

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.

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Welcome to Friends and Family Day.

Everyone is invited to our Harvest Dinner downstairs in the MP Room after Bible study.

Also, join us this evening for a prayer and singing service at 6:00.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us!

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
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Christians:

Keep the faith...but
not from others!



Our church family in need of your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Gloria Frazier, Diana Hesselrode, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Betty Porter, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patty Alton, Luann Ayers (Shelley Todd's cousin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Elijah Clark, Alan Eaton (Lois Nulter's son), Loretta Eddy (Ron Moncrief's sister), Tony Haid (Len's son), Crystal Rich, Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Helen Ruble, David Smith (Billie Coe's nephew), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Merl White (Terry Hofmann's father), Susan Williams (Friend of Don and Brenda Dougherty), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)



Betty Porter

2523 David Lee Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26101

She has been a patient at Ruby Memorial but, they request cards be sent to the home address. Let's shower her with cards.

Eli Clark

499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180

Please keep Eli and family in your prayers and remember he enjoys receiving mail.



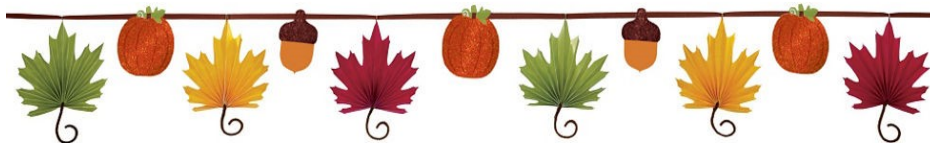
Happy 94th Birthday to Gilbert Hardman September 27!

We love and appreciate Gilbert and Lucille very much!

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thanks for the beautiful birthday cards, greetings, and Facebook wishes. I appreciate your remembering "my" day. Love, **Patty Sayre**
- ♥ **Ruth Wells** would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards, Facebook well wishes, and words of encouragement.
- ♥ A special thank you to **Alisha Hershman** for baking the communion bread for this month.

News and Announcements



DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening at 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 devotional/work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers trip to Henderson Hall will be this Tuesday, September 26, departing the building at 9:30. Bring your lunch and we will have a picnic. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Dwain for more information.

HAID'S ANNUAL SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan invite everyone Saturday, October 14 to the bean dinner at their cabin, starting at 4:30. They provide hamburgers on a bun, chili and soup beans. Bring items to go along, desserts and beverages. Also, bring lawn chairs.

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

We are planning to recognize our family of Veteran's. We would like to have pictures of all military, past and present. Include name, branch of service, rank, years and where served on back of a military picture, preferably. Pictures will be copied and returned. Submit by mid-October to Marion Goldsmith.

DISASTER RELIEF

We sent \$3000 to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief and \$3000 to Disaster Assistance Church of Christ for flood relief in Texas and Florida. In addition, our members individually have contributed \$4845 toward relief efforts. Thank you for your donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, see one of the Elders.

PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION (SIGN-UP SHEETS)

We will be providing transportation to the Gospel Meeting at the Slate Church of Christ Monday, October 2 as Mark will be speaking (leaving here at 6:15) and to the Ladies' Day at the Norval Park congregation Saturday, October 7 in which Laura Tonkery will be speaking. Sign-up sheets are on the counter.

BIBLE CLASS PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Teachers are asked to give a list of students with Perfect Attendance to Mark Tonkery or Kimberlee by next Sunday. We would like to feature in the bulletin.

Daily Reading - Bible classes

September 18 - Numbers 25:1-9
September 19 - Numbers 25:10-18
September 20 - Numbers 26:1-4, 63-65
September 21 - Numbers 27:15-23
September 22 - Numbers 31:1-8



Have a great week in the service of our Lord.

Daily Bible Reading

September 24 - 2 Corinthians 9, Proverbs 24-25
September 25 - 2 Corinthians 10, Proverbs 26-28
September 26 - 2 Corinthians 11, Proverbs 29-31
September 27 - 2 Corinthians 12, Ecclesiastes 1-3
September 28 - 2 Corinthians 13, Ecclesiastes 4-6
September 29 - Galatians 1, Ecclesiastes 7-9
September 30 - Galatians 2, Ecclesiastes 10-12
October 1 - Galatians 3, Song of Solomon 1-4



DANA'S DIRECTION

"Do You Feel Saved?"

by Wayne Greeson

Are you saved? How do you know you are saved? "I know I am saved because I feel it in my heart," many often say. But are the feelings of your heart the proper standard to determine your salvation? We do not use this standard in other matters. No one says of his bank statement, "I know it is right because I feel it in my heart," while they ignore to properly add and subtract from their balance. No carpenter says, "I know the board is 10 feet long because I feel it in my heart" -- he checks the board with the proper standard, the measuring tape! But, when it comes to a matter far more important than bank balances and board lengths -- salvation -- many are willing to trust their eternal welfare to their feelings.

