

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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1 blood donation can help save the lives of up to 3 people.
Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.



Our American Red Cross

Blood Drive

will be

Monday, February 19

1:00PM - 5:30PM

in the Multipurpose Room.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

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
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
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Give God Your
weakness And
He'll Give You His
strength.



Prayer Requests

Camden Clark

Rose Merrill

Please continue to pray for
Todd Kirk as he recuperates
at home. We appreciate
Todd and his family.

Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen 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, Rose Merrill, 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.*

- ♥ We would like to thank you for the prayers, kind words and acts of kindness during our time of loss. A special thank you to Dana, Mark and to Steve Sprout. **Billie Coe [Family of Della Manley]**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each of them. **Keith Smith**
- ♥ Thank you all for the Birthday cards, Christmas cards, get-well wishes and visits during my hospital stay and all your prayers. God is so great! In Christian Love, **Brother Harvey and sister Mary [Caplinger]**
- ♥ Thanks so much for all of the beautiful birthday cards. Thanks to the guys who sang "Happy Birthday" to me - you know who you are...that was just wonderful. Love, **Donna McConnell**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the nice birthday cards. They made my day. **Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, expressed their concern and brought food at the time of my sister's death. Everything was greatly appreciated. **Jean Martin**
- ♥ Thanks to all for the many birthday cards and wishes on my special day. Also a belated thanks for the anniversary cards and holiday cards. They were all appreciated so much. **Joyce Wright**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for my big party, for the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. Thanks to Larry Fleak for the gift he made me. Thanks to Pam & Mike Bayer for what they done for me, Jim & Charlotte Galloway for what you done and Mary Lucas what she done and making the cake and making my party great. I sure enjoyed cards, party and all for my Christian friends. Thank God for good Christian family we are church family. Love, **Betty Lamb** (I don't feel any older.)
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers and cards concerning Ty. He's doing much better. **The Inman Family**

Church News and Announcements

RESTORED

We rejoice that our brother Ray Peters requested prayers and was restored last Sunday. He will be in Care Group 4. We welcome Ray back into the Camden Avenue family. We love you, Ray.

5th GRADE AND UNDER LUNCHEON - PLANNING MEETING

The 5th grade and under will have a lunch and planning meeting today after worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items.

CARE GROUP 2 MEETING THIS EVENING

Rick Stanley would like to meet with Care Group 2 this evening after services in the auditorium by Door 6.

SECURITY SYSTEM TRAINING SESSION

The second security system training session will be Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30PM in the auditorium.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

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.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

The Secret Sister reveal will be Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00PM. Bring snacks and desserts and something to help identify yourself to your sister. Any questions see Laura or Kimberlee.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 24 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

LADS TO LEADERS-LEADERETTES

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send students to the LLL convention, please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills

VALERIA SPROUT

Valeria is now a resident at the Pleasant Acres Christian Haven, 41 Pleasant Acre Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554. Please remember her in your prayers and with cards.

Daily Bible Reading

February 4 - Matthew 22:23-46, Exodus 24-25
February 5 - Matthew 23:1-22, Exodus 26-27
February 6 - Matthew 23:23-39, Exodus 28-29
February 7 - Matthew 24:1-28, Exodus 30-31
February 8 - Matthew 24:29-51, Exodus 32-33
February 9 - Matthew 25:1-13, Exodus 34-35
February 10 - Matthew 25:14-46, Exodus 36-37
February 11 - Matthew 26:1-13, Exodus 38-39

**When We Put Our
Problems In God's
Hands,
He Puts His Peace
In Our Hearts.**

Bible Class Reading

February 5 - 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
February 6 - 1 Samuel 16:14, 18-19, 21-23
February 7 - 1 Samuel 17:3-4, 8-10, 16
February 8 - 1 Samuel 17:17, 20, 32-33, 37, 40
February 9 - 1 Samuel 17:45, 47-50, 58



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Live for Jesus”

In II Corinthians 5:14-15, Paul writes “For the love of Christ constrains us...He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

We often sing the familiar hymn “Live for Jesus.” The motivation for doing so is the sacrifice that He made so that we might be saved. Presenting our bodies as living sacrifices is our “reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1) Because Jesus died for me, I should die to self and live for Him. Paul summarized “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20) “Live for Jesus.” What does it mean?

