

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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Today we say farewell to Dana and Cindy as they begin a new work in Ohio.

We bid them Godspeed and many years doing the Lord's work.
We will miss them but wish them only the best.

Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship Lunch today (in honor of Dana and Cindy) in the MP Room after Bible study. Join us in celebrating our work together.

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
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Todd Kirk
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**Keep your head up.
God gives His
hardest battles to
His strongest
soldiers.**



Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat 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, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Eli Clark, Markita Conner (Bill and
Kay Mills' sister-in-law), 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), Tony Haid, Jean Huber
(Clayton's mother), Judy Hughes (Melva Farris' sister), Joe Johnson (Scott's father),
David Newberry, Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Penny Spaur
(Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Anthony Thornabar (Phil Sturm's son-in-law),
Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Debbie Westfall
(Gene Phillip's daughter), Susan Williams (Brenda Dougherty's friend)

Please inform the office of changes, updates and additions.

Names will appear on the list for three weeks if no update is received.

Dave Newberry will have surgery tomorrow in Columbus as he faces
reoccurring health issues.

Keep him and Jean in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy to Jerry Todd and family in the recent passing of his
great-aunt, Garnet Jordan.

Please continue to pray for Eli Clark and remember him with cards. His
birthday is March 7.

Address: 499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180

Thank You Notes

- ♥ **Colleen Ash** thanks everyone for the cards. She appreciates them.
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **Brenda Guthrie**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards. They sure made my day. I enjoyed them.
Doris Newberry
- ♥ Thank you all for the flowers, food, calls, cards, visits, comforting words and
prayers. We love you all. **The family of Rose Merrill**

Thank you all that made the CYC trip a success. Thanks to Herb and Joyce Wright and
Linda Camp who donated food items. Also thank you to Joyce Wright, Sherry Hoover,
Kay Mills, Annette Kirk, Doug Hershman, Julie Taberner and Jim Hughes for the goodies.
Special thanks to Julie Taberner for planning the meals and for the ladies that helped
cooked the meals. Thanks, Jeff

News and Announcements

FAREWELL TO DANA AND CINDY - FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today after worship and Bible Study in the MP Room. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

TEACHER'S MEETING

Teachers are asked to meet today at 5:00 in Room 109 to receive your new material.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible class concluded last Wednesday. It will resume again this Fall. Join us for the 7:00 Wednesday evening service.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE

If you would like to purchase *Christian Woman* magazine (home delivery), please make checks payable to Robin Anthony by next Sunday. Each subscription is \$17.50.

SECRET SISTER

If you would like to participate in Secret Sisters, see Laura or Kimberlee for an information sheet. We plan to restart this good work in a few weeks. Details are included with the form.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 4 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, March 18 at 2:30 and Thursday, March 22 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

KATHLEEN ALBRIGHT'S 90TH BIRTHDAY - MARCH 28

Let's shower our sister Kathleen with cards for her 90th birthday. Cards may be sent to: 681 Brackenridge Road, Vincent, OH 45784.

LADS TO LEADERS

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed at the Stepping Stones Thrift Shop located by the Lubeck congregation. For more information contact Carrie Love at 304.488.2603 or 304.428.7373.



*Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday.
Don't forget to spring ahead one hour.*

Bible Class Reading

March 5 - 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12,
March 6 - 2 Samuel 2:1-4; 3:1; 5:3-7
March 7 - 2 Samuel 6:1-7, 17
March 8 - 2 Samuel 7:1, 4-5, 12-13. 22
March 9 - 2 Samuel 8:13-14; 9:3-7, 13



Do your
best and
let God do
the rest.

Daily Bible Reading

March 4 - Mark 8:1-21, Numbers 9-10
March 5 - Mark 8:22-38, Numbers 11-13
March 6 - Mark 9:1-29, Numbers 14
March 7 - Mark 9:30-50, Numbers 15-16
March 8 - Mark 10:1-31, Numbers 17-18
March 9 - Mark 10:32-52, Numbers 19-20
March 10 - Mark 11:1-14, Numbers 21-22
March 11 - Mark 11:15-33, Numbers 23-24



DANA'S DISCUSSION

My work with Willow Brook Christian Communities.