Can you trust the feelings of your heart to tell you whether or not you are saved? The Bible says "No!" "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool" (Proverbs 28:26), for "the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Feelings are subjective, they change from person to person and even within the same person. Truth is objective, it remains fixed and does not change, regardless of the person or the year.

The way you feel about salvation does not change God's truth concerning it, just as the way you feel about math, does not change the truth of it. Whether or not you are saved is an objective fact, not subject to the whims of how you feel from moment to moment. So how can they know they are saved? The Scripture says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

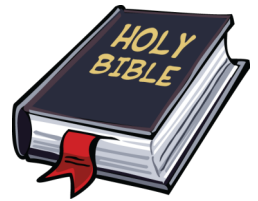
You do not have to rely upon your own faulty and deceptive feelings concerning your salvation. The Lord has given "the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15). The knowledge and confidence of salvation can only come from the objective standard of God's Word. God will judge you by His Word, not by how you feel. Jesus proclaimed, "the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). What is your salvation based upon?

Many people feel in their heart they are saved because they have "simply believed" in Jesus. While salvation certainly requires faith in Jesus, faith alone does not and cannot save according to God's Word. James wrote, "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only" (James 2:24). Other people have prayed and "asked Jesus to come into their heart" and now they feel they are saved. But nowhere does the Bible teach one must simply pray to Jesus in order to be saved. God's Word teaches to be saved you must: hear the gospel (Romans 10:17); believe Jesus is the Son of God (Mk. 16:16); repent of your sins (Acts 2:38); confess Jesus (Romans 10:9; Acts 8:36-38) and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16).

Those who obey God's Word do not have to guess whether or not they are saved based upon the feelings of their heart. They know they are saved because their salvation is based on the unchanging Truth of God's Word.

Come to the Feast

(Luke 14:15-24)



“A certain man gave a great _____ and _____ many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited ‘ _____, for all things now are _____.’ But they all with one accord began to make _____.” (Luke 14:16-17) Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the _____ and the hedges, and _____ them to come in, that my house may be _____. For I say to you that _____ of those men who were _____ shall taste of my _____.’” (Luke 14:23-24)

I) God has made wonderful provisions for our _____. The kingdom of God is _____. In this kingdom God has provided a banquet of _____. “Blessed be the God and _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has _____ us with _____ spiritual blessing in the _____ places in _____.” (Ephesians 1:3) **Heaven is God’s _____ feast.** “Blessed are those who are called to the _____ feast of the _____.” (Revelations 19:9)

II) God has _____ many. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His _____ begotten Son, that _____ believes in Him should not _____ but have _____ life.” (John 3:16) **Whosoever will may come, on His _____.** “Repent, and let everyone of you be _____ for the remission of your _____.” (Acts 2:38)

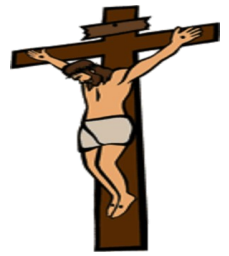
III) Not everyone who is _____ will partake of this feast. Many allow menial things to _____ in the way. **Reasons or Excuses?** “If anyone comes after Me and does not hate his _____ and _____, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and his own _____ also, he cannot be My _____.” (Luke 14:26)

IV) Those who enter the feast may _____ us. “I say to you that _____ and _____ shall enter the kingdom of God before you.” (Matthew 21:31) “Those who are _____ have no need of a _____ but those who are sick. I have not come to call the _____ but _____ to repentance.” (Matthew 9:12-13)

V) The _____ of those who will not enter the feast. “For I say unto you that none of those men who were _____ shall taste of my supper.” (Luke 14:24) “When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking _____ on those who do not know _____, and on those who do not _____ the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting _____ from the _____ of the Lord and the glory of His power.” (II Thessalonians 1:7-9)

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

September 23, 2017 was not our last day on Earth



This past week David Meade, an “*evangelical Christian*” claimed that an unknown planet was going to strike the earth that will lead to the end of the world. He goes on to misquote scripture to prove his point. Many may remember when December 21, 2012 was going to be the end of the world because some people claimed that an ancient Mayan prophecy suggests that this date was “doomsday.”

