

# 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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Everyone is invited to the church picnic  
this Saturday at Dupont Park.

We will meet at 4:00 with dinner at 5:00.

Hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, tea and lemonade will be provided.

Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

**Bring your family and join us!**

### **Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
John Life  
Paul Saunders  
Dearll Vincent

### **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Jon Hesch  
Bill Hoover  
Rob Hoover  
Kevin Inman  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner

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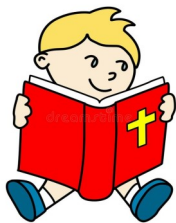
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The best  
inheritance you  
can leave a child  
is to teach them  
to love Jesus.



### **Our church family in need of prayers.**

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

### **Prayers requested for family and friends**

Mark Berry, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother),  
Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents),  
Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), David Lawson,  
Carolyn Sue Miller, Ted Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III,  
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Randy Ware (Jenny Ware's husband, Ashley  
and Megan's father)

**Periodically we update our Prayer List, removing names if we have no recent updates  
on that person. Update the office of any changes.**

Remember Dearll Vincent in your prayers.

No visits, please. He enjoys receiving cards.

Remember him and his family in your prayers.

Remember Randy Ware in your prayers and with cards.

Address: 25 Oak Circle, Parkersburg, WV 26101

## *Birth Announcement*

Congratulations to Kyle and Sarah Inman and family in the birth of  
Bella Elise. She arrived August 2 at 11:32AM. She weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz  
and 21 inches long.

Congratulations to her siblings Clifton, Kenzie, Kasen, Adeline, and Ty.

Proud grandparents are Stan and Debi Inman.

# THANK YOU

♥ I appreciate each of the birthday cards and sweet notes. Love, Hannah  
Shears

♥ Paul and Nancy Inman would like to thank everyone for the beautiful  
anniversary cards.



# Church News

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Transportation will leave today at 5:45 to join the Traveling Youth Group at the Lower Paw Paw congregation for a singing service. They will provide a fellowship meal following the service.

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting 4:00; Men's meeting 5:00; Ladies' meeting 5:00

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet August 19 in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner - 6:30 work projects. We will have a potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish, side items, desserts or beverages. MNFTM will be meeting once a month through October.

## PARKERSBURG HALF-MARATHON WATER STOP

If you would like to help at our water stop Saturday, August 17 see Kyle.

## WEDDING SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go wedding shower for Josh Hall and Zoe Merrill next Sunday in the MP Room 3:00-5:00. They are registered at JCPenney and Walmart.

## BLOOD DRIVE

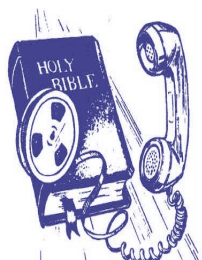
Our blood Drive will be Monday, August 26 from 1:00-5:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LAURA TONKERY ~ AUGUST 31!

Laura Tonkery's birthday was accidentally omitted from the church calendar. Please update your calendar and wish her a Happy Birthday. (Thanks for all you do, Laura!)

## MOVED

Steve and Julie Moser and their family have moved to Nashville, TN. Steve is entering the insurance business as an agent. We miss them but wish them well.



## **Bible Call 304.420.2416**

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*24 hours a day - 7 days a week*

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

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

## **Daily Bible Reading**

August 11 - Romans 4, Psalms 18-21  
August 12 - Romans 5, Psalms 22-24  
August 13 - Romans 6, Psalms 25-29  
August 14 - Romans 7, Psalms 30-33  
August 15 - Romans 8:1-17, Psalms 34-36  
August 16 - Romans 8:18-39, Psalms 37-38  
August 17 - Romans 9, Psalms 39-43  
August 18 - Romans 10, Psalms 44-47

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Should a Christian get a Tattoo? Part 3

This is the third and last article in this series, "Should a Christian get a Tattoo? In last week's article I looked at Lev. 19:28, James 1:27, and Rom. 12:1,2. But there is another important verse in the New Testament that Christians should consider in regard to tattoos, 1 Cor. 6:19 which states, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,". This verse is not specifically talking about tattoos, but it can include it. This verse reminds us that sin done in the body does affect us spiritually and physically. Sometimes the things we do in our body hurt our spiritual influence and can also hurt our health.

1 Cor. 6:19 is in the context of sexual sin but can be applied to anything one does to the body that will bring harm to it such as smoking, gambling, drugs, overeating, and even tattoos. We must remember as a Christian the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because God dwells in us we must strive to take care of the body; the Temple of God.

