

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

**“Where you are always welcome”**

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

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By the breath of God,

ice is given,  
and the width of  
the waters is frozen.

Job 37:10

# *In Our Prayers*

## Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Jim Hinzman, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsoe, 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

## 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), Roy Clark, 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), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Gavin Pflzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Randy Modesitt (Brittany Gray's uncle), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), John Rockhold III, Korbin Schaner (Great-Grandson of the Eplers), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Jay & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams.

## Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Joe Wilson
  - Jay Chevront in Licking Memorial hospital.
  - Ray Sams in Marietta Memorial Hospital.
  - Don Dougherty is home recovering from heart surgery.
  - Joyce Wright is home.
  - Richard Cozad is home.
  - Gary Herridge is having health problems.
  - Dorothy Stevens fell and broke her hip. Recovering from surgery at Belpre Landing.
- ♥ Remember to pray for our Elders, Preachers, Deacons, Teachers and all of those that work with the church.

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

### **Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders

### **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Doug Hershman  
Jon Hescht  
Bill Hoover  
Rob Hoover  
Kevin Inman  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner

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Together  
in Faith**

# *Announcements*

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

**ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING**- Today, January 23rd at 4pm in the M.P. room.

**JANUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH**- Hosea. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board.

**CYC DONATIONS**- If you would like to donate to help with the cost for those attending the Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) please see Jeff Taberner.

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE**- The Monday Night Merge youth events will begin on Feb. 7 at 7pm at the Barlow Vincent church of Christ. Feb. 14 Monday Night Merge will be held at Camden Avenue.

**TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP**- January 30 at Hopewell church of Christ.

**LADS TO LEADERS MEETING**- Has been changed to next Sunday, January 30 after morning Bible class by door 6. This is for all participating in L2L and for coordinators.

**SOUP BEAN DINNER & GAME NIGHT**- Mark your calendars for February 18.

**ROLLER SKATING**- New Concord church of Christ invites everyone to the Lind Arena in Zanesville Ohio on Saturday January 29 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Skating is free, skate rental is \$2.00.

**FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP**- February 6-10 in person and online. Mark Tonkery plans on attending in person.

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT CAMDEN AVENUE**

**February 21, 2022 from 12-6pm.**

There is a sign up sheet for those that would like to give blood on the counter.



**save lives.  
donate blood.**

### **Who can donate blood?**

Donors must be 17 or older, weight at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## The Amazing Brain

I am a terrible speller. In grade school, I dreaded the class spelling bees. It seemed like I always got the first word wrong and felt so humiliated as the rest of the class watched me go back to my desk and sit as they continued to participate; eventually, other students would join me, but it didn't make me feel any better. Any way spelling has never been "my thing" as they say, and I am very thankful for spell check on the computer but still, it doesn't get all the words I tend to misspell.



As I bemoan my lack of spelling ability, I was excited when I came across the following:

You might not realize it, but your brain is a code-cracking machine.

For example, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word appear, the only important thing is that the first and last letter are in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without problem.

S1M1L4RLY, YOUR M1ND 15 R34D1NG 7H15 4U70M471C4LLY W17H0U7 3V3N 7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17. (<https://www.livescience.com/18392-reading-jumbled-words.html>) *By the way, I had no trouble reading this, I understood it clearly, it was misspelled!*

Scientists are not exactly sure why the brain can read misspelled words, but it is a reminder of how amazing our brains are designed.

In an article by Kyle Butt, he goes on to explain the following about the brain:

*The brain is composed of over 10 trillion different cells. These cells work together to send electrical impulses at a rate of 273 miles per hour (393 feet per second). Nerve cells in the body send 2,000 impulses to the brain every second. These impulses come from 130,000 light receptors in the eye, 100,000 hearing receptors in the ears, 3,000 taste buds, and over 500,000 touch spots. As this is happening, the brain does not move, yet it consumes over 25% of the body's oxygen and receives 20% of all the blood that is pumped from the heart (which is pretty amazing, considering that the brain makes up only about 2% of the body weight of an average man).*