Throughout history many people have predicted that the world would end, but the world continues. With that said the Bible does state there will be a “last day” but no one, but God knows when that day will be.

Notice what Jesus stated in Matthew 24:36-39:

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”

It is true that no human being, ancient or present, can predict the exact date of our final day on earth.

But what if we knew that tomorrow was our last day on earth? How would we spend those last fleeting days? Maybe we need to apologize to someone? Is there someone we need to call and ask for forgiveness? Is there someone we may need to tell of our love? Is our life right with God? Do we know where we are going to spend eternity?

As one realizes they just have a few short days to live; what will get accomplished? What will get left undone? What rises to the top of our priority list that we must do before we die or leave this earth?

So many times we think we have a long time to live before we have to make things right with God and our loved ones. In reality we only have the time that God has allowed us and that is now. At any moment, our lives can be taken away, by an accident, a disease, or natural disaster. This moment is the only time we have to respond to God’s great love and make things right with one another.

Make the commitment now to give your life to Christ and make things right with your loved ones. God tells us that He sent His, Son Jesus Christ into the world, that through Him we might be prepared for our last day upon earth. Hebrews 9:28 states, “So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many”. On the cross, Jesus bore the sins of the world; He paid the price for our sins. One may receive the benefits of His sacrificial death by faith (Acts 16:30), repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confession (Romans 10:9-10), baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), and then “walking in the light as He is in the light” through a life of obedience to God’s will (1 John 1:7).

Today may not be our last day on planet earth, but that shouldn’t stop us from living as if it were.

“Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts” (Hebrews 4:7).

Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery

Camden Avenue Church of Christ...
where you are always welcome!

We hope you were made to feel welcome and that you enjoyed the fellowship of our Christian family.

The Church of Christ is a non-denominational body of believers who seek to be Christians. We have no organization that goes beyond the local congregation. We use the Bible as our only guide in matters of faith and worship because of our commitment to the New Testament as God's final word and binding authority for His church.

As in the New Testament and the example set by the church of the first century we sing through the use of a cappella music (not accompanied by musical instruments), partake of the Lord's supper each first day of the week, and teach salvation through baptism (immersion) of penitent believers for the remission of sins. As taught in the scripture, our congregation is autonomous and overseen by an eldership consisting of godly Christian men.

If you have any questions or would like more information about anything we say or do in our worship, please let us know.

Please worship with us again!

Youth Section

October 8

Challenge Youth Conference registration deadline. \$30 each to be given to Jeff. CYC will be February 23-24.

October 18

Trunk or Treat on the MP parking lot after Bible study

October 27-28

Bridgeport Youth Rally
Let Jeff know by October 18 if you plan to go.

November 10

Widows, Widowers, Veterans Lunch in the MP Room

November 11

Rake and Run

Life Chain 2017

24th Annual

WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1

2:00-3:00

Along Grand Central Avenue from Lakeview Drive to Sam's Club in Vienna.

Signs and lawn chairs are provided.

Stollers and umbrellas are welcome.

Flyer on foyer bulletin boards with details.

Upcoming Events

September 24 -27

Mineral Wells congregation
Speaker: Tim Hatfield

September 29

Inman Bible Forum - OVU

September 30

Ladies Day
Church of Christ Sistersville, WV
Speaker: Mary Daugherty

October 1-2

Slate church of Christ
Speaker: **Mark Tonkery**

October 7

Annual Ladies Inspiration Day
Norval Park congregation
Speaker: **Laura Tonkery**

October 14

SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK
OVU CHURCH SECURITY WORKSHOP

October 15-18

Church of Christ
Oxford Street, Sistersville
Speaker: Roger Rush

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

We have informative tracts, Correspondence Courses and home Bible studies available at no charge.

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.

October 1

What Happens At Death?

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, October 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kody Inman

Close - Rob Hoover

6:00 PM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Patrick Rine

SCRIPTURE

AM - Evan Fleak

PM - Gary Herridge

COMMUNION

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Mike Fleak

Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Ron Riddle

2 - Josh Hall

4 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Alivia Moser & Holly Haught

2. Todd & Annette Kirk

3. Don & Brenda Dougherty

4. Clayton & Verna Huber

5. Bill & Rosemary Merrill

6. Jim & Rose Merrill

Facts and Figures

September 17, 2017

AM Service.....278

Bible Study.....175

PM Service.....201

Wednesday.....186

Contribution\$6344.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....2

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00