the agony of defeat" with a painful ending to an attempted ski jump. The skier appeared in good form as he headed down the jump, but then, for no apparent reason, he tumbled head over heels off the side of the jump, bouncing off the supporting structure.

What viewers didn't know was that he chose to fall rather than finish the jump. Why? As he explained later, the jump surface had become too fast, and midway down the ramp, he realized if he completed the jump, he would land on the level ground, beyond the safe sloping landing area, which could have been fatal.

As it was, the skier suffered no more than a headache from the tumble. To change one's course in life, one's heart, can be a dramatic and sometimes painful undertaking, but change is better than a fatal landing at the end. ~Author Unknown

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







Pictures in today's bulletin are from the Golden Agers trip to the Amish Country June 13.

Thanks to all that made this a fun trip!

Photos provided by Keith Smith

## Serving In Worship Sunday, June 30

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Ben Haught  
PM - David Epler

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner  
Close - Steve Moser  
6:00 PM - Len Haid  
Close - Dennis Keller

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Paul Saunders  
PM - Todd Kirk

### COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade  
PM - Kyle Inman  
Brian Haught

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

Our Summer Series will continue this Wednesday evening at 7:00.



Speaker: Mark Tonkery

Plan to attend and invite others!



The Lawn Crew for this week includes Stan Inman, Bill Merrill, Kevin Inman, and Clayton Huber.

**2019 WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP GOLF BENEFIT**  
Saturday, August 10 Mingo Bottom Golf Club in Elizabeth, WV  
Flyer on foyer bulletin boards with details

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

Have a great week in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ!

## Facts and Figures

June 16, 2019

AM Service.....	254
Bible Study.....	168
PM Service.....	195
Wednesday.....	170
Contribution.....	\$7830.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....	2
Restored or Requested Prayers...	1
Placed Membership.....	1

## Service Times

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....	11AM & 7:00PM
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## Friday Night Sing



The sing this week will be hosted by the North End congregation at 7:00PM.

Come join us!

Watch

## ***"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"***

will air 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.

**June 30**

*Jesus Will Return*