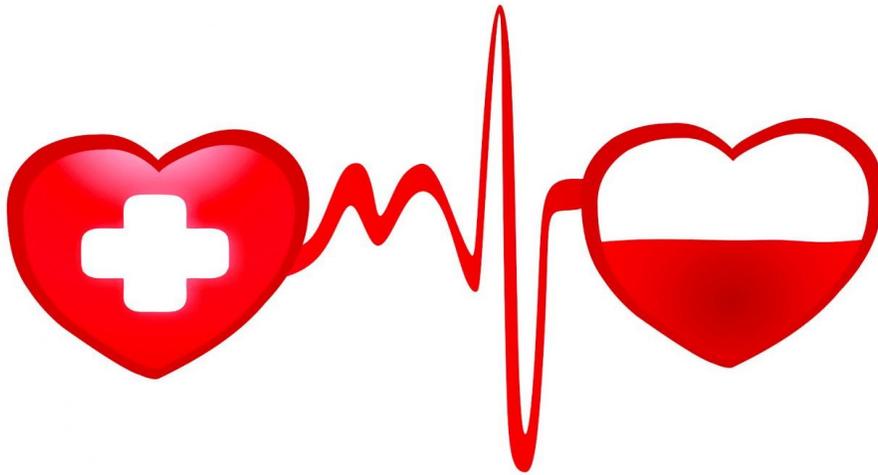


# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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## BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be tomorrow  
1:00PM-5:30PM in the MP Room.

**The sign-up sheet is on the counter.**

See Marion for details.

We appreciate Marion and Jo Goldsmith for organizing the blood drives and for all their hard work.

**Elders:**

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
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  
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Our days will be happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.



**Never Doubt What One Prayer Can Do!**

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. Mark 11:24

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

Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Mary Edwards, Gilbert Hardman, Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Lenore Vaught

**Prayers requested for family and friends**

Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Eli Clark, Casey Freeman (Don and Brenda Dougherty's friend), 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), Judy Ramsey (Rick Stanley's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)



We extend our sympathy to Bonnie Sams and family in the passing of her sister, Wilma Starcher.

Her service was Friday at the Leavitt Funeral Home.



- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed them. **Chris Tallman**
- ♥ We want to thank all for the prayers, cards, food and other kindness shown while in the hospital and while recuperating at home. God bless all. **Gilbert and Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ I appreciate all acts of kindness shown while I was in the hospital. A special thank you to Dearll Vincent for his compassion to me and my family. In Christian love, **Mary Edwards**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who wished me a Happy 18th Birthday. Love, **Hannah Shears**

School starts this Wednesday. Please be cautious in school zones and watch for school buses. We want to keep all students and staff safe.

We pray you have a safe, prosperous school year!



### **PLACED MEMBERSHIP/PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Sandy Graham is placing her membership with us from the Lubeck congregation. She will be in Care Group 3. She is the daughter of Gene and Peggy Phillips. We welcome Sandy to the Camden Avenue family. June Freels requested prayers Wednesday evening. She is thankful for her improved health and hopes to be able to worship with us in the future.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Blood Drive will be tomorrow in the MP Room 1:00PM-5:30PM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. (Donors will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.)

### **SCHOOL CLOTHES GIVE-AWAY**

We will be having a SCHOOL CLOTHES GIVE-AWAY. We are in need of girls and boys clothing, sizes 4-18, and some adult sizes. Jackets, socks, shoes are also needed. Donations should be gently used with no holes or stain and freshly laundered, clean. Please leave items in the large box in the parking lot foyer by next Sunday. Plastic grocery bags are needed. See Terry Hofmann for details. Monetary donations may be given to her or one of the Elders.

### **MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY**

Elders, Deacons, Preacher meeting 4:00, Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting 5:00 next Sunday.

### **OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY STUDENT EXPO**

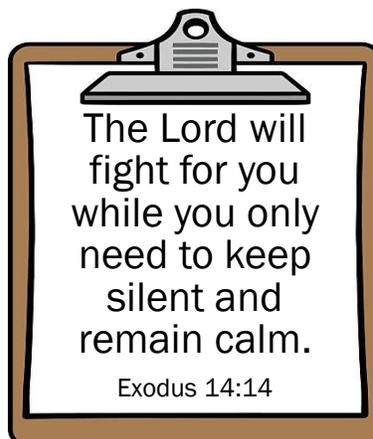
The OVU Student Expo will be Monday, August 20 from 7:00-9:00PM in the Alumni Gymnasium. We will have a table/display to welcome students to OVU and Camden Avenue. (We can set-up at 6:00PM.) If you would like to donate cookies and/or snacks, please see Mark. Plan to join us if you would like to help welcome the students

### **5TH GRADE AND UNDER ACTIVITY**

A camping trip September 21 to North Bend State Park is being planned for our 5th grade and younger children. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. Everyone is invited! See Mark for details.

