

# 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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## DO DIETS WORK?

Do you want the truth? Can you handle the truth? Diet's don't work! You have to work at a diet! Exercise doesn't work; you have to work at exercise. Being a Christian doesn't work; you have to work at being a Christian!

We have become as a people at ease, we want something done for us. Give us a pill, handle my child, and take care of my problems. Don't pick up that hoe you might have to work in the garden.

Christianity is a way of living. It is a method of having and dealing with everything that life may bring. It isn't putting our life in neutral and hoping it all works out for the good. It is working on being good. The key is WORKING! Jesus gave us a clue in this statement, "*Do unto others*" Paul gave another, "*work out your own salvation.*"

What did Jesus mean when he said, "*take up your cross and follow me*"? Doesn't that entail sacrifice and great effort? Paul said, "*we strive toward the mark of the high calling...*" We have become a nation of quitters. If it isn't easy, I don't want to do it. Family life hard? Just quit! Marriage getting rough? Just quit! People not treating you right at Church? Just quit! Folks the crown comes at the end of the race, and not when you quit!

Bulletin Digest

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 3:14

## **Elders:**

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

## **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Jon Hescht  
Bill Hoover  
Rob Hoover  
Kevin Inman  
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Todd Kirk  
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Encourage one  
another and build  
each other up.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



## **OSU Medical Center**

Todd Kirk

Please keep Todd in your  
prayers as he recuperates  
from surgery.

### **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), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's  
mother), 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.***

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Kyle and Sarah Inman are the proud parents of Ty Anthony Inman, He arrived  
December 31 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces and 19.5 inches. He is welcomed  
by siblings Clifton, Mackenzie, Kasen and Adeline. Congratulations to  
grandparents Stan and Debi Inman.



- ♥ **Harold Stanley** thanks the girls for the lap robe. He is enjoying it during this cold weather.
- ♥ Thank you for the lap quilt. **Dean Yoho**
- ♥ Thank you for so many "spirit lifters" from my brothers and sisters in Christ - surprise visits from young and older to tiny ones singing. Thank you for all of the cards, goodies, gifts and lap quilt. In Christian love and appreciation, **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ Thank you for all the anniversary cards and greetings. **Cotton and Patty Sayre**
- ♥ **Colleen Ash** thanks the girls for the little blanket. She really likes it.

# Church News and Announcements

## FIRST PRINCIPLES SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Mark Tonkery will begin a First Principles class today in Room 112. Everyone welcome.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

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

## LADS TO LEADERS-LEADERETTES MEETING

There will be a LLL meeting this evening after services in Room 109 to discuss preconvention events. This meeting is for all LLL participants, adults and coordinators. See Bill Mills for more details.

## CARE GROUP 4 MEETING

Members of Care Group 4 are asked to meet this evening after services in the auditorium by Door 6.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 invites to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## AREA-WIDE SERVICE

The area-wide service will be next Sunday at the Lubeck congregation 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.

## BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE

Teachers are asked to submit names of those with perfect attendance to the office. Names will appear in next week's bulletin.

## CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

There is an article in the January edition of The Christian Chronicle featuring the traveling youth group of the Mid-Ohio Valley. You can find it online at <https://christianchronicle.org/taking-youth-group-road-small-congregations>.

## MONEY FOUND

Money was found in the ladies' restroom Sunday, December 24. See Jim Galloway for details.

## CARD SHOWER

Paula Garner, Julie Moser's mother, is experiencing health issues. Remember her with prayers and cards. Address: 4501 9th Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105



**Those who walk  
with God always  
reach their  
destination.**

### Daily Bible Reading

January 7 - Matthew 6:1-15, Genesis 16-18  
January 8 - Matthew 6:16-34, Genesis 19-20  
January 9 - Matthew 7, Genesis 21-22  
January 10 - Matthew 8, Genesis 23-24  
January 11 - Matthew 9:1-17, Genesis 25  
January 12 - Matthew 9:18-38, Genesis 26-27  
January 13 - Matthew 10:1-15, Genesis 28-29  
January 14 - Matthew 10:16-42, Genesis 30

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



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## Am I Giving My Best?

*“And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.” 2 Corinthians 8:5*

I read that Queen Mary used to go to Scotland every summer. She was so loved by the people that she went about the country without an escort. One afternoon she was walking with some children. Suddenly dark clouds came up. The queen stopped at a house and asked to borrow an umbrella. She said to the lady of the house, “I’ll send it back tomorrow.” The lady was reluctant to lend a good umbrella to a stranger, but remembered that she had an old one in the attic. One rib was broken and there were several holes in it, but she turned it over to this lady at her door with an apology.

The next day there was another knock at the door. When she opened the door, a man in gold braid stood with a big envelope in his hand. “The queen sent me,” he said, “and she asked me to thank you for the umbrella.” For a moment the woman was stunned and then she burst into tears. She said, “Oh! What an opportunity I missed that I did not give my best!”

The story is told of a rich man who wanted to help a poor carpenter and his family. He hired him to build a house and went away on a long journey. The carpenter said, “My boss is away so I can use shoddy materials, cut down on the supporting work and no one but me will know.” So he built a cheap and shoddy house.

When the rich man returned, the carpenter said to him, “Here is your house all finished according to your instructions.”

“Good,” said the rich man, “and here are the keys and the deed. It is yours. I am giving you this house.”

Over the years the carpenter grieved. In using cheap materials, he had only cheated himself.

Each day we have an opportunity to give Jesus the best of our time, money, ability, and opportunity.

According to Jesus, we are helping ourselves when we give our best to Him: *“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:20, 21.*

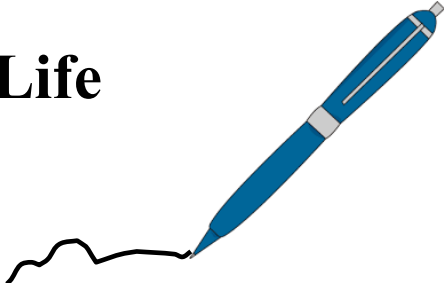
Jesus tells us that our treasures are indications of our focus, faith, and future. Our giving tells where we place our emphasis, how much we believe in what we do not see, and the direction our heart will travel.

What umbrella are you giving the King?

What kind of house are you building for yourself?

# Living Water – Spiritual Life

(John 4:4-14)



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## **Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery**

### **What will we remember most about 2017?**

It is hard to believe, but 2017 is in the record books. I wonder what we will remember most about 2017. I guess only time will tell but if your memory is like mine I tend to forget more than I remember. I can remember all sort of facts from years ago, but some days I can't remember where I put my glasses or laid my keys.

Memory is a funny thing. Sometimes we go into a room to get something and when we get there we can't remember what we are there for. We can remember things that are absolutely useless, and then can't remember things we need. Memories can be frustrating but also amusing.

There was a couple who was getting ready to go on vacation. As they were checking their many bags at the airport, the husband remarked to his wife, "I wish we would have brought the radio." The wife responded, "Why? We already have half a dozen bags." "I know," replied the husband, "but our plane tickets were on the radio."

I read of another person who had problems with memory. The story went something like this: There was an agricultural engineer who had his cousin visiting him out in the country. Now his cousin was a city raised boy visiting the country for the first time. This agricultural engineer had a sheep dog that could do all sorts of things and he showed him to his cousin. The dog rounded up the animals and could even latch and unlatch the gate. Well, the city raised cousin was amazed and said, "Wow! That's a great dog! What's his name?" The farmer scratched his head and thought for a moment. "Let's see—his name—there's this flower everyone likes—red—what is that?" "Rose." The farmer turns to his wife, "Rose, what's that dog's name?"

Forgetfulness. I heard someone call this "partimer's disease" where you can only remember part of the information part of the time. Now it really isn't a big deal until we forget the important things like a birthday or anniversary or an appointment—but even these are not always that big of deal compared to some of the things God asks us to remember in His Word.

The Bible teaches us that we are to remember our Creator in the days of our youth (Ecc. 12:1), we are to remember the great acts of God (Deut. 15:15), we are to remember the commands of scripture (2 Peter 3:2), and we are to remember Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (2 Tim. 2:8). I don't know what you and I will remember most about 2017 but the most important things we must remember are the things God commands us to remember in His book, the Bible. Think about it!

By: Mark T. Tonkery



The new quarter begins today for all Bible classes.

The following is a list of teachers and classrooms.

If anyone needs help finding a class or have questions please ask Mark Tonkery or Kyle Inman.

## Bible Class Teaching Schedule

Room	Class	<i>Winter 2018</i> January - March <b>Teachers</b>
152	Cradle Roll	<u>Sunday:</u> Bandi Hescht <u>Wednesday:</u> Laura Tonkery
153	2 Years Old	<u>Sunday:</u> Gwen Johnson <u>Wednesday:</u> Annette Kirk, Jo Goldsmith
154	3 Years Old	<u>Sunday:</u> Melva Farris, Jo Langler <u>Wednesday:</u> Nancy Inman, Sonya Hescht
150	4 & 5 Year Olds	<u>Sunday:</u> Jenny Ware, Connie Hickman
155	4 & 5 Year Olds	<u>Wednesday:</u> Teresa Wade, Jennifer Thomas
207	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	<u>Sunday:</u> Rosemary Merrill <u>Wednesday:</u> Robin Anthony
208	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	<u>Sunday:</u> Pam Bayer <u>Wednesday:</u> Julie Moser
206	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	<u>Sunday:</u> Jeff and Julie Taberner <u>Wednesday:</u> Cheryl Logston, Kimberlee Shears
257-258	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	<u>Sunday:</u> Kyle Inman and Steve Moser <u>Wednesday:</u> Kody Inman and Ron Riddle
250-251	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	<u>Sunday:</u> Scott Johnson and Mike Bayer <u>Wednesday:</u> Todd Kirk and Dwain Shears
MP Room	Young Adult	<u>Sunday:</u> Stan Inman, Jon Hescht <u>Wednesday:</u> Mark T. Tonkery, Paul Inman
Auditorium	Adult	<u>Sunday -</u> Dana Slingluff <u>Wednesday:</u> Dana Slingluff - 1 & 2 Corinthians
109	Adult	<u>Sunday:</u> Rick Stanley - Ezekiel <u>Wednesday:</u> Gary Herridge
112	Anyone	<u>Sunday:</u> Mark T. Tonkery - First Principles Class

## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, January 14

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Jim Galloway  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Doug Hershman

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Clayton Huber  
PM - Ben Haught

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Jon Hescht  
Close - Ryan Gaston  
6:00 PM - Ryan Highman  
Close - Bill Hoover

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Paul Inman

### **COMMUNION**

AM - Mark Tonkery  
PM - Paul Saunders  
Chris Tallman

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1 - Gary Herridge  
2 - Doug Hershman  
3 - Alisha Hershman

1. Emma Hershman & Holly Haught
2. Gary & Sharon Herridge
3. Brandon & Calle Sheppard
4. Delmas Carr & Bill Mills
5. Chris & Terry Hofmann
6. Len & Susan Haid



## Attitudes and Worship

Occasionally one is said to have a “bad attitude.” Whether a bad attitude is directed toward a brother or sister in Christ or one we have developed because of some circumstances in life, a bad attitude affects our worship, our relationship with God and therefore, our eternal salvation.

Paul wrote, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). Clearly, the Lord’s attitude was one of selfless humility.

Problems between brethren have a detrimental effect on acceptable worship (Matthew 5:23,24). In the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord emphasized an attitude of forgiveness: the bottom line is forgive and be forgiven or refuse forgiveness and have forgiveness refused (Matthew 6:14,15).

Let us always strive to be Christ-like in our attitudes and dispositions.

Jimmy Ferguson

## **Facts and Figures**

December 31, 2017  
AM Service.....192  
Bible Study.....136  
PM Service.....114  
Wednesday.....171  
Contribution .....\$5276.00

### **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

### **Winter Training Series**

January 4 - 25 Thursdays 7:00-8:00  
Dewey Avenue church of Christ  
Speakers: Lloyd Westbrook, Andy Robison, Dan Kessinger,  
Roger Rush

### **7th Annual West Virginia Marriage Getaway**

February 9, 10, 11



*Thank you for worshipping with us!*  
Have a great week in the service of our Lord!

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.