

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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Our Creator

With various shapes and colors,
Of flowers, trees, and birds,
To say there is no God
Is really quite absurd.

Try to count the stars,
The number quickly mounts;
God, however, does it,
The many stars He counts.
(Psalm 147:4)

The hair that's on your head,
How many strands are there?
Your God is one who knows,
He can count every hair.
(Matthew 10:30)

God knows when sparrows drop,
No more songs to sing,
While He knows all about us
Every little thing.
(Matthew 10:29)

How great is our Creator,
Let us look to see
All the wonders He has made
In our world for you and me.

Elders:

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

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Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
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God is not an
option - He is a
necessity.



Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Collen Ash, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr,
Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Charlene Donahue, Jim Henry,
Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief,
Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van and Nancy Putnam, Bob Smith,
Eloise Smith, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Travis and Alisha Doyle
(Hardman's granddaughter), Casey Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty),
Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's
friend), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Judy Hughes (Melva Farris' sister), Ron
Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty
Sayre's daughter), Anthony Thornabar (Phil Sturm's son-in-law), Angel White
(Eloise Smith's niece), Susan Williams (Brenda Dougherty's friend)

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



Colleen Ash is receiving therapy at Belpre Landing.

She would enjoy cards and brief visits.

Address: (Room 203) 1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Billie Coe and family in the passing of her sister,
Della Manley. Her service was Wednesday at Leavitt Funeral Home.
Keep Billie and her family in your prayers.

THANK YOU NOTES. . .

- ♥ Thank you for the great birthday cards. I appreciated and enjoyed them.
Merliee Morgan
- ♥ Thank you for your cards and prayers. Your cards have cheered me up.
Judy Hughes (Melva's sister)
- ♥ **Glenn Hawkins** is doing well following surgery. He thanks you for the prayers
and cards.
- ♥ Special thoughts. Encouraging words. Special friends. Our Anniversary cards
were special. Thank you! **Dearll and Carol**

Thank you **Gwen Johnson** for preparing the communion bread this month.

Church News and Announcements

BETTY LAMB'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go celebration today from 2:00-4:00 for Betty Lamb's 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, sweet Betty!

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

LOVE AND CARE SING

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

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' Thursday, February 1 at 5:30PM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count. One-A-Chord will provide entertainment. One-A-Chord is an all a cappella singing group originating from Barnesville, OH. The group specializes in oldies, doo wop and gospel music.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to the Ladies' Valentines Lunch in the MP Room Monday, February 12 Noon - 3:00. Bring your lunch and a Valentine card to exchange.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, February 19 in the MP Room 1:00-5:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion Goldsmith for more details.

JENNIFER THOMAS

Jennifer has a new address as she is a happy new home owner. Please update your church directory. Address: 2801 15th Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105

SAVE THE DATE

Our Vacation Bible School will be July 2-4 from 6:30PM-8:00PM. The theme is R.U.N the Race.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Henley Hoover and Kasen Inman. They had perfect attendance in the 3 year old Wednesday evening class.

Daily Bible Reading

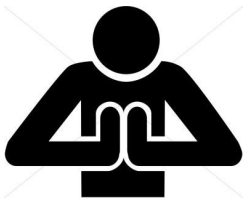
January 28 - Matthew 18:15-35, Exodus 8-9
January 29 - Matthew 19, Exodus 10-12
January 30 - Matthew 20:1-16, Exodus 13-14
January 31 - Matthew 20:17-34, Exodus 15-16
February 1 - Matthew 21:1-27, Exodus 17-19
February 2 - Matthew 21:28-46, Exodus 20-21
February 3 - Matthew 22:1-22, Exodus 22-23
February 4 - Matthew 22:23-46, Exodus 24-25



**Life without God
is like an
unsharpened
pencil...
No Point!**

Bible Class Reading

January 29 - 1 Samuel 13:1, 8-13
January 30 - 1 Samuel 14:13-14, 20,23
January 31 - 1 Samuel 14:46-68
February 1 - 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 9-15
February 2 - 1 Samuel 15:16-17, 20-23, 35



