

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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School Supply Give-Away

The items we need:

Pencil top erasers, wooden/plastic rulers, college rule filler notebook paper, wooden pencils, folders, colored markers, children's scissors

Items need to be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer today.

The School Supply Give-Away will be Tuesday, August 7 from 6:30PM-8:00PM in the parking lot foyer.

If you would like to help with this work, see Scott Johnson,

School Clothing Give-Away

We need girls and boys clothing, sizes 4-18, and some adult sizes.

Please donate gently used clothing, no holes or stain.

Items may be left in the large box in the parking lot foyer by Sunday, August 19.

If you need more information, see Terry Hofmann.

Elders:

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

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Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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**0% Perfect
100% Forgiven**

Thank you, Jesus
for all this love.



Camden Clark

Mary Edwards (Room 506)

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, 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)



Please keep Eli Clark and family in your prayers.
Remember him with cards of love and encouragement.
Address: 499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180



- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **Margaret Dawkins**
- ♥ Thank you for the Anniversary cards and for the words of encouragement upon my resignation. **Paul Inman**
- ♥ Thanks for the anniversary cards. **Keith and Eloise Smith**



BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION DAY

Today will be our Bible Class Promotion Day. All children are asked to move up to the grade they will start for the new school year.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

LLL will kick-off this evening after services in the MP Room. Please bring finger foods, snacks, desserts and beverages. See Todd for more details.

MEETING TO PLAN COLLEGE STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Mark would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with anyone interested in working with and/or planning activities for the college students.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

The School Supply Give-Away will be Tuesday, August 7 from 6:30PM-8:00PM.

SCHOOL CLOTHES GIVE-AWAY

We will be having a SCHOOL CLOTHES GIVE-AWAY. We need girls and boys clothing, sizes 4-18, and some adult sizes. Jackets, socks and undergarments are also needed. (Undergarments must be new and in package.) Please donate gently used clothing, no holes or stain. Items should be laundered and clean. Items may be left in the large box in the parking lot foyer by Sunday, August 19. See Terry Hofmann for details. Monetary donations may be given to her or one of the Elders.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 will host the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 13 in the MP Room 1:00PM-5:30PM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion for more information.

SUMMER SERIES

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

Speaker: Steve Fuchs

Topic: A Peace That Passes Understanding

Please be here and invite others!



**Mornings are better
when you talk to God
first.**

Daily Bible Reading

August 5 - Acts 28:1-15, Job 37-38

August 6 - Acts 28:16-31, Job 39-40

August 7 - Romans 1:1-17, Job 41-42

August 8 - Romans 1:18-32, Psalms 1-6

August 9 - Romans 2, Psalms 7-12

August 10 - Romans 3, Psalms 13-17

August 11 - Romans 4, Psalms 18-21

August 12 - Romans 5, Psalms 22-24



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Are you worthy?

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is an age-old question that many of us have asked. Sometimes bad things happen to us because we make poor choices. Like one time when my wife and I were first married; we left one of our house windows cracked open. The window did not have a screen and during the night a feral cat sneaked into the house. That was interesting way to wake up in the middle of the night; fortunately, Laura nor I were injured, and neither was the cat. But, this incident happened because we made a poor choice to open a window without a screen in it.

On the other hand, sometimes, bad things happen, and we do not really know why. For example, in Job 1:6-8 and Job 2:1-6 as Satan is wondering the earth God asks Satan if he considered His servant Job. It is after this that we read that Job went through his terrible ordeal.

God thought Job was strong enough and worthy of what Satan could do to him. We might not think of our sufferings and struggles in this way but what an honor! The Most High and Holy God considered Job righteous and blameless, that he put Job up against Satan. God limited Satan's power over Job and knew what Job could handle. Job's suffering was not due to him making a sinful choice or doing anything wrong; he was considered worthy by God to endure and be faithful during his trials.

When bad things happen to us we may not know the why, but we can be able to rejoice in the fact that God may have considered us worthy to receive the trial that we face because He knows we can handle it.

James 1:2-4, puts it this way, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." Then 1 Cor. 10:13, states, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

These verses remind us not to give up in our trials, and our trials are not always a result of our sins.

I have read that when a potter bakes a pot, he checks its solidity by pulling it out of the oven and giving it a "thumping." If it "sings" it's ready. If it "thuds" it's placed back in the oven.

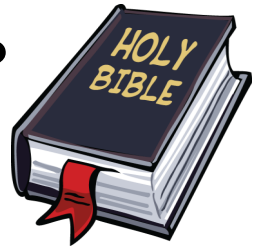
The character of a person is also checked by thumping. It may be: having no job, poor health, deadlines, marital troubles, or a "wild" cat unexpectedly in your home. Those are thumps. Thumps are those irritating inconveniences that trigger the worst in us. They catch us off guard. Whether they are a crisis or everyday disappointments they hurt. They give us a thumping.

We ask why do we have all these bad things happen to us? Then we read, Job 2:3, "And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason."

Remember Job! God said, "Consider my servant Job." The Lord may just well tell Satan to consider us, but God knows we can handle it, we are worthy!

How does God Communicate to us Today?

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-2



I. God speaks through _____.

A. Rom. 1:20, "For his _____ attributes, namely, his _____ power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the _____ of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."

B. _____

II. God speaks through _____.

A. Rom. 8:28, "And we know that for those who love God _____ things _____ together for _____, for those who are called according to his purpose."