First, to live for Jesus, we must truly be His disciple; one who follows Him, learns from Him, and obeys Him. Jesus said, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciple indeed.” (John 8:31) Over the past few years the expression WWJD (“What would Jesus do?”) has been popular. The sentiment is good, but what exactly does that mean? The proper question is “What has Jesus told me to do?” To follow Jesus is to follow His word.

Second, to live for Jesus we must be available to Him. Following Jesus indicates leaving other things behind. When Jesus called them, Peter, James and John dropped their fishing nets where they were and followed. We certainly must continue to meet our obligations to our families and society, but we must be willing to sacrifice less important matters in order to be about our Father’s business. We think nothing about setting apart an evening a week for bowling, or a Saturday afternoon to wash the cars and mow the lawn - what part of the week do we set apart to work for Jesus? “By this My father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.” (John 15:8)

Third, to live for Jesus we must follow His example - and walk in His steps. (I Peter 2:21) The scriptures say of Jesus “He went about doing good.” He showed humility toward God by saying “Not My will but Your will be done.” He showed humility toward man, by being the servant of men. How do we follow Jesus? If I then...have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done unto you.” (John 13:14-15) We live for Jesus by doing His work, by caring for the needs of men, and sharing with them the gospel of Christ.

“Live for Jesus, O my brother, His disciple ever be; render not to any other what alone the Lord’s should be. Live for Jesus, live for Jesus! Give Him all thou hast to give; on the cross the world’s redeemer; Gave His life that thou mightst live.”

“The fear of the Lord”

Proverbs 1:1-7



The book of Proverbs. Proverbs is _____ literature. It is one of _____ books of _____ in the Old Testament. The Theme of Proverbs “The _____ of the Lord is the beginning of _____, but _____ despise _____ and _____.” (Proverbs 1:7)

God is to be _____. He will _____ His _____ against those who _____ Him. “Fear Him who is able to _____ both _____ and _____ in Hell.” (Matthew 10:28) “It is a _____ thing to fall into the hands of the _____ God.” (Hebrews 10:31)

God is to be _____ and _____. Fear and _____ go hand-in-hand. “Moses said to the people, do not be _____, God has come to _____ you, so that the _____ of the Lord will be with you, to keep you from _____.” (Exodus 20:20)

To _____ God is to _____ Him.

DIVIDENDS OF FEARING THE LORD

#1) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____. “They became _____ in their _____ and their foolish hearts were _____, professing themselves to be _____, they became _____.” (Romans 1:21-22) “There is a way that seems _____ to a man, but its _____ is the way of _____.” (Proverbs 16:25)

#2) The fear of the Lord motivates us to _____ living. “By _____ and truth _____ is purged: and by the _____ of the Lord, men _____ from evil.” (Prov.16:6) “Have you considered my servant _____.... one who _____ God and _____ evil?” (Job 1:8)

#3) The fear of the Lord _____ life. “The fear of the Lord _____ days, but the years of the _____ shall be _____.” (Proverbs 10:27) **One who respects God respects his _____.**

#4) The fear of the Lord produces _____. In the fear of the Lord, there is strong _____; and His children will have a place of _____.” (Proverbs 14:26)

#5) The fear of the Lord is the source of _____ life. “The fear of the Lord is a _____ of life, to turn one away from the _____ of _____.” (Proverbs 14:27)

The fear of the Lord makes every _____ of our life _____. It is better than _____ things. “Better is _____ with the fear of the Lord than great _____ with trouble.” (Proverbs 15:16) It leads to the best _____ life. “By _____ and the fear of the Lord, are _____, _____ and life.” (Proverbs 22:4)

Fearing the Lord is the _____ of life. “Let us hear the _____ of the whole matter - _____ God and keep His _____ - for this is the whole _____ of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

THE DECISION TO WALK IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD. Following God is a decision that only _____ can make. If you truly _____ God, it is the _____ choice.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Enslaved

During the fourteenth century Raynald III, was a duke in what is now Belgium. As the result of a violent quarrel, Raynald's younger brother Edward successfully revolted against him. When Edward captured Raynald he built a room around him featuring windows and a door and promised him that the day he left the room his title and property would be returned to him.

The problem with this arrangement was that Raynald was grossly overweight and could not fit through the openings in the room. Raynald needed to lose weight before he could leave the room. Edward knew that his older brother could not control his appetite and sent him delicious food every day. As you may imagine, Raynald grew fatter during this time.

