

# 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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A close-up photograph of a blue marker writing the words "Thank you" in a cursive script on a white piece of paper. The marker is positioned at the end of the word "you", and its tip is touching the paper. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

O our God, we thank you and  
praise your glorious name!

- 1 Chronicles 29:13 -

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*Great  
are the  
works  
of the  
Lord.*

## *In Our Prayers*

### Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, De Fleak, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, 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

### 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:

- Jay Chevront in Licking Memorial hospital.
- Ray Sams in Marietta Memorial Hospital.
- Don Dougherty is home recovering from heart surgery.
- Joyce Wright is home.
- Gary Herridge is having health problems.
- Dorothy Stevens at Belpre Landing.
- Greg Kirkbride, co-worker of Paul Saunders.
- Peg Phillips recovering from covid.

## *Sympathy*

♥ We extend our sympathy to Kay Mills and family on passing of her brother Ralph Conner. Ralph was a former member at Camden Avenue. His memorial service will be held at a later date.

# *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.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**- January book of the month is Hosea. Read and then sign up on the bulletin board. February's book of the month will be Joel.

**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**- Today at Hopewell church of Christ. The van will be leaving at 5:30pm if you plan on riding the van see Jeff Taberner this morning.

**LADS TO LEADERS MEETING**- Today 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.

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

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**- February 21 from 12-6pm. There is a sign up sheet on the counter for those that would like to give blood. Watch the bulletin the next couple of weeks for more important information.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**- Care Group 3 invites everyone to the fellowship on February 13 after morning worship and Bible class.

**ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MEN'S MEETING**- February 20 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**- Scott Johnson asked for prayers at the end of his devotional on Wednesday evening. Please, keep him in your daily prayers.

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## Go on; Go on!

The French physicist, Arago ascribes his success to words found on the cover of a book when greatly discouraged. They were, “Go on, sir; go on! The difficulties you meet will resolve themselves as you advance. Proceed, and light will dawn and shine with increased clearness on your path,” written by D’Alembert. “That maxim,” says Arago, “was my greatest master in mathematics.” Following are these simple words, “Go on, sir; go on!” made him the first astronomical mathematician of his age.

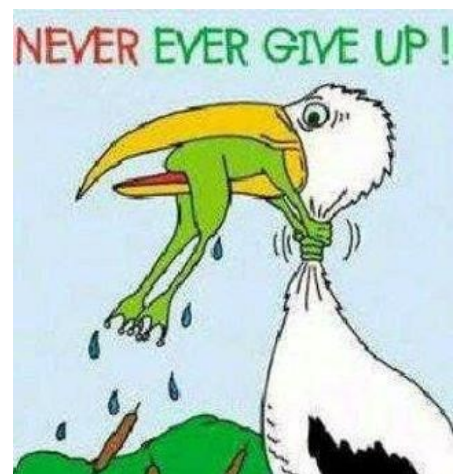
What Christians it would make of us! What heroes of faith, what sages in holy wisdom, should we become, by acting out that maxim, “Go on sir; go on!” (Author Unknown). We may be very discouraged today by all the things that are happening in our world, but we must never give up! We must continue on, especially when it comes to our precious faith.

Notice these words of encouragement from scripture to remind us to “Go on; Go on!”

- Php. 3:14, “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
- Rom. 8:37, “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”
- 1 Jn. 5:4, “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”
- Jos. 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Arago was encouraged by words of a mere man and accomplished great things in the field of mathematics. We have the words of God, God breathed words, words inspired by the Holy Spirit, how much more should we be encouraged and willing to do great things in the Lord’s name!

Christian now is the time to keep going and growing in our faith. It is always too early to quit, so don’t give up! “Go on, *Christian*; Go on!”



# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

## Take Them Home

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:13-16

1: How do you feel about the story of the hikers trapped in Iran in 2009? Would you have done anything to help them if you could?

2: What are some of the dangers of being lost in a place you are unfamiliar with? See 2 Corinthians 11:26.

3: What are the steps of salvation?

4: Where are these steps meant to lead? What do they lead you away from? 2 Timothy 4:18, Acts 2:40

5: What responsibility has God committed to us in 2 Corinthians 5:18-19?

6: Would you be able to share with someone the gospel? What would you say? 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, Acts 2:37-38.

7: What's it like to be lost? Ever had that experience?

8: If you're in this world without direction, what are you? So what are most people in the world?

9: What do you think about Officer Taylor's efforts to help a lost boy find his way home? Do you think it would be just as heroic to help a lost person find their way to God? More?

10: If you're lost now what do you need to do this morning?

P.M. Sermon: Mark Tonkery

## God's Offer To You

Scripture Reading: Hosea 11:9-11



# *Doug's Discussion*

## You Choose First

Sometimes there's not enough for everybody. Unless you have a magical never-ending vat of ice cream at your house there comes a time when there is only a couple of scoops left. By the way, if you do have one of those can I borrow it for a while? At my house we sometimes have the difficulty of having three kids (and one kid at heart) and only enough ice cream for two or one. And then what do you do? Everyone wants dessert . . . but barring a trip to the corner store that's not possible. Let me tell you what warms my heart more than anything else in these moments: one kid saying, "that's all right Dad, someone else can have mine." I wonder if they have figured out that doing something like this is a great way to be first in line for the next thing . . .