B. _____

III. God speaks through the _____.

A. 1 Pe. 4:11, "whoever _____, as one who _____ oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the _____ that God supplies—in order that in _____ God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

B. _____

IV. God speaks through what is _____.

A. 2 Tim. 3:16-17, "All _____ is breathed out by _____ and _____ for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, _____ for every good work."

B. _____

Evening Sermon:

Make Wise Choices at School

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:10-16

The Tonkery's will be on vacation this week. Charles Pugh will be speaking next Sunday.



Together, We Stand

Thomas Carlyle said, “Ten men banded together in love and unity can do what ten thousand separately would fail to do.” This quote points out that there is strength in unity. Jesus said in Matthew 12:25 “...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.” These two quotes are very applicable for the Church of Christ today. The Church is faced with many trials from Satan (example: individualism, sexual immorality, the questioning of absolute truth and the lack of trusting God’s word). This is why it is so important that we stand together and unite as one body in Christ (Eph. 4:3-6).

Christians in the New Testament based their unity upon Jesus Christ and His teachings. This is how Christians showed the world that they were one (Eph. 4:3-6). It is just as important today as it was in the first century for Christians to show their unity with one another in Christ. Also it is important that we base our unity upon Jesus Christ and His teachings.

Someone may ask, “How do I help show unity with my brothers and sisters in Christ?” The answer to this question is the same way that the Christians in the Bible showed unity. First, we must assemble together in worship (Acts 2; 20:7; Heb. 10:25). Second, we must continue in the teachings of Jesus Christ (Mt. 28:20; Acts 2:42; Acts 17:11). Third, we unite together in taking the Lord’s Supper on the first day of every week (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Fourth, we must fellowship together, spend time together and get to know each other (Acts 2:42; 1 Jn. 1:7). Fifth, we as Christians must pray together (Acts 2:42; 4:24). Sixth, we must give to those in need (Acts 2:45; 4:34; 6:1-6). Seventh, we must unite in vocal song and praise to our Lord and King (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:19-20). Eighth, we must love one another, always seeking out the best for one another (Acts 2:46-47; Rom. 12:9-10). Last we must remind each other and tell the lost about the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:42; Mk. 16:15). With Jesus as our Lord and the Bible as our guide, together, we can stand against the world and Satan.



Donors are needed.

BLOOD DRIVE

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All donors will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. Details are with the sign-up sheet.

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See Marion for details.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Mark Twain once said, "I can live for two months on one good compliment." We all know what he meant by that. It lifts your spirits to have someone say something genuinely nice to you or about you,

Solomon noted this human truth when he wrote Proverbs 12:25, "Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad."

Haven't you experienced those days when the morning began just right? Someone in your family noted something special about you that was meaningful to them. Your boss gave you a compliment when you walked through the door. And, then, there was a note in the mail or a phone call from someone you love, and words of cheer entered your heart and carried you through the day.

Since we know how good it feels to receive such expressions from people, shouldn't we spread the same joy to others?

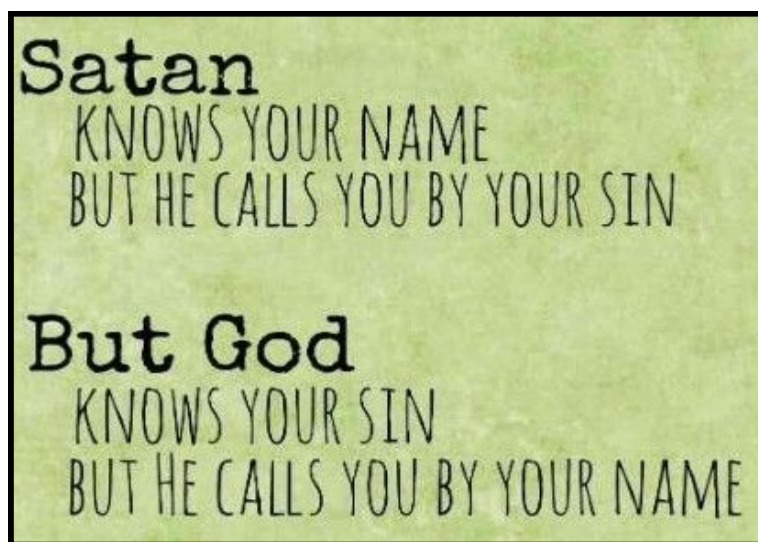
A good word. You don't have to be rich to give them away. You don't even have to be well known for it to influence others.

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



Your job is not to judge.
 Your job is not to figure out if someone
 deserves something.
 Your job is to lift the fallen, to restore
 the broken, and to heal the hurting.

Let's all do our part.



Thank you for worshipping with us!

Have a great week in the service of our Lord!

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, August 12

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson

Close - Mike Wade

6:00 PM - Dwain Shears

Close - Ryan Highman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Ira Kimes

COMMUNION

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - Don Dougherty

Jeff Taberner

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade

2 - Ron Riddle

3 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Sherry Wilcox & Tammy Kerns

2. Melva Farris & Susan Anderson

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Todd & Annette Kirk

6. Leon & Judy Hupp

Facts and Figures

July 29, 2018

AM Service.....268

Bible Study.....189

PM Service.....291

Wednesday.....175

Contribution\$6981.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested Prayers.....2

Placed Membership.....2

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will
 leave Friday at
 5:30 for the sing at

the
 Sand Hill
 congregation in
 Point Pleasant.

Everyone is welcome 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 12 - JUST A CHRISTIAN