Anytime someone accused Duke Edward of treating Raynald cruelly he said: "My brother is not a prisoner. He may leave when he so wills."

Raynald stayed in that room for ten years and wasn't released until after Edward died in battle. By then his health was so ruined he died within a year. He was a prisoner of his own appetite. (Source: *The Three Edwards*, Thomas B. Costain)

Just as Raynald was enslaved by his appetite, sin will enslave all those who yield to it. Rom. 6:16-18, explains it this way, "Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness."

Jesus died on the cross so that we, might be set free from of our sins. He "bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). In order to have our sins forgiven and the burden of guilt lifted from our lives, we must believe in Him (Acts 16:31), repent of our sins (Acts 17:30), and be baptized so that our sins can be washed away (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Then, as we continue to walk in the light as He is in the light, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

Don't be enslaved to sin any longer! Come to Christ today!

Mark T. Tonkery



On behalf of the staff of The Family Crisis Intervention Center, I would like to express my extreme gratitude for your help to ensure the clients of The Family Crisis Intervention Center had a wonderful holiday season.

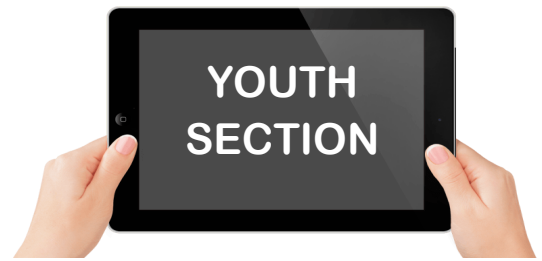
Often times the holidays can be an extremely stressful time for victims. Because of your generosity our families whose lives have been torn apart due to violence were able to have a wonderful Christmas, and it was possible because of you.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Georgianna Hollopeter, FCIC Shelter Director



Thank you to all who contributed and to Terry Hofmann and Amanda Cochran for heading up this good work.



1. CYC meeting **this morning** after Bible study in Room 109 to make final trip plans.
2. Families of our 5th grade and under children will have a luncheon-planning meeting **today** in the MP Room after worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items.
3. Transportation will leave February 12 at 6:30 for the **Monday Night Merge** at the Little Hocking congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.
4. The Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH will host a **Youth Rally** Saturday, April 28. Mark Tonkery will be one of the speakers. If you are interested in attending, let Jeff know.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

A husband and wife were driving in a car, the wife tells her husband to turn right at the next light and by mistake, he turns left. When he realizes what he has done, he says to his wife "I'm sorry dear, I went the wrong way." But if that is all he does, it isn't enough. His saying sorry isn't getting them any closer to where they want to be; he needs to stop the car, turn it around and go back to the correct road. That is repentance.

Repentance is a word that comes from a culture where people were nomadic and lived in a world with no maps or street signs. It's easy to get lost walking through the desert. You finally say to yourself, I'm going in the wrong direction and turn around.

A person who is not following Christ is in the wrong direction spiritually. They need to stop and turn around.

The Bible puts it this way, "For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret..." (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Do you need to turn around, a new start?

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



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, February 11

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle

Close - Gary Herridge

6:00 PM - Kevin Cochran

Close - Paul Saunders

SCRIPTURE

AM - Scott Johnson

PM - Dearll Vincent

COMMUNION

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Bill Mills

Mike Wade

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Inman

2 - Rick Stanley

3 - Dennis Keller

PM

1. Ben Haught & Cody Young

2. Dave & Lois Nulter

3. Dana & Cindy Slingluff

4. Chris & Debbie Tallman

5. Gary & Sharon Herridge

6. Dearll & Carol Vincent

Facts and Figures

January 28, 2018

AM Service.....258

Bible Study.....179

PM Service.....173

Wednesday.....172

Contribution\$7032.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....0

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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

UPCOMING Events

Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner

Friday, February 16

5:30PM

In the MP Room

Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items.

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School will be July 2-4 from 6:30PM - 8:00PM. The theme is R.U.N the Race. (R.U.N. = Are You In The Race?)

Thanks to Mark for his hard work in planning this event.



February 9, 10 and 11

West Virginia Marriage Getaway

Charleston Civic Center

March 3

42nd Annual Men's Inspiration Day
Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH

Speaker: Scott Pfettscher

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

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 11 - The First Gospel Sermon