

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Let your hope make you glad.

Be patient in time of trouble

And never stop praying.

Romans 12:12

# *In Our Prayers*

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

Bob Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Shirley Martin, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Don Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells, Tammie Wilson

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

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Mark Berry, Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Ila Clark (Scott Johnson's Aunt), Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Serenity Jones (relative of Cindy Huxley), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), John Rockhold III, Korbin Schaner (Great-Grandson of the Eplers), Michele Scherer, Candice Shaffer (Sandy Keller's niece), Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Eric Sutton (friend of Charlotte Deem), Jay Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams.

Please let the office know of any updates to the prayer list.

## **Updates to the prayer list this week:**

- Elena Gray going through treatments
- Dot Haught- will be having back surgery October 21.
- Jeff & Jody Fitcher are doing better after dealing with Covid.
- Randy Modesitt, Brittany Gray's uncle from Mineral Wells church of Christ is having health problems.
- Bill Deem is having health issues after dealing with Covid.
- Harvery Caplinger & Daughter Tammy having health problems.
- Bill Bartels from Canfield Ohio, the cousin of Gala Miller & Patty Sayre fell and has five broken ribs and a lacerated liver.
- Kasen, Adeline & Ty Inman recovering from surgery on Friday to have tubes in their ears.
- Shirley Martin having health issues.

*Continue earnestly in prayer,  
being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.  
Colossians 4:2*

# *Announcements*

**VISITORS-** We are happy you could join us today! Please complete a visitor card and place it in the basket on the communion table.

**MOWING CREW-** Team 4 is signed up to mow this week. Team 4 is Kevin Cochran, Brian Haught, Bill Merrill and Dennis Keller.

**CLOTHING ROOM NEWS-** The Clothing Giveaway is on the schedule for November 13th. We are only requesting adult and kids coats, winter hats, gloves and blankets at this time. Please no clothes at this time). You can leave them in the red box in the corner of the front foyer. Any questions contact Chris or Terry Hofmann.

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** Friday, October 16 from 6pm-8pm. The devotional will be at 6pm followed by finger foods. The trunk or treat will start at 7:30pm. park on the upper lot by the side yard for trunk or treat. There is a sign up sheet on the counter for food items.

**ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MENS MEETING-** October 17 at 4pm in the MP Room.

**TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP-** October 31st at Rockport church of Christ.

**GUEST SPEAKER-** Rodger Chaffin from World Bible School will be here today to make a presentation during Bible class. All classes 6th grade and above will be meeting in the auditorium for this presentation.

# *Local Meetings*

**GOSPEL MEETING-** Lubeck church of Christ, October 17-20

**LECTURESHIP-** at West Virginia School of Preaching, October 24-28.

**WIDOW & WIDOWERS TECH FAIR-** Pine Grove church of Christ, October 30.

**GOSPEL MEETING-** Harrisville church of Christ, October 17-21

**GOSPEL MEETING-** Elkview church of Christ, October 17-20

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Excuses

Have you ever invited someone to a party or other event and your invitation was ignored? Or worse yet someone made an excuse for not being there and you later found out that they did not really want to come to your event, to begin with? How did this make you feel? Now, I think we all know and understand that things come up, and things happen; but it is very hurtful when someone excuses themselves because they simply do not want to participate.

One example of this is found In Matthew 22:1-14, Jesus tells a parable about a king who is hosting a wedding banquet for his son. The king's servants were sent to all those who were invited to come, but those invited refused to come to the banquet by making all kinds of excuses. Someone has said, "excuses are defined as a "dressed up lie." This seems to be true for the people invited to the banquet because they were more concerned with their possessions and pursuits (farms, business, etc.), while others mistreated the servants and killed them. They simply did not care about the king, his son, his servants, or the invitation.