*And if all these "brainy" abilities don't impress you, consider that the brain serves as the "doctor" for the rest of the body. It produces more than 50 drugs, ranging from painkillers (like endorphins) to antidepressant drugs (like serotonin). In addition, the brain allows you to remember words, smells, pictures, and colors. In fact, the brain is so good at allowing a person to remember information, it has been estimated that it would require 500 sets of encyclopedias to hold the information found in the brain. (Taken from: <https://apologeticspress.org/design-demands-a-designer-877>)*

Psalms 139:14 teaches us that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Our complex and amazing brain is just one example of our wonderful design. Regardless, if one can spell or not, we can know that there is a God, and His creation proclaims it. Just look at all our brains can do!

# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## What was Wrong with Ephraim?

Scripture Reading : Hosea 12:1-2

- I. Three figures describing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. A silly \_\_\_\_\_ - without understanding.
  - B. A \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ - done on one side, raw on the other.
  - C. A taught \_\_\_\_\_ that loves to tread out the corn.
  
- II. Three things these \_\_\_\_\_ had done to them.
  - A. Made their \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness like a morning \_\_\_\_\_ (Hos. 6:4).
  - B. Caused them to hire \_\_\_\_\_ (Hos. 8:9)
  - C. Put them beyond \_\_\_\_\_ (Hos. 4:17).
  
- III. Three reasons why Ephraim \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  - A. They feed on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. They followed the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. They \_\_\_\_\_ up their iniquity and \_\_\_\_\_ their sin (Hos. 13:12).
  
- IV. The Applications for us: Hosea 14:9, "Who is \_\_\_\_\_? Let him \_\_\_\_\_ these things. *Who is prudent?* Let him \_\_\_\_\_ them. For the ways of the LORD are \_\_\_\_\_; The righteous \_\_\_\_\_ in them, But transgressors \_\_\_\_\_ in them." (NKJV)
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

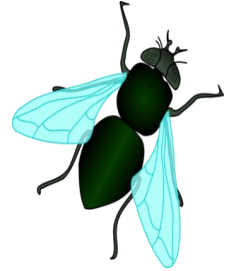
## The Vine and the Branches

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-5

# *Doug's Discussion*

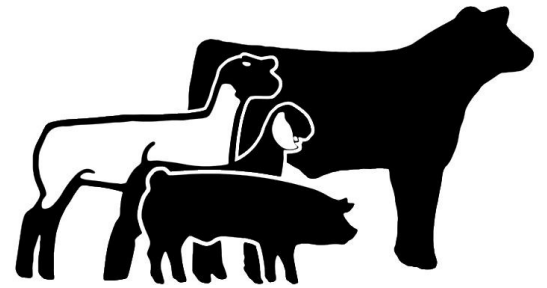
## A Noticeable Difference

Once Egypt was cursed with a terrible plague of flies. I can only imagine how unpleasant that must have been – our family views ONE fly in the house as unacceptable. In the houses of the Egyptians there was more than one. Their houses were filled and their floors were covered. However, there was one area in Egypt where you could find relief. In the land of Goshen, where the Israelites lived, there were no swarms of flies, just as God said. “But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live . . . I will make a distinction between my people and your people” (Exodus 8:22-23). This was to be a sign to the Egyptians that God was in the land.



Differences between God's people and the people of the world give testimony to the existence and power of God. After the flies came the plague on livestock. This plague only affected the Egyptian animals.

“Pharaoh sent men to investigate and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died” (Exodus 9:7). If Pharaoh didn't have such a hard heart that difference would have convinced him to humble himself before the Almighty God.



Does the power of God lead to any differences between His people and the rest of the world today? My answer is yes. Why are we a light to the world? Why are we the salt of the earth? Jesus would not have proclaimed these things if we were meant to be exactly the same. And what will happen if people see a true difference? What if people see that Christians are full of joy, and no amount of trials or persecution can discourage them? What if people see that Christians are faithful to one another, that their lives are full of good deeds and kindness, and that their love is pure and true? Then I would say (as long as their hearts aren't hard) that this would lead to people praising God. As Jesus says, “. . . let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

## *Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells* *Heard on FM 96.9*

It turns out that Christianity is good for you, and good for your kids. Aren't I Captain Obvious? Well, I suppose if you have been listening too much to certain atheists it might not be obvious. Richard Dawkins has claimed teaching children to accept their parent's religion is child abuse, suggesting it's even more damaging than sexual abuse. Interesting attention-grabbing statement - completely wrong.