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

August 12 - Romans 5, Psalms 22-24  
August 13 - Romans 6, Psalms 25-29  
August 14 - Romans 7, Psalms 30-33  
August 15 - Romans 8:1-17, Psalms 34-36  
August 16 - Romans 8:18-39, Psalms 37-38  
August 17 - Romans 9, Psalms 39-43  
August 18 - Romans 10, psalms 44-47  
August 19 - Romans 11:1-21, Psalms 48-51



#### **SUMMER SERIES**

Our Summer Series will continue this Wednesday evening at 7:00.



Speaker: Randy Baker  
Topic: Blessed Assurance

**Please attend and invite others!**



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Carpe Diem “Seize the day!”

In the movie “Dead Poets Society” Robin Williams plays a transforming teacher, named Mr. Keating. He takes a group of regimented, anxious, and hopeless boys and inspires them to make their lives extraordinary.

These young men, as Keating points out to them have lost sight of their dreams and ambitions. Through his teaching and inspiration, he helps them to dream again. In one of the scenes in the movie, Mr. Keating takes the boys down to the school lobby where a trophy case displays photos of earlier graduating classes. Mr. Keating tells the students.

*“The young men you behold had the same fire in their eyes that you do. They planned to take the world by storm and make something magnificent of their lives. That was 70 years ago. Now they are all pushing up daises. How many of them really lived out their dreams? Did they do what they set out to accomplish? Then Mr. Keating leans into the cluster of students and whispers. “Carpe Diem” Meaning “Seize the Day”*

As Christians we too must look at our trophy cases and catch the same fire that won those trophies of times gone past. Our trophies are not made from metal or marble objects that collect dust and rust. But are the examples of those in scripture, the memories of faithful Saints, and victories of our history. It is when God intervened and worked through the lives of his people, to show his love, power, mercy, justice, and grace.

Take for example the book of Acts. The Apostles started out as a rag tag group but look at Acts 2 when they received the power of the Holy Spirit. They began to preach in Jerusalem, then to Samaria, and then to the ends of the world. They carried the message of Christ’s hope everywhere they traveled, teaching, planting congregations, helping those in need, and helping to transform the lives of all those who would obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Question: How does our vision and zeal compare to those in Acts? How many of us are living out the world-wide vision of our Lord as found in Acts 1:8? Have we accomplished what the Lord has set out for us to do?

This is the day the Lord has made! Our work is not completed. Let us seize the day for His glory. Let us get to work teaching, preaching, and helping those in need. Let us make a commitment to be more involved with the work of the Lord. The sky is the limit in the Lord. Make the Lord proud and live out his dream, His vision for your life and the church.

“Carpe Diem”

Seize the Day for the Lord and live his dream!



Brother Charles Pugh will be speaking today in Mark's absence.  
We welcome Charles and Sharon.  
Mark and his family are on vacation. Keep them in your prayers.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY UPDATE**

We helped 25 students with school supplies Tuesday evening. Thanks to Mike and Pam Bayer, Terry Hofmann, Gwen, Haley and Emma Johnson, and Rick Stanley for helping at the School Supply Give-Away. Thanks to Scott Johnson for heading up this work.





## Pray first, aim high and stay focused

There once was a man who had nothing for his family to eat. He had an old rifle and three bullets. So, he decided that he would go out hunting and kill some wild game for dinner. As he went down the road, he saw a rabbit. He shot at the rabbit and missed it. The rabbit ran away.

Then he saw a squirrel and fired a shot at the squirrel and missed it. The squirrel disappeared into a hole in a cottonwood tree. As he went further, he saw a large wild "Tom" turkey in the tree, but he had only one bullet remaining. A voice spoke to him and said, "Pray first, aim high and stay focused." However, at the same time, he saw a deer which was a better kill. He brought the gun down and aimed at the deer. But, then he saw a rattlesnake between his legs about to bite him, so he naturally brought the gun down further to shoot the rattlesnake.

Still, the voice said again to him, "I said 'Pray, Aim high and Stay focused.'" So, the man decided to listen to God's voice. He prayed, then aimed the gun high up in the tree and shot the wild turkey. The bullet bounced off the turkey and killed the deer. The handle fell off the gun and hit the snake in the head and killed it. And, when the gun had gone off, it knocked him into a pond.

