

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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*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to
which also you were called in one body;
and be thankful.*

Colossians 3:15

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
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Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Bill Camp, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Jill Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Ron Coe, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, Danny Guard (friend of Saunders) Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Norm & Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), Brandon Penn, Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Seth Waggoner

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

BIBLE CALL

304.420.2416

**HEAR RECORDED INFORMATION ON HUNDREDS
OF BIBLE SUBJECTS**

24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK.

BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.

**DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS,
NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS.**

Thank You

- ♥ Thank you one and all for the beautiful holiday cards and sincere well wishes. I am truly blest to be a part of the Camden Avenue family. In Christian Love, Jane Pralley
- ♥ Sending thanks for the birthday cards and wishes for another blessed year. Bob Eddy

Announcements

SACK-THE-PULPIT

The month of December. Shopping lists are available in the foyer. Items can be left on either side of the front of the auditorium.

COMMUNION BREAD

Many thanks to the ladies who faithfully volunteer to prepare the communion bread each week. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you would like to sign up to make communion bread in 2020. Thank you!

OPEN HOUSE

The annual Tonkery open house will be Saturday, January 4th from 2pm-5pm. Everyone is welcome.

NOT ANOTHER HOLIDAY DINNER

January 20 at 6pm at Western Sizzlin. Singing by the Love's Quartet.

AREA-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

January 12, 2020 at 2pm at North End church of Christ.

TEACHER NEEDED

The 2 year old class is in need of a teacher for Sunday mornings beginning next quarter. (starting in February) If you can help see Doug Wells.

CLOTHING ROOM

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for anyone willing to help work in the clothing room one month this year.

NEW YEARS DAY

There will be an 11am class on New Years day. The Pearls Ladies class will meet at 6pm.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The January book of the month is Matthew. Read and then sign up on the sheet on the bulletin boards in either foyer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Dewey Avenue church of Christ, St. Marys WV

Winter Training Series Thursdays 7-8pm January 9th-30th.

Bridgeport church of Christ, Bridgeport WV

One Day Lectureship 2020 Vision, Sunday January 12.

Fishinger & Kenny church of Christ, Columbus Ohio

Teen Ohio Winter Lectures, January 24-25

Ohio Winter Lectures Raising Up a New Generation, January 24-25

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

‘MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE’

Methuselah is recorded in the Bible as being the oldest man who ever lived. The Bible does not tell us much about Methuselah. He is only recorded three times in the Bible: Genesis 5:25-27; 1 Chronicles 1:3 and in Luke 3:37. His lineage and the number of years he lived, 969 years, is all we know about him.

As the year 2020 approaches there are many television documentaries that show the major historical events of the past 10 or even 20 years. Just think of all the things that have developed in that much time. Our country has had four presidents. Children have been born. People have been married. People have passed away. Then think about how technology has changed in the past twenty years. The way we listen to music; CDs and now everything is digital, how we communicate with people; cell phones and social media, and even cars have advanced with technology.

Now imagine being Methuselah's age; he was lacking 31 years of living for an entire millennium. I cannot even fathom that much time; can you? Methuselah could have planted a Redwood tree and watched it grow. Although I hope he did not do just that. But I do wonder what he did during his life and if he lived life to its fullest? One preacher pointed out about Methuselah, "So far as we know, he never accomplished one worthwhile thing." We may never know what he did or did not do.

Methuselah reminds us that there is more to life than "accumulating" birthdays. Notice what James 4:13 tells us, "...What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." The wisdom of the Bible is life is short, and we are like a mist that is here today and gone tomorrow. So, we must use our life wisely. Then Psa. 90:12, reminds us, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

We don't know how Methuselah used his life, but the Bible tells us how we are to use our lives for the glory of God. We must make the most of every day that God blesses us with. Ecc. 3:12-13 states, "I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all his toil – this is the gift of God."

Our life is a gift from God. As we enter a New Year, may we realize the value of our life and do all we can to serve and love our God who never changes.

Happy New Year!

Mark T. Tonkery

2020

A.M. Sermon By Mark T. Tonkery

David's Last Words

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 2:1-9

I. Charge number 1. _____

II. Charge number 2. _____

III. Charge number 3. _____

P.M. Sermon By Mark T. Tonkery

If this was my last sermon

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:7-8

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Don't Shrink, Grow

Have you ever heard the children's song "Shrink and Grow"? I think it's a clever way to communicate a good truth to the young. The children sing: neglect your Bible, forget to pray, and you shrink, shrink, shrink. The next verse is something like: read your Bible, pray every day, and you grow, grow, grow! I can't help but notice in this song that there is no verse in there about staying the same. I'm sure that's intentional. Staying the same is exceptionally hard to do. I agree with this song's author that there really are just two choices. Spiritually speaking you are either shrinking or growing. Perhaps that's why God tells us "make every effort to add to your faith" (2 Peter 1:5).

This year is drawing to a close. How have you grown in 2019? What is different about you this year? What have you added to your faith? Has your character changed for the better? Have you added anything to your ministry? Do you know a few more Bible verses? Are you better able to answer people's questions about your faith? Have you become stronger in resisting some sin? Are these questions making you uncomfortable? Well . . . the truth is that if we are not "making every effort" we probably aren't growing. Too many are okay with that. Complacency sets in. We've done enough, changed enough. But don't forget that our standard is Jesus. If we aren't perfectly like Him then we still have to grow. When we don't try we shrink.