If you look at Christian families with unbiased eyes it is easy to see how beneficial practicing Christian faith can be. If you need further proof, consider a 2018 Harvard Study. Researchers kept track of over five thousand youth for over a decade. Their findings? Young people who went to church and prayed were more likely to say they were happy, more likely to volunteer, and less likely to use drugs. The study's author, Ying Chen, said "Many children are raised religiously, and our study shows that this can powerfully affect their health, behaviors, mental health, and overall happiness and well-being."

I didn't need Harvard to tell me that but it's nice when someone sees the truth.

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### TODAY

**Today**, I will live as if it is the most important day I possess, because it is actually the only day I have.

**Today**, I will whine and complain less. I will be thankful more, because I know that gratitude makes a better person out of me.

**Today**, I will criticize less and praise more, because the people I love need to know that I love and approve of them.

**Today**, I will take more time with God my Father and less with earthly pleasures. I know that I need His strength and guidance.

**Today**, I will pray more and play less. I want my heavenly Father to know my heart, to hear my concerns, and to realize how thankful I am to be His child.

**Today**, I will remember my brother more and myself less. I will consider his feelings, his needs and wants more and my own a little less.

**Today**, I will speak of Jesus more and my other interests less.

**Today**, He must increase, and I must decrease (John 3:30).

**Today**, I will remember the souls of all men. I will remember the person who is rude to me still has an eternal soul. I will remember the youth and the weak might see me do something wrong and imitate it. I will remember that my good may encourage another to do right.

**Today**, I will remember that I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. Today I will live by faith in the one who loved me and gave Himself for me.

*Phil Sanders*

## Serving In Worship January 30, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

### SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life  
PM - Gary Alton

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Clayton Huber  
Close - Brian Haught  
6:00 PM - Ryan Highman  
Close - Paul Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover  
PM - Donovan Walton

### COMMUNION

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Jeff Taberner



### Service Times

#### Sunday

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

#### Wednesday

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

### Facts and Figures

January 16, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....141  
Sunday Bible Class.....97  
Sunday PM Service.....70  
Wednesday AM Service.....24  
Wednesday PM Service.....93  
Contribution.....\$5078.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

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

## February Birthday's & Anniversaries

- 2- Sonya Hescht
- 4- Addie Miller
- 4- Doris Newberry
- 5- Nancy Proffitt
- 5- Bret Wilcoxon
- 7- Paul Inman
- 9- Daniel & Tabetha Rich\*
- 11- Mildred Gault
- 11- Marion Goldsmith
- 12- Shirley Martin
- 13- Elena Gray
- 14- Sandy Hughes
- 14- Dennis & Sandy Keller\*
- 15- Mark Tonkery
- 17- Daniel Rich



- 17- Ken & Mariella Barnes\*
- 20- Sandy Sheppard
- 21- Kyla Barnes
- 22- Brenda Guthrie
- 25- Payton Knotts
- 26- Kody Inman
- 26- Ira Kimes
- 26- Mike & Gwen Lucas\*
- 27- Charlotte Galloway
- 27- Doug Hershman



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AND CO-WORKERS.

In Search of the  
Lord's Way  
Sunday mornings  
at 7:30 on WTAP  
January 30  
"The Sanctity of Life"

### Daily Bible Reading

January 24: Matt. 15:21-39 & Gen. 49-50

January 25: Matt. 16 & Ex. 1-3

January 26: Matt. 17 & Ex. 4-5

January 27: Matt. 18:1-14 & Ex. 6-7

January 28: Matt. 18:15-35 & Ex. 8-9

January 29: Matt. 19 & Ex. 10-12

January 30: Matt. 20:1-16 & Ex. 13-14

*"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."*