I just wanted to update the church here about what I will be doing when I leave Camden Avenue. My primary responsibility will be serving as the Chaplain for the Willow Brook Christian Communities, headquartered in Delaware, Ohio. Willow Brook is a not-for-profit, senior-care organization that dates back to the mid-1970's. We now have three communities: the original nursing home, Willow Brook Christian Home, is in Worthington. It was expanded on several occasions, and fully renovated in 2005. Services offered include skilled nursing care, therapy and rehab, assisted living and memory care.

In the early 1990's Willow Brook Christian Village was established in Delaware, Ohio. It is a CCRC, meaning that the full range of services are provided for seniors including homes and apartments for those who are still independent with a full restaurant and other amenities. As seniors become in need of other services, they can transition to assisted living, skilled nursing care or memory care. In 2005, a third community was established. Willow Brook at Delaware Run is similar to the Village, but is larger and offers additional services including a resident Doctor who specializes in the needs of older people.

Willow Brook was started and is still operated by the churches of Christ. I have worked with this organization, in one capacity or another, since the mid-1980's. I have volunteered, served as Development Director, been a member of the Board of Trustees, and am returning to serve as the Chaplain for all residents and staff. At this time, over 700 people are being served as residents, and over 500 people serve as staff.

As you can imagine, there are so many spiritual needs among so many people. My focus is on making sure that the "Christian" is prominent at Willow Brook Christian Communities. I will work with volunteers, churches and others, to provide periods of Bible Study and worship for each community. I will also be available to counsel and support residents and family members as they deal with illness, death and other challenges faced in one's later years. I will have opportunity to reach out to many people who are not members of the church of Christ. I truly view this as a mission and a ministry.

In addition to working with Willow Brook, I have been asked to serve as the preacher for the Northeast Church of Christ, in Galena, Ohio. This is a fine young congregation that has been in existence for less than fifteen years. They are served by elders and deacons, and have a membership of around 60. I'm looking forward to continued study, preaching and teaching, and having fellowship with this church.

For anyone who would like to see more about these works, you can look online. Willow-brook.org, and northeastcofc.com.

“Living in troublesome times”

Philippians 4:4-8



FROM THE TEXT: “_____ in the Lord always. Again I will say _____.” Be _____ for nothing, but in _____ by _____ and _____, with _____, let your _____ be made known to God; and the _____ of God, which surpasses all _____ will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:4-8)

We are living in _____ times.

Our troubles are not _____.

One thing that won't help is _____.

The antidote to worry is _____.

GOD'S PLAN FOR LIVING BY FAITH:

_____. “_____ in the Lord always.” (Philippians 4:4)

All spiritual blessings are found in “_____.” (Ephesians 1:3)

Nothing can separate us from the _____ of Christ. (Romans 8:39)

_____. “Be anxious in nothing, but in everything by _____.” (Philippians 4:6)

“Men ought always to _____ and not to _____.” (Luke 18:1)

Make your requests known, _____. “For your _____ Father knows that you need all of these things.” (Matthew 6:32)

“Ask, and it will be _____ to you: _____ and you will find: _____, and it shall be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7)

Approach God's throne with _____. Jesus is our _____, our _____, our _____.

“Let us come _____ to the throne of grace, that we may obtain _____ and find _____ to help in the time of _____.” (Hebrews 4:15-16)

“If anyone lacks _____, let him ask of God, who gives to all _____ and without _____, and it will be given him.” (James 1:5)

_____. “Let _____ and let _____.”

“Casting all your _____ on Him, for He _____ for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

Trusting God brings _____. “_____ I leave with you, My _____ I give to you; not as the _____ gives do I give to you, let not your heart be _____, neither let it be _____.” (John 14:27)

Be _____. “As a man thinks in his heart, so he _____.” (Proverbs 23:7)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

The Mission Field Is Here

There is certainly a lot of zeal, work, and energy that goes into a new church plant. All this work does pay off; new church plants typically grow faster than older congregations; older congregations typically decline after about 40-50 years in existence if new vision and new goals are not set.

During the decades after World War II (1945-1965), the churches of Christ were the fastest growing religious group in America. This was due primarily because members of the church of Christ were planting a great number of new congregations in areas where there were no churches. Members of the church saw church planting as a necessity to being biblical and a way to evangelize. As one studies the book of Acts, Christians in the first century put into practice the Great Commission and the outcome was congregations of the Lord's church being planted and started in the entire world.