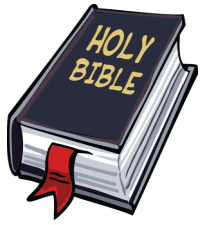
DANA'S DIRECTION

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER

1. **Pray Immediately Upon Rising** - In what better way can we begin the day than by thanking God for His protection and care during the night and by asking for his guidance during the new day? Prayer at the beginning of the day is an insulation against evil throughout the entire day.
2. **Pray Before Every Meal** - God has provided for our needs in such a bountiful manner! The least we can do is express our gratitude as we sit down to enjoy each meal. In these days when we eat many meals in crowded public restaurants, a few moments of silent prayer often must serve for the audible prayer which we pray around our tables at home.
3. **Pray At Set Times** - The ancient Jews, and others, reserved specific periods each day for prayer. We find it helpful, too. These regular times serve as reminders and help keep the busy world from crowding out our periods of communion with God. One woman uses her dishwashing time for prayer.
4. **Pray When You Are Discouraged** - Most of us don't need much encouragement to pray when we are discouraged or when we face some special problems. At such times prayer comes naturally. It is comforting to know that God listens to our prayers in times of crisis. The Christian has the privilege of leaning upon the Lord in times of difficulty.
5. **Pray When You Are Happy** - It is easy to pray in times of crisis...and equally easy to forget to pray when life is running smoothly. Christians need to thank God for their happy and prosperous lives.
6. **Pray With Your Whole Family**
There is something wonderful about a prayer in which both children and parents have a part. Let it be one united prayer, with each member of the family contributing a few sentences about those things closest to his heart, beginning it with the smallest child who is old enough to say a prayer. Then go from child to child and on to parents, until finally the father closes the prayer with the final "amen."
7. **Pray Immediately Before Retiring** - After the cares and toils of the day the child of God needs to talk with his heavenly Father. There are blunders to be confessed, sins to be forgiven, and there is gratitude to be expressed for the blessings of the day. Sleep will be sweeter if we have committed ourselves to the Lord's loving care.
8. **Pray Fervently** - James says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much in its workings" (James 5:16), Christ commended the importunate widow for her persistence (Luke 18). We must feel deeply the things we say to God, and must say them earnestly, fervently in full faith.

“Two Ways of Life”

Psalm 1



Introduction: The most important crossroad in our life is “What will you do with _____?”

“Enter in by the _____ gate. For _____ is the gate and _____ is the way that leads to _____, and there are many who go in by it. Because _____ is the gate, and _____ is the way that leads to life and there are _____ who find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS:

The righteous man is blessed because of what he _____.

He _____ not in the _____ of the ungodly.

Nor _____ in the path of _____.

Nor _____ in the seat of the _____. (Psalm 1:1)

The righteous man is blessed because of what he _____.

1. His _____ is in the _____ of the Lord, and in His law he _____ both _____ and _____. (Psalm 1:2)

2. “O, how I _____ your law! It is my _____ all the day.” (Psalm 119:97)

“Your word is a _____ to my feet and a _____ to my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

3. We must not just read from the Bible, we must _____ on it.

What questions should we ask about what we read in the Bible?

The blessings of the righteous are _____ and _____.

“He shall be like a _____ planted by the _____ of water, that brings forth its _____ in its season, whose _____ also shall not _____, and whatever he does shall _____.” (Psalm 1:3)

The ungodly shall not _____ before God.

“The _____ are not so, but are like the _____ which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not _____ in the _____, nor _____ in the _____ of the righteous.” (Psalm 1:4-5)

Everyone is walking down one of two roads: The _____ way of God, or the _____ way of the world.

The two roads separate in _____.

“The Lord knows the way of the _____, but the way of the ungodly will _____.” (Psalm 1:6)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Living a Life Of Regret

By Mike Riley

In his book entitled, 101 Hymn Stories: Kregel Publications, 1982, page 52, Kenneth W. Osbeck records the following sad story of Robert Robinson (1735-1790), the author of one of the most beautiful hymns in hymnology, "O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing":

"Robert Robinson was born of lowly parents in Swaffham, Norfolk, England, on September 27, 1735. His father died when Robert was eight, and at the age of fourteen, he was sent by his mother to London to learn the barbering trade. Here for the next few years, he was associated with a notorious gang of hoodlums and lived a debauched life."

Mr. Osbeck states that when Robert was seventeen, he was influenced by a denominational preacher by the name of George Whitefield – so much so, that he became a minister in the Methodist church. Later in his life, he became a Baptist "pastor." It was during this time in his life that he wrote many theological works as well as several hymns.