Many people use the start of a new year to make resolutions. Why not make your resolutions spiritual ones? These are the changes that matter the most. I encourage you to resolve to be stronger spiritually in 2020 than you were in 2019. If you didn't read your Bible very much last year that can change. If you lived for yourself instead of living for God last year this year can be different! Don't be content with just staying the same. Make some goals. Make the effort to keep them. If you don't you're probably not staying the same. Don't shrink. Grow, grow, GROW!



Youth News

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

January 5 after morning worship. There will be a fellowship in the MP room for all participants and leaders. Pizza will be provided.

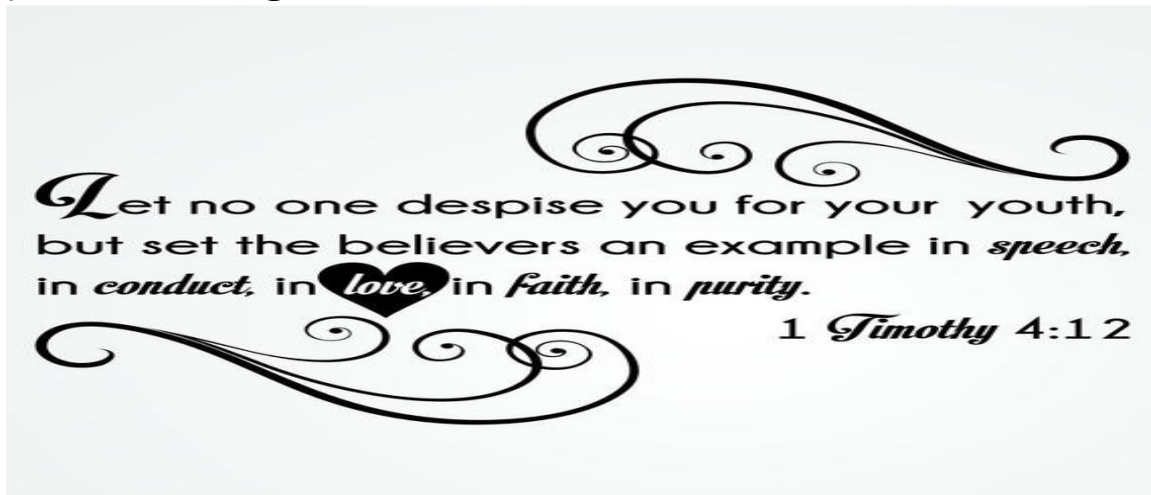


TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Today, December 29 at Rosemar church of Christ. The bus will leave at 3:30pm.

NEW YEARS EVE

Tuesday, December 31 at 7pm in the MP room. There will be a fellowship for all interested. Bring snacks, drinks, your favorite games and money for pizza. Sign up sheet is on the counter if you plan on attending.



Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Free Pass, Never Used

F. Duane Lindsey tells the story when Chief Crowfoot of the Blackfoot confederacy in southern Alberta, gave the Canadian Pacific Railroad permission to cross the Blackfoot land from Medicine Hat to Calgary, he was given in return a lifetime railroad pass. Crowfoot put it in a leather case and carried it around his neck for the rest of his life. There is no records, however, that he ever availed himself of the right to travel anywhere on the CPR trains.

How often do we treat the promises of God in the same way? We lay The Bible on a coffee table, set it by our bed, or treat it like a good luck charm. We never open it and live by it as God intended. In John 6:68, Simon Peter [proclaimed]..."Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,"

Will you not study and obey God's words today? They are the words of eternal life. I am Mark T. Tonkery and this has been a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome!

Serving In Worship

Sunday, January 5

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Jon Hesch

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Daniel Rich

Close - John Hall

6:00 PM - Josh Hall

Close - Walter Morgan

SCRIPTURE

AM - Doug Hershman

PM - Marion Goldsmith

COMMUNION

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Cody Hoover

Ryan Highman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Rick Stanley

2 - Patrick Rine

3 - Bev Rine

PM

1. Josh & Zoe Hall

2. Denny & Sandy Keller

5. Stan & Debi Inman

6. Scott & Gwen Johnson

Facts and Figures

December 22, 2019

AM Service.....271

Bible Study.....176

PM Service.....194

Wednesday.....107

Contribution.....\$7828.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...5

Placed Membership.....8

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11am & 7:00pm

Seven Things You Will Never Regret

1. Showing kindness to another person.
2. Saying "I'm sorry" when you've hurt someone.
3. Refusing to destroy someone's reputation through gossip.
4. Refusing to do something that is wrong.
5. Doing something that is right.
6. Giving honor to your parents.
7. Giving God the priority He deserves.

Sentence Sermons

- ◆ The sun light of love will kill all the germs of jealousy, hatred, ill will and bitterness.
- ◆ Remember that what you are in the sight of God, that is what you really are.
- ◆ If you sincerely believe it, you will sincerely endeavor to live it.
- ◆ Gossip is a form of what may be called ear pollution.

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.

January 5

"Starting Again"

Daily Bible Reading

December 29- Rev 20, Zec. 9-11

December 30- Rev. 21, Zec. 12-14

December 31- Rev. 22, Mal 1-4

January 1- Mt. 1, Gen. 1-2

January 2- Mt. 2, Gen. 3-4

January 3- Mt. 3, Gen. 6-7

January 4- Mt. 4, Gen. 8-10

January 5- Mt. 5:1-20, Gen. 11-12