When he stood up to look around, he had fish in all his pockets, a dead deer and a turkey to eat for his family. The snake (Satan) was dead simply because the man listened to God.

### **Moral of the story:**

Pray first before you do anything, aim and shoot high in your goals, and stay focused on God. Never let others discourage you concerning your past. The past is exactly that, "the past." Live every day one day at a time and remember that only God knows our future and that He will not put you through any more than you can bear. Do not look to man for your blessings, but look to the doors that only He has prepared in advance for you in your favor. Wait, be still and patient: keep God first and everything else will follow.

(Author Unknown)

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33*

Please remember these Shut-Ins in your prayers and with cards.

Love and Care

Colleen Ash, Zoe Byrum, Mildred Gault  
PO Box 1512  
Parkersburg, WV 26102

Brookdale Marietta

Phyllis Johnson  
150 Browns Road  
Marietta, OH 45750

Worthington Nursing Care

Jane Pralley (Room E29A)  
2675 36th Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Ohio Valley Care and Rehab.

Myrtle Metz  
222 Nicolette Road  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Harmar Place

Bob Smith  
401 Harmar Street  
Marietta, OH 45750

The Willows

Doris Newberry  
723 Summers Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Willow Brook Christian Community

Kathleen Albright (Room 255)  
100 Delaware Crossing West  
Delaware, OH 43015

Pleasant Acres Christian Haven

Valeria Sprout  
41 Pleasant Acre Drive  
Fairmont, WV 26554



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Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you have any questions, please let us know. We offer informative tracts and Bible Correspondence Courses at no charge. We would also be happy to have a Bible study at your convenience. *We are here for you.*

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## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A lady went to her preacher after a church service and said, "I won't be attending church anymore." She explained, "I see people on their cell phones texting during the service, children are loud, some members are sleeping, and then there are the hypocrites."

The preacher replied, "Can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision? Take a glass of water and walk around the church building and don't let any water fall out of the glass."

She agreed and walked around the building with the glass of water. She came back and said proudly, "It's done."

The preacher asked her these questions, "Did you see anybody on their phone? Did you hear any loud children? Did you see anyone sleeping?"

She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't spill out."

The wise preacher then explained, "When you come to worship, you should be that focused on God. That's why Jesus said, 'Follow Me', He did not say follow other people. She got the point.

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





## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- September 1 - \*Calvin and Jean Martin
- September 4 - \*Paul and Barbara Saunders
- September 5 - Wilma Lewis, Ruth Wells
- September 7 - Steve Moser
- September 8 - \*Kody and Chelsea Inman
- September 9 - Delmas Carr, Alice (Ali) Cochran
- September 10 - Gloria Frazier, Zoe Merrill
- September 11 - \*Marvin and Arrahwana McMasters
- September 12 - Bill Fleak
- September 13 - Gene Phillips
- September 14 - Brenden Smith, \*Steve and Holly Sprout
- September 16 - Patty Sayre
- September 17 - Jenny Reynolds
- September 18 - Braidon Knotts, Kyle Knotts
- September 20 - Valeria Sprout
- September 21 - Connie Hickman
- September 22 - Nancy Inman
- September 23 - Jo Goldsmith
- September 24 - De Fleak, Sandy Keller, \*Harvey and Mary Caplinger
- September 25 - Avery Goldsmith
- September 26 - Alisha Hershman, Chloe McCloskey
- September 27 - Gilbert Hardman - Happy 95th!, Sean Plant
- September 28 - Carl Curtiss, Natalie Inman, \*Allen and Billie Coe
- September 29 - Cheryl Logston
- September 30 - Naomi Carr

\* Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care. Spread love.

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, August 19

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Rick Stanley

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Cody Hoover

Close - Chris Tallman

6:00 PM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Dennis Keller

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Steve Moser

PM - Kody Inman

### COMMUNION

AM - Len Haid

PM - Donovan Walton

Don Gaston

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Rick Stanley

2 - Dave Nulter

3 - Lois Nulter

### PM

1. Chris & Debbie Tallman

2. Bill & Sherry Hoover

\* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*

5. Dennis & Sandy Keller

6. Herb & Joyce Wright

## Facts and Figures

August 5, 2018

AM Service.....273

Bible Study.....192

PM Service.....188

Wednesday.....186

Contribution .....\$7336.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested Prayers.....3

Placed Membership.....2

## Friday Night Sing



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

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

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

August 19 - THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Services Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM