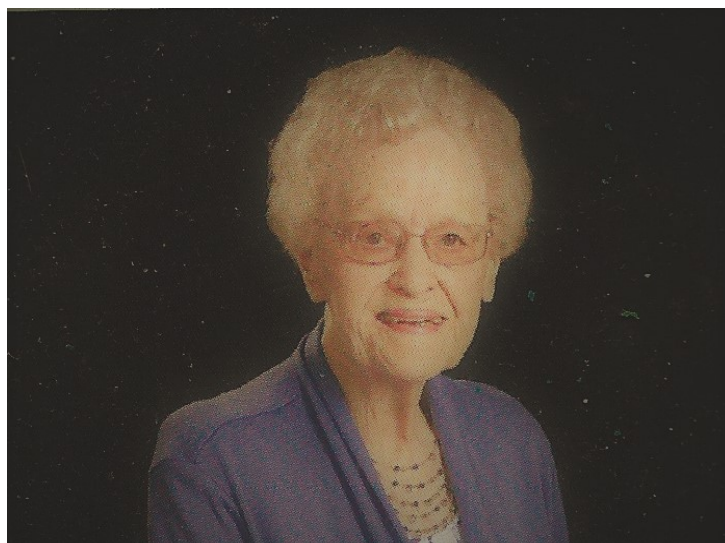


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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Happy 99th Birthday to Mrs. Wells!

Ruth, along with her twin brother Robert, was born September 5, 1919. Her parents were William and Chloe Hartman. They lived on a farm in Tyler County. There were twelve children in their family.

When Ruth was twelve years old, her mother passed away. She then helped raise her younger siblings. When she was older, she went to work at the Paden City Pottery. In 1946, she married Glen Wells. He passed away in 2002. Most of their married life was spent in Sistersville, WV.

Throughout her life, she worked tirelessly for Sistersville Stepping Stones. She was known for her homemade bread, vegetable soup, and pies. Ruth was a member of Oxford Street Church of Christ, where she served others in many ways.

Ruth and Glen had three children: Arlen, Nancy, and Rick (deceased). They have been blessed with five grandchildren: Jennifer, Joel, Stephanie, Eli, and Ethan. She also has ten great grandchildren: Landon, Braeden, Lillie, Jade, Alexa, Tempe, Benjamin, Luke, Jacob, and Daniel.

In 2014, she moved to Washington, WV where she presently resides with her daughter, Nancy Inman and son-in-law, Paul.

She is a wonderful Christian example for each of us. She is always looking for ways to serve others. We love and appreciate sister Ruth so much!

Everyone is invited to help celebrate her birthday this evening after services in the MP Room. Cake and ice cream will be served. They have requested no gifts.

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
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Todd Kirk
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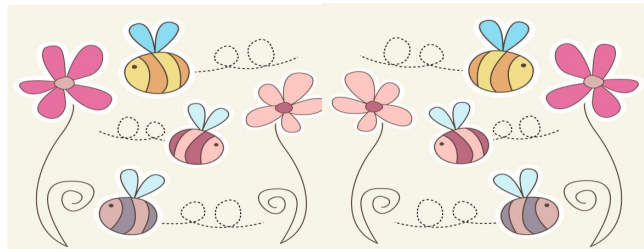
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The only way to do
great work is to
love what you do.



Bee prayerful.

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, Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Dennis Keller, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Mary Nesselroad, Gene & Peggy Phillips, 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), Sue Nelson (Chris Hofmann's aunt), 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)

Dennis Keller is home recuperating. Please keep him in your prayers and remember him with cards. We miss him at services.

Mike Williamson is a resident at Eagle Pointe.

He is a relative of Verna Huber.

Cards and prayers have been requested.

Address: Eagle Pointe, 1600 27th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown my family at the passing of my sister. **Bonnie Sams**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday greetings. Each card was special. **Ray Sams**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards and well wishes. **Dearll Vincent**
- ♥ Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards. I enjoyed every card. **Linda Gray**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **John and Karen Life**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful Anniversary cards. Every card was greatly appreciated. **Steve and Linda Gray**

Thanks to everyone that helped make MNFTM a success. We enjoyed a variety of delicious food at the potluck Monday. Thanks to everyone!

Church News and Announcements

TEACHER'S MEETING

All Bible class teachers are asked to meet today in Room 109 following Bible study.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee will meet in the library on Sunday at 5:00 with Pat Barclay.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASSES

This Wednesday all students will return to their regular Bible classes.

SCHOOL CLOTHES GIVE-AWAY - HELP IS NEEDED

Our School Clothes Give-away will be this Tuesday and Thursday 6:00-8:00PM in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. Help is needed. See Terry Hofmann for more information.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 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.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet September 10. Chili dinner at 5:45 in the MP Room, 6:30 devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter.

