

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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Veteran's Day - November 11, 2017

Thank you to those who have served and those currently serving our country.

We are thankful to the soldiers young and old who have answered the call to fight for our freedoms.

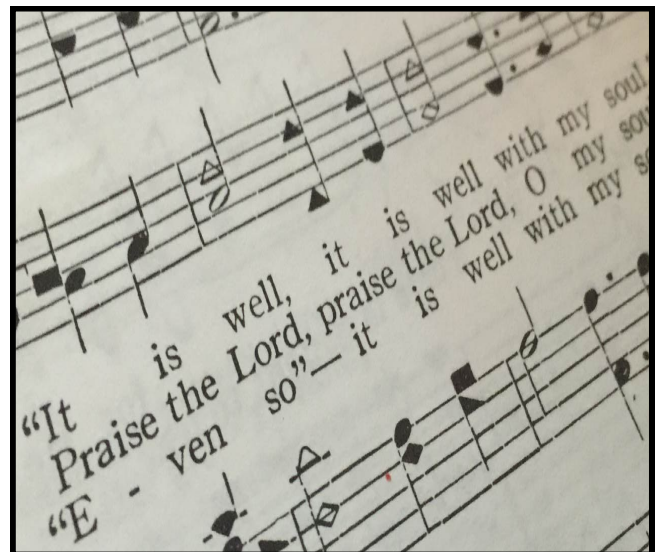
We are proud of you all!

We will host the Friday night sing at 7:00 this week.

Please bring snacks, desserts and beverages to the MP Room to share following the sing.

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

(This will be the final sing for this year.)



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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 Todd Kirk
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Don't worry about tomorrow God's already there.



Camden Clark (Room 178)

Marion Goldsmith

Please keep Marion and family in your prayers. He is scheduled for surgery this week in Charleston.

Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Sheila Deems, June Freels, Marion Goldsmith, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langer, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Betty Porter, Jane Pralley, Van and 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), Casey Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Tony Haid (Len's son), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), John Knotts (Billie Coe's co-worker), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Helen Ruble, Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Travis (Jerry Todd'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)

Scott Coffey has requested prayers. He will be having a tooth extracted.

Eli Clark

499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180

Please keep Eli and family in your prayers and remember him with cards.

We extend our sympathy to Michael Ludwig in the passing of his father, Gerald Ludwig October 23. There was no service as was his request.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of our dear sister Martha Metz. She passed away November 2. She will be sadly missed. At the time of this printing, we have no arrangement information.

Please keep this family in your prayers,



♥ I would like to "Thank" the person who found my ring and returned it. Means so much to me. Let me know who you are. **Lucille Hardman**

Church News and Announcements

PHYLLIS JOHNSON

Phyllis appreciates the cards and visits. Please continue to remember her with prayers, cards and visits. Her address is: C/O Brookdale Marietta, 150 Browns Road, Marietta, OH 45750.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet in the MP Room tomorrow evening - 5:45 dinner and 6:20 devotional/work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. This will be the final MNFTM for this year.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICE

We will be conducting the 7:00PM service this Thursday at Love and Care. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

We will host the Friday night sing this week at 7:00. Please bring snacks, desserts and beverages to the MP Room to share following the sing. Let's fill the auditorium!

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be in the MP Room this Friday, November 10. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count.

RAKE AND RUN

Rake and Run will be this Saturday. Two sign-up sheets are on the counter. (1) If you would like your leaves raked and (2) if you volunteer to rake.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items are needed to make Care Packages for OVU college students and the students from here. The sign-up sheets are on the counter with requested items listed. Items need to be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer by December 3. There is also a sheet for anyone willing to help assemble the packages December 3 after evening services.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

A representative from Potter Children's Home will be here the end of this month to collect the coin banks. Please leave the banks in the office by Sunday, November 26.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Paul Inman would like to borrow any directories made for our congregation from 1930-1966. Please put your name with the directory so they can be promptly returned.

Daily Reading - Bible classes

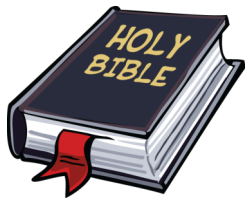
November 6 - Joshua 10:16-27
November 7 - Joshua 10:28-43
November 9 - Joshua 9:1-15
November 10 - Joshua 9:16-27
November 11 - Joshua 10:1-15

THANK YOU

Marion and Jo Goldsmith (with assistance from Annette Kirk) for the wonderful job with the Veteran's Wall of Recognition in the auditorium.