Mr. Osbeck continues to record the following regarding the life of Robert Robinson: "This hymn text, written when Robinson was only twenty-three years of age, contains an interesting expression in the second stanza, "Here I raise mine Ebenezer-Hither by Thy help I'm come." This language is taken from 1 Samuel 7:12, where the Ebenezer is a symbol of God's faithfulness. An expression in the third verse, "Prone to wander-Lord, I feel it-Prone to leave the God I love," seems to have been prophetic of Robinson's later years, as once again his life became characterized by lapses into sin, unstableness, and an involvement with the doctrines of Unitarianism.

The story is told that Robinson was one day riding a stagecoach when he noticed a woman deeply engrossed with a hymn book. During an ensuing conversation, the lady turned to Robinson and asked what he thought of the hymn she was humming. Robinson burst into tears and said, "Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then."

Brethren, a sad chronicle of a distraught man. It's interesting to note that the third verse of this beloved hymn today reads, "Never let me wander from Thee, Never leave the God I love." The words were changed by Asahel Nettleton, a noted American evangelist of the early eighteenth century.

Brethren, let us take the words of this third stanza to heart, and never leave the God that has so richly loved us (John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:9-10). Let us never live a life of regret.

Mark will be preaching this evening.

Sermon title: There is No Substitute for Victory. **Scripture reading:** 1 Samuel 15:10-23

Youth Events

Transportation will leave today at 6:00 to join the traveling youth at the North End congregation.

Transportation will leave here next Monday, February 5 at 6:30 for the **Monday Night Merge** at the Barlow-Vincent congregation.

February 5 - Barlow Vincent

February 12 - Little Hocking

February 19 - Dewey Avenue

February 26 - Hopewell

March 5 - Newport

March 12 - Ohio Valley University
(Flyer on foyer bulletin boards with details.)

Let Jeff know if you plan to go to these events.



Teen of the Week

Hannah Shears was recently selected Teen of the Week and was featured in The Parkersburg News and Sentinel.

She is a senior at Parkersburg South High School and takes classes at WVUP. She is a three year member of the National Honor Society and was recently inducted into the Nation Technical Honor Society. She also volunteers at Camden Clark Medical Center. She plans to pursue medical programs to become a nurse.

Hannah thanks everyone for the bringing her the newspaper clipping and for the encouraging notes.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

One Saturday night, a Christian widow and mother, very busy with house-hold chores, asked her seven-year-old son to polish her shoes. He worked hard on them. Later in the evening, he brought the clean, newly polished shoes to her. She was so pleased she rewarded him with a new, shiny dime.

The next morning, as she prepared for church services, the mother started to put the shoes on. As she slipped her foot in one of them, she noticed a lump in it. Taking the shoe off, she found the dime wrapped in paper. Written on the paper, in her son's childish scrawl were these simple words, "I done it for love." - *Bulletin Digest*

This prompts a question for all of us. What have we done for love recently?

- Have you helped your spouse with the children?
- Have you given clothes to a person in need?
- Have you visited those in the hospital?
- Have you done some work without expecting pay?

Remember what Jesus stated, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35).

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





You are invited to the Parenting Youth Seminar we are hosting April 13-15.

Speaker: Lonnie Jones from Huntsville, AL

Friday, April 13 at 7:00PM - *Responsibility of Christian Youth*

Saturday, April 14 at 4:00PM - *Responsibility of Christian Parents*

5:00 - Meal

6:30 - Singing

7:00 - *How do you raise godly children?*

Sunday, April 15 at 9:30AM - *Priorities for the family, what needs to come first?*

11:00 Bible study - *What immorality and drugs are doing to the family*

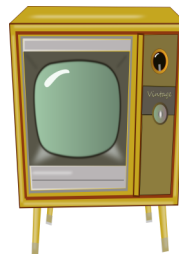
12:00 - Fellowship Lunch

Invite your family and friends.

Thanks to Mark for organizing this event. See him for more details.

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.

Upcoming Topic
February 4
DO WORKS MATTER?



Opportunities To Serve Sunday, February 4

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Evan Fleak

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Life

Close - Brian Haught

6:00 PM - Dennis Keller

Close - Bill Merrill

SCRIPTURE

AM - Kevin Inman

PM - Ron Riddle

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Mills

PM - Scott Johnson

Dustin Hughes

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Ron Riddle

2 - Donovan Walton

3 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Cody & Kristi Hoover

2. Richard & Lorna Marshall

3. Blank - as instructed

4. Blank - as instructed

5. Mark & Laura Tonkery

6. Jennifer Thomas & Sherry Wilcox

Facts and Figures

January 21, 2018

AM Service.....241

Bible Study.....145

PM Service.....191

Wednesday.....188

Contribution\$7172.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership.....2

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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