

# 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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## REVERIE

Harriet Whipple

I sit inside all safe and warm as the year draws to a close,  
And begin to count my blessings that out number any woes.  
First, the safety of my loved ones and the life and love we share,  
And the joy of special friendship with the ones who truly care.  
Next, our health and pleasant comforts that can make our life worthwhile,  
And the strength and patience needed, and the value of a smile.  
All of nature God created to provide us joy and cheer  
And the seasons with their blessings and their beauty all the year.  
The music, art and poetry and the talents we may use,  
Advantages and work to do, and the privilege to choose.  
The wonders of the world around and the knowledge we may share;  
Our opportunities to help and to talk to God in prayer.  
What lies ahead for me and mine we're unable now to know,  
But we shall try to do our best in the days that come and go.  
We shall wait with faith for blessings that the new year shall provide,  
With the Lord to chart the pathway and to be our constant guide.

Thank you to Corinna Francis for sharing this poem.

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The happiness of  
your life depends on  
the quality of your  
thoughts.



**OSU Medical Center**

Todd Kirk

**Camden Clark**

Charlene Donahue (Room 206)

Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Charlene Donahue, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van and Nancy Putnam, 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), Eli Clark, Travis and Alisha Doyle (Hardman's granddaughter), Casey Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), 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, 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)

*We are in the process of revising our Prayer List to keep it current. Please inform the office of changes/updates. Names will appear on the list for three weeks if no update is received.*

We extend our sympathy to Bev Rine and family in the passing of her father, Harold Kirby. He passed away December 25 in Florida.

Keep Bev and her family in your prayers.

**THANK YOU**  
notes for you

- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards, gifts, visits and the little kids coming down singing for us was great. Wish you all a Happy New Year.  
Christian love, **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ Thank you so very much for remembering me at Christmas with the many cards and gifts. I love each and everyone of you. **Jo Langler**
- ♥ **Mary Daniel, Peggy Dearth and Mary Edwards** thank the LLL girls for the lap robes.

Thank you to Jo Goldsmith and Annette Kirk for the winter bulletin boards.



## **NEW YEARS EVE GET-TOGETHER**

Everyone is invited to the New Years Eve get-together this evening after services in the MP Room. Bring board games, snacks, desserts and beverages. Money will be collected for pizza.

## **SACK THE PULPIT**

Items requested for the church pantry include: saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, pasta, pancake mix, pancake syrup, macaroni and cheese, boxed cereals, canned potatoes, canned corn, canned meats, canned soups, canned fruit. Items may be left in the front of the auditorium.

## **FIRST PRINCIPLES SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS**

Mark Tonkery will be teaching a Sunday morning First Principles class beginning next Sunday in Room 112. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. Everyone is welcome to attend this class.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING**

There will be a VBS meeting next Sunday at 5:00PM to discuss date and theme.

## **AREA-WIDE SERVICE**

The area-wide service will be at the Lubeck congregation Sunday, January 14 at 2:30PM.

## **DANA'S "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" DINNER**

Dana and Cindy invite everyone to the "I Can't Believe It's Not A Holiday" dinner at Western Sizzlin' Monday, January 15 at 5:30PM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count.

## **HOLIDAY CARDS**

Please check the boxes in the rear auditorium foyer for your holiday cards.

## **UPDATING RECORDS IN CHURCH OFFICE**

Kimberlee will be updating church records and completing the end of year records. If you have a change of address, phone number, or want to include birthday/anniversary for church calendar please notify the office. If you do not receive calls from the office and would like to - **or** - if you receive the calls and no longer want to, please let her know. Also, if you would like to receive the bulletin via email provide your email address.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

December 31 - Revelation 22, Malachi 1

January 1 - Matthew 1, Genesis 1-2

January 2 - Matthew 2, Genesis 3-5

January 3 - Matthew 3, Genesis 6-7

January 4 - Matthew 4, Genesis 8-10

January 5 - Matthew 5:1-20, Genesis 11-12

January 6 - Matthew 5:21-48, Genesis 13-15

January 7 - Matthew 6:1-15, Genesis 16-18

**Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers.**



*Look for ways to be a blessing to others!*

Be a reflection of what you would like to see in others. If you want love, give love. If you want respect, give respect.

You get in return what you give.

*Share the Love of Jesus!*



# YOU PREACH FIRST!

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you.

You preach a message of good cheer when you say “Good morning!” to those you meet when you park your car and when you are in the hallway before the services.

You preach the message of “Welcome! We have room for you!” when you slide over in the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you.

You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the song service.

You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together.

You preach a message of respect when you listen attentively while the preacher is speaking.

You preach a message of love when you smile, say hello, and introduce yourself to visitors. When brethren embrace and show concern for each other, one hears the words of Jesus: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My Disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35).

You preach a message about faith when you give your offering.

You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you bring your Bible.

Many messages are preached before the minister stands up to bring his message.

If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received.

Come prepared each Sunday to preach a sermon by the example you set.

People will judge the church by how we live even more stringently than by the message the preacher preaches.

This is why Paul told Timothy, “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe” (1 Timothy 4:12, emp, added).

Your life is the book people will read even when they do not read the Bible.

What is the gospel according to you? How do people read your text? They will believe what they see much quicker than they will believe what they hear. Does your life match what you believe?

# Why do we pray?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:9-13



Why do we pray?

Why did \_\_\_\_\_ pray in Deuteronomy 9:12-21?

Why did \_\_\_\_\_ pray in Daniel 6:1-23?

Why did \_\_\_\_\_ teach his disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9-13?

Why did the early \_\_\_\_\_ pray in Acts 2:42 continue to pray?