Daily Bible Reading

November 5 - 2 Timothy 4, Jeremiah 32-33
November 6 - Titus 1, Jeremiah 34-35
November 7 - Titus 2, Jeremiah 36-38
November 8 - Titus 3, Jeremiah 39-41
November 9 - Philemon 1, Jeremiah 42-45
November 10 - Hebrews 1, Jeremiah 46-48
November 11 - Hebrews 2, Jeremiah 49
November 12 - Hebrews 3, Jeremiah 50



DANA'S DIRECTION

Heed the Warning

A man from Mississippi, who had escaped with his life was in his home when it was washed away by Hurricane Katrina, was explaining why he had not evacuated when he had the opportunity. "First of all," he said "there had been warnings before." On at least two other occasions during the past year, the people in his community had boarded up their homes and left. Nothing had happened. "Secondly," he thought, "if a hurricane does hit it will hit somewhere else," "Third," he figured, "whatever happens I will be O.K. I have always been able to take care of myself."

The destruction of such a powerful storm is inescapable. The only advantage that science has been able to provide over the past hundred years is early forecasting and warning. If it were not for this early warning, many more would have died. But for those who did not heed the warning - it was of no value.

The whole message of the Bible is one of warning. Because of our sin - man is alienated from God. Sin will be punished. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) God has always warned people before He punished them. In the days of Noah, God saw that "the wickedness of man was great in the earth: For 120 years while the ark was being prepared, God, through Noah, warned the people to repent or they would perish. When the city of Nineveh had become so evil that God was determined to destroy it, He send the prophet Jonah to sound the warning, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." In this incidence, the people repented of their wickedness. And God spared them. Because of Israel's sin of rejecting Jesus, the warning was given that Jerusalem would be destroyed. Jesus warned that when they saw the signs that He had predicted, that "those who were in Judea should flee to the mountains." (Matthew 24:16)

And yet, in spite of all of the warnings, man's nature has not changed. We still follow after the ways of a world that is following after Satan. (Ephesians 2:1-3) The warning has been sounded: "truly the times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all, by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:30-31)

The warning that has been given is the message of the gospel. The "good news" is that man can be saved. First, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross. Second, God has given us a way to respond to His grace. If we believe in the one He sent to save us... "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37) If we repent (turn from) of our sins..."for unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3) And if we are baptized we will be saved "he that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

The warning has been issued. Jesus is coming again to judge the world. Unlike His previous warnings God has told us that there will be no "last minute warning." "Watch therefore, or you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. Therefore, be you also ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him." (Matthew 24:42,44).

God doesn't want any of us to perish. (II Peter 3:9) He has sounded the warning. He has patiently delayed His coming so that we might repent and be prepared when He comes. Will you heed the warning?

God's Team

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12



Teamwork is a _____ for every congregation.

I. Teamwork as _____.

A. Scriptures that talk about teamwork:

- Ecclesiastes. 4:9-12 - _____.
- 1 Corinthians 3:9 - _____.
- Nehemiah 4:13-16 - _____.
- Roman 12:4-8 - _____.
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-30 - _____.
- Ephesians 4:11-16 - _____.

B. People in the Bible who modeled teamwork:

- Jesus and His _____.
- Noah and his _____.
- Moses, Aaron and _____.
- Paul and _____.
- The church _____.
- The apostle Paul said, "For we are _____ together with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

C. Think about what could be done if we have _____ in the church today?

II. Teamwork _____.

A. There must be "no _____ among you" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

1. Matthew 12:25 "Every kingdom _____ against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house _____ against itself will not stand."

B. _____ -

1. There is no "_____" in CHURCH.
2. We are _____ a part of the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).
3. The Christians on Pentecost "were _____," (Acts 2:44).

C. Acting _____ than others - 3 John 9.

D. _____ spirit -

1. Matthew 7:3-5, "Why do you see the _____ that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the _____ that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the _____ out of your eye,' when there is the _____ in your own eye? You hypocrite, first _____ the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the _____ out of your brother's eye."
2. Proverbs 24:16, "for though a righteous man _____ seven times, he rises again."

E. _____ - don't care and do not work

1. Revelations 3:14-2

III. Teamwork in _____.

A. Work _____ -

In Acts 2:44 The church was _____.

B. _____ -

1. Consistency - _____.
2. Loyalty - _____.
3. Give your best - _____.

C. _____ the task - 2 Timothy 4:6-8

D. Be _____ - Ephesians 4:2

E. _____ each other - Hebrews 3:13

F. Give _____ for each other - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2

Conclusion

A. An African proverb states, "If you want to go fast - go alone. If you want to go far go together."

P.M. Sermon: God Made the Sun stand still **Scripture Reading: Joshua 10:12-13**

Dana is in a Gospel Meeting this week at the East High church of Christ in Springfield, Ohio.
Please pray for him in this work and for safe travels.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Teamwork

Look around you. Most, if not all the people you see here today are your brothers and sisters in the family of God. You need them. Independent and separate you are weak. So are they. But together we form one strong unit... capable of weathering storms in and outside the church walls. This is in a sense what I Corinthians 12:14-27 and Romans 12:4-8 are talking about. We as Christians are a body, a team.