In 1997 there was a study conducted of churches of Christ in the United States by Flavil Yeakley, of Harding University in which he found that membership in traditionally strong church areas were declining while membership in mission areas were growing. What was the reason for this decline and growth in these congregations? In areas where members of the church realized the need for new congregations and congregations that recognized their areas were a mission field and spread the Gospel; they grew. On the other hand, congregations and members of the church that did not see their area as a mission field, in turn did not share the Gospel. These congregations declined and, in some areas, have closed the doors of their church buildings or had to merge with other congregations to stay "alive."

You may be saying, so what is your point? My point is this, we as Christians need to dig deep down inside of us and find the zeal, the willingness to work, and energy that comes with starting a new congregation and apply it to our local congregation, which is already established. We as Christians must realize the importance of the Great Commission and put it into practice, just as Christians did in the first century.

We who live in the United States must realize that we live in a great mission field. The United States is the third largest non-Christian nation in the world. North America is also the only continent in the world where Christianity is not growing. The time has come where Christians must, "...Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

The only way we are going to see our congregation grow and stop declining is by realizing the need to share the Gospel with lost people. When we put the same effort into our congregation as Christians use in starting a new congregation, we will see it growing spiritually, numerically, and closer to God and one another. The mission field is here; may we treat it as such!

I will be out of town for a lectureship this weekend.

The first principles class will not meet. We will meet next Sunday in Room 112.

Youth Events

- Transportation will leave today at 3:30 to join the Traveling youth group at the Rosemar congregation. They are providing a meal and then we will go bowling. Please bring \$6 for bowling and shoe rental.
- Transportation will leave tomorrow evening at 6:20 for the Monday Night Merge at the Newport congregation.
Let Jeff know if you plan to go to these events.
- North End congregation will hold a Youth Rally Friday and Saturday, March 9-10
Flyer on the youth bulletin board

Encourage one another and build each other up.

I Thessalonians 5:11



I pledge allegiance to God above
Who always blesses with his love.

The Holy Bible is His word.
When I read it my heart is stirred.

I will obey God night and day
I will talk to God when I pray.

I will love God with all my heart
Because He loved me from the start.

Authors: Melva Farris and Jo Langler

(The 3 year old's Sunday morning Bible class recites this nice pledge.)

Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery Heard on 910 AM

Did you know there's a connection between thunderstorms and the quality of the food you eat? High winds have a positive effect on many plants, stimulating their roots to grow deeper so as to anchor the plant more firmly in the soil. And when roots grow deeper, they find fresh re-serves of minerals that are taken up by the plant and deposited in the fruit. And it's minerals that provide nutrition. A stressed plant offers the sweetest fruit - in due time. And the same is true with us.



When God allows winds of adversity to blow against us, we are forced to extend the roots of our faith deeper into the soil of God's promises and provision. When the storm passes, we have newfound faith, strength maturity, and humility as a result of learning to hold on to God. That's why God doesn't remove every storm so we learn to depend on the grace of Christ. (Source unknown)

2 Corinthians 12:9, reminds, "..., My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

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, March 11

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley

Close - Cody Hoover

6:00 PM - Paul Saunders

Close - Dustin Hughes

SCRIPTURE

AM - John Life

PM - Gary Alton

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Fleak

PM - Steve Moser

Ben Haught

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Herb Wright

2 - Dwain Shears

3 - Joyce Wright

PM

1. Susan Anderson & Tammy Kerns

2. Steve & Linda Gray

* Doors 3 & 4 - Unattended *

5. Mark & Laura Tonkery

6. Ryan & Madison Highman

Facts and Figures

February 25, 2018

AM Service.....200

Bible Study.....137

PM Service.....198

Wednesday.....192

Contribution\$5892.00

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.....7:00PM



**Monday
Night for
the Master**

Monday Night For The Master

We will start MNFTM March 19. MNFTM will continue April 2, April 16, April 30 and May 14.

MNFTM begins in the MP Room with a meal at 5:45PM for all workers and their children. The "work" begins around 6:30PM after a brief devotional and prayer.

Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count, food items and team assignments. *Please sign-up if you plan to attend.*



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

Speaker: Lonnie Jones from Huntsville, AL

Invite your family and friends.

See Mark for more information.

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

March 11 - **WHY DO WE SUFFER?**

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will
leave Friday at
5:45 for the sing at
the
Sissonville
congregation.

Everyone invited!