One commentator stated, "In the East, as elsewhere, it is expected that invited guests will accept a royal invitation as a matter of duty. It is also expected that wedding guests will come with appropriate gifts – expensive gifts. Refusal to attend the wedding conveys the message that the king's son is not worthy of a gift, that the guest do not approve of the marriage, and that they no longer render allegiance to the king." (Kistemaker, p. 93). Therefore, the king takes such forceful actions against those who made excuses for not coming to the wedding banquet. The king in Jesus' parable then sends out the invitation again to everyone along the highways and byways.

Jesus' point is that the Jews, the first group to be invited rejected God's invitation by making excuses and refusing to accept Him as the Messiah. The second group is the Gentiles.

This parable is a reminder that God repeatedly calls people to follow Christ, to worship Him, to be dedicated to serving Him, to fellowship, to live godly lives, and to deepening our relationship with Him but if we make excuses for not doing so, the time of grace will end for us.

I am amazed how many times people who say they are willing and ready to go to heaven, say they love Jesus, and may even serve as church leaders, sometimes make excuses for not serving the Lord.

According to one list in *Bits & Pieces*, November 1989, p. 18. The Top Ten Most Used Excuses are, 1. I forgot. 2. No one told me to go ahead. 3. I didn't think it was that important. 4. Wait until the boss comes back and ask him. 5. I didn't know you were in a hurry for it. 6. That's the way we've always done it. 7. That's not in my department. 8. How was I to know this was different? 9.

I'm waiting for an O.K. and 10. That's his job--not mine.

How many of these excuses have you heard? More importantly how many of these have you used?

The next time you are called upon to serve the Lord or you see a job that needs to be completed in the church and are tempted to make an excuse, remember in the parable in Matthew 14 that it did not fare well for those who made excuses, and neither will we if we continue to make excuses for not following the Lord. God's word has already told us what we need to do, may we do it without excuse. Think about it and do!



# Today's Sermon Notes

AM Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Jesus man, prophet, or Lord?

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-5

"Now as \_\_\_\_\_ passed by, He saw a man who was \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ . And His \_\_\_\_\_ asked Him, saying, " Rabbi, who \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ or his parents, that he was born \_\_\_\_\_?" Jesus answered, " \_\_\_\_\_ this man nor his parents \_\_\_\_\_, but that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ should be revealed in him. I must \_\_\_\_\_ the works of Him who \_\_\_\_\_ Me while it is day; the \_\_\_\_\_ is coming when no one can \_\_\_\_\_. As long as I am in the \_\_\_\_\_, I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_." John 9:1-5

I. Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 9:11,16,24,29,33)

II. Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 9:17, 25, 33)

III. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ (John 9:35,38)

PM Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Where is your Security?

Scripture Reading: Amos 6:1

# *Doug's Discussion*

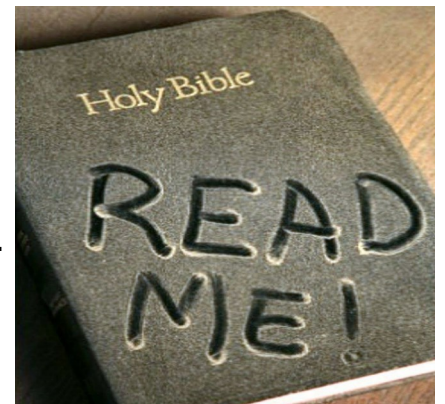
## Don't Miss Words of the Word

There's a series of commercials that have been playing lately to persuade you to get better cell phone coverage. Why? Because on a "spotty network" you get some jumbled and easily misunderstood messages. One lady was led to believe an important dinner was actually a costume party, and she shows up looking completely out of place. All because of a few missed words. Don't you think she wishes she got the whole message and not just part? I do. Just a few words completely changed her evening.

It's amazing how much of a difference a few words can make. For example, did you know that the Bible says there is no God? No, you didn't read that wrong. The words "there is no God" are definitely in there. Surprising, isn't it? Especially considering how much is in scripture about God and how wonderful He is. Of course, if you know the Scripture you know that the WHOLE verse says: "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good" (Psalm 14:1). Just adding "The fool says" makes quite the difference, doesn't it?