John Stemmons, a well-known Dallas businessman, was asked to make a brief statement on what he considered to be foundational to developing a good team. His answer was crisp and clear. "Find some people who are 'comers', who are going to be achievers in their own field...and people you can trust. They will grow old together."

This is not only good advice for business, but for the church as well. In a day of church-hopping and a "Lone Ranger" religious mentality, it is refreshing to see Christians working together to do ministry such as leading in worship, teaching Bible classes, praying for one another, giving of our means to help the spread of the gospel and to those who are need. We must continue to work together as Christians and as a congregation to keep the Kingdom of God advancing.

The thing that will keep us together and continue as a team is lovingly working together. "Nothing...pulls a team closer together and strengthens the lines of loyalty more than love. It breaks down internal competition. It silences gossip. It builds morale. It promotes feelings that say, "I belong" and "Who cares who gets the credit?" and "I must do my very best," and "you can trust me because I trust you'."

Jesus invested in people by loving them and showing them affection (John 12:13). Because of this love, Jesus drew the apostles and later the church together by love and held them together by grace.

The church will grow best when it's members are lovingly working together as a team and as a body. After all Ephesians 4:16 states, "He makes the whole body fit together and unites it through the support of every joint. As each part does its job, he makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Let us work together in love for the cause of Christ!

(-Mark Tonkery excerpts from *The Quest for Character*, pages 161-164)

Youth Events



Our cell phones
have already
replaced our Bibles,
cameras, calendars,
alarm clocks, etc.
Let's not let it
replace our
relationship with
God, our family
and/or friends.

November 10

Widows, Widowers, Veterans Lunch in the
MP Room
Sign-up sheet on the counter.

November 11

Rake and Run
Sign-up sheets are on the counter

November 26

Transportation will leave at 5:45 to join the
traveling youth group at the Newport
congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

**We are proud of the youth of our
congregation.**

**Thank you for being a wonderful example to
others.**



Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

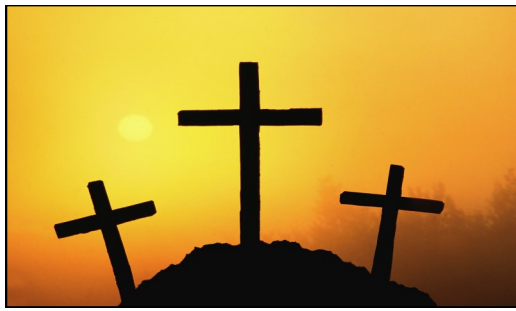
Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Scientists have learned that the human tongue has a special trait that can heal itself quicker than some other body parts. Apparently, there is a natural anti-biotic in our tongues that helps with the healing process. We are constantly taking in all sorts of potentially harmful micro-organisms, viruses, and other things into our mouths. However, God has made us so that our bodies can ward off these harmful organisms before they ever take root in our bodies.

Our tongues can be anti-biotic in another way as well. We can use our words to bring healing to others. Notice what the Bible teaches, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear (Ephesians 4:29). Think how would our world be different if we used our words to heal and not hurt.

God designed our tongues to be "healers" not destroyers. How are you using your words to bring healing to others?

I am Mark T. Tonkery with a minute of mediation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



A Consistent Christian

Could I be called a Christian if everybody knew
 My secret thoughts and feelings, and everything I do?
 Oh, can they see the likeness of Christ in me each day
 And do they hear Him speaking in every word I say?
 Could I be called a Christian if other folk would know
 That I am found in places where Jesus would not go?
 Oh, do they hear His echo in every song I sing?
 In eating, drinking, playing...is Christ in everything?
 Could I be called a Christian if judged by what I read?
 By all my recreation, and every thought and deed?
 Could I be counted Christlike in daily work and play
 Unselfish, kind, forgiving each hour of every day?
 I wonder, and I ponder, and often do I pray,
 That I may be like Jesus in all I do and say.

Borrowed

Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have any questions or would like additional information (i.e. home Bible study, Bible Correspondence Courses, etc.) please let us know.

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.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, November 12

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Cody Hoover

Close - Kody Inman

6:00 PM - Steve Moser

Close - Chris Tallman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Mike Fleak

COMMUNION

AM - Walter Morgan

PM - Chris Mullins

Josh Hall

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Gary Herridge

2 - Doug Hershman

4 - Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Susan Anderson & Robin Anthony

2. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

3. Chris & Debbie Tallman

4. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

5. Bob & Gala Miller

6. Ron Holleron & Bill Mills

Facts and Figures

October 29, 2017

AM Service.....265

Bible Study.....195

PM Service.....183

Wednesday.....148

Contribution\$6588.00

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....11:00AM & 7:00PM