Tattoos, although popular, do come with a health warning according to The FDA's site: <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm048919.htm>:

Tattoos can cause: **Infection** – *Dirty needles can pass infections, like hepatitis B,C and HIV, from one person to another. Allergies* – *Allergies to various ink pigments in both permanent and temporary tattoos have been reported and can cause problems. Scarring* – *Unwanted scar tissue may form when getting or removing a tattoo. As well as other health problems.*

We must remember that tattoo artists are not health care officials, and even in health care, people can make mistake and cause people to get very sick. Most tattoo artists only care about the money and usually do not care about one's health. There are over 700 diseases that can be passed on and contacted from tattoos.

This being true how could a Christian getting a tattoo say they are taking care of the body which God has given them, the Temple of God?

Remember the significance of the temple of God? In the Old Testament, God's temple was a sacred place. It was a place where God Himself resided and where people came to worship Him. Today, God's temple is still a sacred place where God dwells. If Jesus came today and looked at the temple of God in you, would He have the same reaction as He did in Jerusalem with the corrupt merchants in John 2? Would He get angry at what He saw, or would He be proud of what He saw? If Jesus investigated your temple today, would He find it polluted with the influences of sin? Would He find the temple with graffiti on it? What would Jesus think of a "Tramp Stamp"? (A tattoo on the lower part of a females back). Doesn't the name incite lust? Jesus even reminds us in Mt. 5:28 not to look lustfully at a woman, yet some women and men put tattoos on their bodies for this reason? How could this be taking care of the Temple of God?

What we do with our bodies matters to God, because it really is not "our" body, but it belongs to God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 teaches us, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

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Some final questions for you to think about:

- How could knowing the health issues that come with tattoos be glorifying God in the body?
- Would I still want this tattoo when I get older?
- Would I want this tattoo knowing that when the body changes with age, (such as weight loss or gain, wrinkles, scars, and surgeries)?
- What would my future mate think of seeing this tattoo for a lifetime?
- Could you imagine Jesus covering His body in tattoos? Piercings?
- What is the reason for getting a tattoo? Is it rebellion, entice lust, or another reason?
- What would an employer say about it? Will it cost you getting a job?
- Tattoos are expensive. Could I use this money more wisely to pay bills, help someone in need, or give to the Lord?
- What is the message I want to say with the tattoo? Could you express that message in another way, maybe even more meaningful?

Christians must look at all the facts, before getting a tattoo and not just listen to popular culture. Think about it! (MTT)

More information on Tattoos & Piercings, listen to Don Blackwell's sermon on this topic: [https://youtu.be/\\_LMQ0xGW2wk](https://youtu.be/_LMQ0xGW2wk)

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## Who's Next to be Rescued from Baal?

1 John 3:15-17

Doug will be preaching at both services in Mark's absence. Mark and his family are on vacation this week.

Do you think Christians ever get seen as those people who have no fun? Why?

When it comes to personal pleasure, how would you say faithfulness to God compares to living a worldly lifestyle?

Elements of Baal worship (see Hosea 4:2-13):

Baal offers answers \_\_\_\_\_.

Baal offers fellowship without \_\_\_\_\_.

Baal offers physical intimacy without \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you think this kind of message still exists and appeals to people today?

However, are Baal's promises true? Are God's? See Galatians 6:7-8, 1 John 3:15-17.

# DOUG'S DISCUSSION



## Who Cares?

“Who cares?” is quite the popular phrase these days. Good question. Who does care? I hope you feel like someone does. Is there someone out there who legitimately, truly cares about what you’re going through? Is there someone out there who is able to share your pain and help carry your burdens? I hope so – since that sort of thing is commanded in scripture: “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). But to do so requires that we actually care about one another. “How are you doing?” “Well, to be honest not good. My marriage is falling apart, my kids aren’t listening, my doctor said that I have the following six problems . . .” “Okay, never mind! I didn’t really care. I was just asking to be polite.” Is that us? May it never be! “Love must be sincere” (Romans 12:9).

Unfortunately, getting to the point where we really care about other people takes some work. You can’t give what you don’t have. If there are sins that have taken residence in your heart you’re not going to have a lot of love to give. “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold” (Matthew 24:12). How much do you think a drug addict cares about other people? Well, whichever one busted into my car and stole my radio and my camera a few years ago didn’t care much about me, I can tell you that. Even if it is not that extreme sinful things have that effect. If there is some unrepented of sin in your life it would take a great deal of effort for you to really care about someone other than yourself. So I suggest starting there if you want to care – repent and turn to God. Turn to God’s love so you have something good to give to the people around you.

Other than that, this is just a matter of training. “Train yourself to be godly” (1 Timothy 4:7). God cares so much that He gave His one and only Son. We need to train ourselves to care like He does. We have to work to replace thoughts of “how can I get what I want?” with “how can I bless those around me?” We must work to replace “how is this going to affect me?” with “how will this impact the lives of my family and my neighbors?” Let us take the focus of ourselves and begin to care more about others. “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). So who cares? We should. I pray we do.