Why does \_\_\_\_\_ state in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray without ceasing,"?

The reason we pray \_\_\_\_\_

The reason Moses prayed in Deuteronomy 9: 12-21: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason Daniel prayed in Daniel 6:1-23: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason Jesus taught His disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9-13: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason the early Christians prayed in Acts 2:42: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason Paul stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray without ceasing," \_\_\_\_\_

Isn't this the reason we pray? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 11:1, "Now \_\_\_\_\_ is the assurance of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen."

1 Timothy 4:10, "For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our \_\_\_\_\_ set on the living \_\_\_\_\_, who is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all people, especially of those who \_\_\_\_\_."

Christian hope is \_\_\_\_\_.

So, we pray. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 10:1 \_\_\_\_\_

The Christian faith is one that does not give up in \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 1:13, "Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ up the loins of your mind, be \_\_\_\_\_, and rest *your* \_\_\_\_\_ fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"

So, why do we pray? \_\_\_\_\_.

We \_\_\_\_\_ God is \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_!

Romans 4:17, "as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and calls into \_\_\_\_\_ the things that do \_\_\_\_\_ exist."

When we pray do we \_\_\_\_\_ that kind of \_\_\_\_\_ in God?

Have you thought about the \_\_\_\_\_ that do not yet \_\_\_\_\_ but need to?

If we believe that God spoke this world into being, why wouldn't we \_\_\_\_\_?

Prayer works, because \_\_\_\_\_ works.

Why do we pray? \_\_\_\_\_

This evening will be a singing service. Please join us as we blend our voices and worship God!



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Goals for a New Year

The New Year brings a lot of excitement and a new beginning for many people. What if we tried to set the following goals in the New Year?

- H** – Help others more than we did last year (Gal. 6:10).
- A** – Action. Don't just sit there complaining about what others are not doing, do something for the Lord. (1 Pt. 1:13).
- P** – Put God first in all we do and say. (Col. 3:23).
- P** – Praise God. (Heb. 13:15).
- Y** – Yearn to be a better Christian than we were last year. (2 Pt. 3:18).
  
- N** – Notice the good in others (3 Jn.1:11).
- E** – Example. Remember to be a godly example to others. (1 Tim. 4:12).
- W** – Watch what you say and how you use your words. ( 1 Pt. 3:10).
  
- Y** – Yield not to temptation. (1 Cor. 10:13).
- E** – Express thanks. Give thanks to God and say thank you more often. (1 Th. 5:18).
- A** – Attend worship and Bible study regularly (Heb. 10:24-25).
- R** – Read your Bible and pray every day (2 Tim. 2:15).

### *The Clock of life*

The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man had the power,  
To tell just when the hands will stop  
At late or early hour.  
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed.  
To lose one's health is more.  
To lose one's soul is such a loss,  
That no one can restore.

Author Unknown



*Happy New Year from the Tonkery's! May God continue to bless you in the New Year!*

# Youth Events

Sunrise congregation will host the traveling youth group this evening and a New Years Eve get-together after services. Their service begins at 6:00.

Kingdom Forward Student Conference will be January 5-7  
(Hosted by: Belle and Alum Creek Churches of Christ, WV) at the Charleston Civic Center  
For middle school through college ages  
See Mark Tonkery for more information.

## LADS TO LEADERS - LEADERETTES MEETING

There will be a Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes meeting January 7 after PM services in Room 109.

This is for everyone that is involved with Lads to Leaders (participants, adults, and coordinators).

We will go over the details for the upcoming pre-convention events. If you are planning on going to convention this year and I have not spoken to you, please see me [or Bill Mills] as soon as you can.

Todd Kirk

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*May 2018 hold many blessings for you and yours!*

**I WELCOME THIS NEW DAY.  
IT IS MINE TO SHAPE AND TO MOLD.**



*Welcome  
the bright  
new day!*

This is a new day, mine to use, to fill, to live as I see fit. How it unfolds is up to me.  
The choice is mine.

I can be miserable, or I can have a great day.

I can doubt, or I can have faith.

I can feel depressed, or I can express the joy that is inherent within me.

I can fear, or I can trust - myself, others, God.

I can complain about aches and pains, or I can affirm God's perfect life within me.

I can dwell on loss, or I can seek new interests, new joy in living.

I can criticize others, or I can accept and bless them and enjoy happy and harmonious relationships.

I can harbor old grudges, or I can forgive.

I can speak of lack, or I can affirm God's never-failing supply.

I can give up, or I can make a fresh start.

I can go it alone, or I can depend on God.

**"Choose this day whom you will serve." Joshua 24:15**

# Golden Agers Trip to North Bend

Thank you to everyone that made this a great time of fun and fellowship.



Photos provided by Keith Smith

## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, January 7

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Dearll Vincent  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Doug Hershman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman  
PM - Evan Fleak

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall  
Close - Jimmy Galloway  
6:00 PM - Delmas Carr  
Close - Brian Haught

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Kody Inman  
PM - Jimmy Galloway

### COMMUNION

AM - Chris Tallman  
PM - Brian Haught

**PA SYSTEM** - Clayton Huber

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Herb Wright  
2 - Dwain Shears  
3 - Joyce Wright

1. Hannah Shears & Bre Tonkery
2. Steve & Julie Moser
3. Ron & Peggy Riddle
4. Herb & Joyce Wright
5. Larry & Janet Plant
6. Dearll & Carol Vincent

## Facts and Figures

December 24, 2017  
AM Service.....295  
Bible Study.....196  
PM Service.....151  
Wednesday.....173  
Contribution .....\$12870.00

### 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

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.

December 31 Topic - THE FUTURE