Long ago there wasn't enough land for Abram and Lot. What can happen when there's not enough is that the fighting begins. People can get pretty nasty over scarce resources. Abram doesn't want this so he chooses to be the bigger man. "Lot, it's okay buddy, you can have it. Pick what you want and I'll go somewhere else." This leads to Lot getting the best-looking place and to happier family reunions for the foreseeable future. It also leads to God being pleased and promising to bless Abram: "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever" (Genesis 13:14-15). God also said a little later: "Do not be afraid Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward" (15:1). It sounds like letting someone else have the best spot really worked out for him.

I would suggest we start asking ourselves some questions before we get too cranky over who gets to watch the show they want on the family's single screen Netflix account. First ask, is my show more important than the other person? It is more important than having peace? I don't care how amazing the show is the answer is no both times. Also, don't you think God will reward the person who puts someone else first? I do that with my kids and God is way cooler than I am. GOD is our very great reward. Not that thing that you think you want so badly right now. I think that if we are willing to sacrifice right now, putting others first out of love, that God is able to give us more than we can ask or imagine. So the next time you're one of the two people who want one thing I suggest you say: "you go ahead." History tells us things work out a lot better for the one who lets the other person go first.

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

There are a lot of things I could tell you that you'd probably believe. How about: I went to the gym yesterday for about two hours. Just as you are about to compliment my efforts my wife walks by and says "No he didn't, he sat around like a bum and watched T.V. all day." Do you see how that works? You thought you knew the truth but another voice set you straight. As Proverbs 18:17 says "The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him."

Have you ever wondered what you believe simply because it was the first thing you heard? Because dad said it, because an older brother said it, because your all-wise kindergarten teacher said it, you believe it. Their statements seemed right to you at the time so you accepted them. Sadly, our role models do not always speak the truth. I suggest opening God's Word and letting what you read challenge your beliefs. Perhaps then what only seems right will be replaced with what is actually right.

## *Bible Call Report: December 2021*

We had OVER 17 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in December with 125 calls. Some of the most called topics this month were

326 A Way That is Right and Cannot Be Wrong (6)	951 The Kingdom and 1000 year Reign (6)
122 How to Help Yourself Become Better (6)	130 Getting the Best out of Ourselves (5)
117 Strengthening Our Faith (5)	201 Why Does God Allow Trouble (4)
202 How to Help Those Who Are Suffering (4)	854 Peanut Butter (4) child's favorite

Four times people listened to the same lesson again. We have members giving out the leaflet everywhere they go. Thank the Elders for their commitment to this work. This year they have set aside \$7500 for this work. Thanks to members who give special contributions for this work. With your commitment we can do more. We have mailed 5 ROUTES in Parkersburg in January. It is good to see other congregations also using this work. We are mailing some routes in the Spencer area this month and in a community outside of Spencer. Spencer is also putting the Bible Call advertisement on the back of House to House as is also done here at Camden Avenue. Also, Albert Farley with the brethren at Salem are mailing that town in February. I have also been talking to another congregation in southern WV that is considering mailing their county. Pray about this work and think about areas you might want to fund a mailing to or a congregation you want me to talk with. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world. David Epler cell 616 554 0990 house 304 834 1935

## Serving In Worship February 6, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders  
Close - Rob Hoover  
6:00 PM - Kevin Cochran  
Close - Doug Hershman

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Mike Wade  
PM - Klay Cochran

### COMMUNION

AM - Brian Haught  
PM - Jon Hescht



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### 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 23, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....179  
Sunday Bible Class.....156  
Sunday PM Service.....121  
Wednesday AM Service.....26  
Wednesday PM Service.....116  
Contribution.....\$8245.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

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

## Sentence Sermons

- Men who do their best today will be better qualified to meet the challenges of tomorrow.
- True goodness is greatness, although you may never be heard of outside the county where you live.
- A true friend is one who knows our weaknesses as well as our strengths and still loves us.
- The hand of an old friend feels good, and it refreshes the soul.
- It is more blessed to count your blessing than it is to count your woes.
- Smiles and good humor are the seasoning that make everyday living taste better.



### BIBLE CALL

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

In Search of the  
Lord's Way  
Sunday mornings  
at 7:30 on WTAP  
February 6  
"What Lack I Yet?"

### Daily Bible Reading

January 31: Matt. 20:17-34 & Ex. 15-16

February 1: Matt. 21:1-27 & Ex. 17-19

February 2: Matt. 21:28-46 & Ex. 20-21

February 3: Matt. 22:1-22 & Ex. 22-23

February 4: Matt. 22:23-46 & Ex. 24-25

February 5: Matt. 23:1-22 & Ex. 26-27

February 6: Matt. 23:23-39 & Ex. 28-29

*"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."*