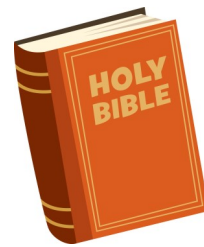


We will be having new church directories printed with Lifetouch.

Photos will be taken **10/24, 10/25** and **10/26**. Sign-up sheets will be available on the counter in the next few weeks.

Each photo session will receive a free 8x10 photo, printed directory and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photos. Extra printed directories will be limited so you must get your photo taken to receive a directory.

See Steve Gray for details.



Romans 12:10, reminds, us “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.” I guess there are many ways one can show honor to others so I would like to honor those who read the book of Proverbs, for the book of the Month in July.

**David Epler, Jo Langler, Dave Nulter, Lois Nulter, Kimberlee Shears, Mark Tonkery, Dorothy Stevens, Susan Anderson, Bill Mills, Naomi Carr, Sonya Hescht, Jim Hughes, Sandy Hughes, Larry Plant, Sandy Keller, Mike Bayer, Charlotte Galloway, Robin Anthony**

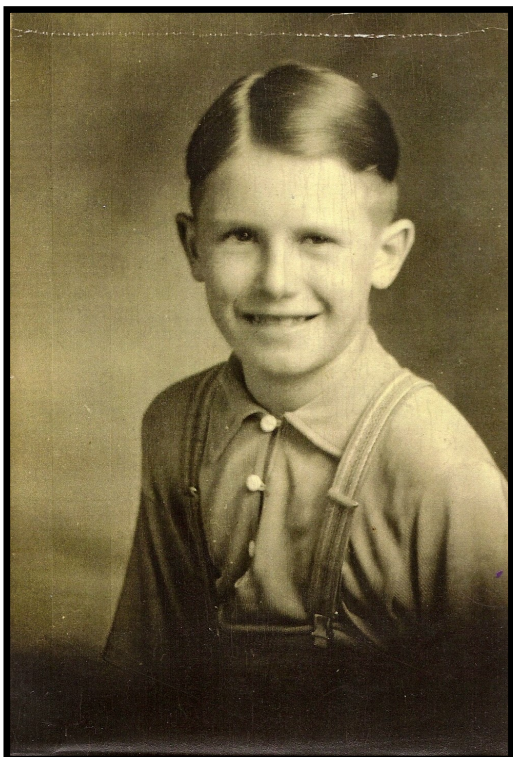
Keep up the good work in reading God’s Word!

Mark T. Tonkery

Most schools in our area start Thursday.

Remember to drive carefully and watch for school children.

We pray for a safe, prosperous school year for the students and staff.



**Happy 90th Birthday to Ray Sams!**

His birthday is August 22.

(This picture was taken when Mr. Sams was about 7 years old.)

We love and appreciate Ray!

# Serving In Worship

## Sunday, August 18

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - John Life  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Kyle Inman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life  
 PM - Ryan Highman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk  
 Close - Mike Wade  
 6:00 PM - Bill Hoover  
 Close - Brandon Sheppard

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ron Riddle  
 PM - Jon Hescht

### COMMUNION

AM - Kody Inman  
 PM - Bill Mills  
 Dustin Hughes

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray



We especially are praying for the people in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH.

We need to keep our country in our prayers. Regardless of political affiliation, we all need our citizens, leaders, land, economy, scientists, health care workers, business people and teachers to be bathed in prayer. Why? Because every person and every square inch of our country's land needs the grace, wisdom and protection of God.

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



Speaker: Clay Brown

Fishinger and Kenney Church of Christ



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A big "thank you" to everyone who helped with the Vacation Bible School at the Northeast Church of Christ in Galena, Ohio: Pam Bayer, Cindy Huxley, Kay and Rick Stanley, Laura, Breanna, and Samantha Tonkery, from Camden Avenue; Chad, Becky, Marissa, and Jenna Treadway from the Sardis, Ohio Church of Christ; Dylan and Garret Muncy from the Walnut Street Church of Christ in Shawnee, Ohio. They all helped the entire weekend of the trip as well and Dave Neal, an elder from the Somerset, Ohio Church of Christ who helped teach the adult Bible Class. Thank you for everyone's help and prayers. The Northeast congregation was very pleased with our efforts.

May God Bless each of you!

Mark T. Tonkery



The Lawn Crew for this week includes Paul Inman, Kyle Inman, Patrick Rine, and Cody Hoover.

## Facts and Figures

August 4, 2019

AM Service.....226  
 Bible Study.....158  
 PM Service.....214  
 Wednesday.....143  
 Contribution.....\$7733.00

### 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.....7:00PM

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.

**August 18**  
 REPENTANCE

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the Pursley congregation.

**Everyone welcome!**