That's why I strongly suggest you make sure you're getting important messages right. Sometimes people have a bad habit of leaving certain parts out (especially parts they don't really like). Or maybe a message has been passed through several people like in the game of telephone and some parts have been jumbled in transition. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you know every precious word. Every word in scripture is "more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10). You wouldn't leave even one gold nugget on the ground would you? Of course not! Likewise, every word of every sentence of the Word of God is precious. Are you getting short-changed by relying on a spotty network? Or are you reading the Word carefully for yourself? I recommend the latter.

Are you reading carefully?



## *Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910am WLTP*

A woman was working in the men's section of a department store, when a customer asked her for help in choosing a white dress shirt for her husband. The lady asked the customer about his size, the woman looked stumped at first, then her face brightened. She held up her hands forming a circle with her fingers and thumbs, "I don't know his size, " she said, "but my hands fit perfectly around his neck."



Now this funny little story one might think the point is to know the shirt size of your spouse, although there may be some truth to this, a greater point would be to remember what the Bible says, "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor" Romans 12:10. Loving one another Jesus tells us is the second greatest command, and our spouse is the closest neighbor we have, so may we remember to be kind and loving to one another.

## *Thank You*

- ♥ Thank you for reaching out and showing such understanding and support. Your prayers, words of comfort, cards, visits to funeral home, and flowers were kind and thoughtful gestures that really helped during such a difficult time in our family. They will not soon be forgotten. In Christian love, The family of Linda Jones
- ♥ In appreciation to all who sent Happy Birthday wishes in many ways on my special day. Thank you & love to our Church family, Jo Goldsmith
- ♥ Thank you to everyone that helped to make our Gospel Meeting a success.
- ♥ Thank you Jo Goldsmith for updating our bulletin boards. They look wonderful!



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**BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.**

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

# Serving In Worship

## October 17, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht  
 PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner  
 Close - Kevin Cochran  
 6:00 PM - Kody Inman  
 Close - Dave Nulter

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Rob Hoover  
 PM - Ron Riddle

### COMMUNION

AM - John Life  
 PM - Bill Mills



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## Facts and Figures

October 3, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....	207
Facebook AM Service Views.....	229
Sunday Bible Class.....	154
Sunday PM Service.....	154
Facebook PM Service Views.....	172
Monday Gospel Meeting.....	106
Monday Meeting Online Views.....	134
Tuesday Gospel Meeting.....	120
Tuesday Meeting Online Views.....	325
Wednesday PM Service.....	173
Facebook Wed. PM Views.....	130
Contribution.....	\$10858.00

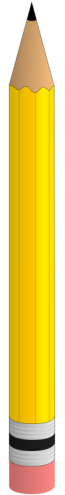
### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....	3
Restored or Requested Prayers....	1
Placed Membership.....	1

## The Pencil Maker

A pencil maker told the pencil five important lessons just before putting it in the box:

1. Everything you do will leave a mark.
2. You can always correct the mistake you make.
3. What is important is what is inside of you.
4. In life, you will undergo painful sharpening, which will only make you better.
5. To be the best, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.



We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are is what's inside of you.

“In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and his children will have a place of refuge” (Proverbs 14:26).

## Service Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30  
 Bible Class...15 minutes after worship  
 PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

**In Search of the  
 Lord's Way**  
 Sunday mornings  
 at 7:30 on WTAP

**October 17**  
**“Hungering for  
 Righteousness”**

## Daily Bible Reading

**October 11:** Obadiah - Jonah 2

**October 12:** Jonah 3 - 4

**October 13:** Micah 1 - 3

**October 14:** Micah 4 - 7

**October 15:** Nahum 1 - 3

**October 16:** Habakkuk 1 - 3

**October 17:** Zephaniah 1 - 3

There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board when you complete reading the New Testament and the entire Bible.

*“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.”*