BIBLE BOWL/SCORE KEEPERS

Our 32nd annual Bible Bowl will be September 15 and will cover the book of Exodus, NKJV. (1st-6th grade cover the first 20 chapters of Exodus.) Registration begins at 9:00AM. Feel free to come support the teams. If you would like to be a score keeper let Rick Stanley know.

5TH GRADE AND UNDER ACTIVITY

Our 5th grade and younger children and families will have a camping trip at North Bend State Park September 21. Everyone is welcome to join in! The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

HAID'S SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan Haid invite everyone to the annual Bean Dinner at their cabin Saturday, October 20 at 4:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count. Please bring items to go with soup beans and hamburgers also, desserts and beverages. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELLIE HOOVER!

Wish Ellie Hoover a Happy Birthday September 8. Her birthdate was omitted from the church calendar.

Daily Bible Reading

September 2 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-24, Psalms 102-103
September 3 - 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, Psalms 104-105
September 4 - 1 Corinthians 8, Psalms 106
September 5 - 1 Corinthians 9, Psalms 107-109
September 6 - 1 Corinthians 10, Psalms 110-114
September 7 - 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, Psalms 115-118
September 8 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Psalms 119
September 9 - 1 Corinthians 12, Psalms 120-132

HELP NEEDED

The School Clothes Give-Away will be this Tuesday and Thursday 6:00-8:00PM in the MP Room.
Four - six additional people are needed both evenings.
Let Terry Hofmann know if you can help.
The sign-up sheet is on the counter.
Men volunteers would be helpful for safety at the event.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

THAT LOST FEELING

Have you ever had something like this happen to you? A while ago I was getting ready to come to the office and as I was getting ready and gathering my books and papers that I had been using at home, and wanted to bring to the office, I laid them on the table. I then made my lunch. I looked quickly at my belongings, to make sure I had everything and then went out the door. I came to the office and started getting right to work, it was about 8:30 a.m. I never really stopped until about 11:30 a.m. and thought well I better get ready to eat my lunch. So, I got up and went into the refrigerator and did not see my lunch. I thought, "oh no! I left my lunch in the hot car, great." So, I ran to the car and there was nothing there. Then I started to really panic; where is my lunch, I thought? So, I ran back into the building and checked the refrigerator again; it still was not there. Then I ran to my office and looked it over and my lunch was nowhere to be found. Then it dawned on me, I must have left it at the house. Sure, enough at the end of the day I found my lunch sitting on the table at home where I left it.

Have you ever forgot your lunch? Don't you hate having that lost feeling? You know that feeling when you have lost your keys or your eyeglasses? You feel like you are in a dark room and cannot find the door. Your stomach starts to knot up, you get nervous, your voice may raise a little, and you start panicking as you're frantically looking for your lost keys? Glasses? Or lunch?

As I thought about my "lost" lunch, I wonder if God ever feels that way when He sees people He created, whom He gives food, water, clothing, and so many other blessings; lost? I wonder if God ever wrings His hands, waiting for those who are lost to come home? I wonder if God ever paces the floor and wonders when Johnny or Sarah are ever going to come to their senses and repent? I wonder if God ever looks at the lost and says I have given you my Son what more can I do to show you I love you? I do not know if God ever gets that lost feeling as we do when we lose something, but I do know that God does not want anyone lost.

Notice these verses:

- 1 Tim. 2:4, "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."
- 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

I believe these verses sum it up very well; God does not want anyone to be lost.

I do not like the way I feel when I have lost something; I wonder why we would want God to feel that way? I wonder why we would keep Him waiting?

Acts 22:16, asks a very important question, "And now why do you wait? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Today is the time to stop the waiting. Now is the time to be found in Christ. Will you confess your belief in Christ, repent of your sin, and be baptized into Christ? God is waiting for you. What are you waiting for?

Where does the Church fit into the World?

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6



I. We are to be a _____ church. 1 Tim. 2:1-3

A. How we are to _____?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B. Who we are to _____ for?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

C. Why should we _____?

1. We pray so we may lead _____ and _____ lives.
2. We pray we may live _____ lives.
3. We pray so we may be _____ in every way.

II. We are to be an _____ church.

A. God desires _____ people to be _____.

B. God desires all people to come to _____ of the _____.

1. There is _____ God.
2. There is one _____, Christ Jesus.
3. Jesus gave himself as a _____ for _____.

Finally,

Someone has said, "If God's people do not pray for people in authority, wars close mission fields, officials do not grant needed visas, and the work of the Lord suffers."

PM Sermon: 3 P's of Evangelism
Scripture Reading: Acts 1:8

Hand Out Compliments



Sincere compliments can change the atmosphere in a workplace, home, and even the church. Words of goodwill and encouragement mean so much to the giver and receiver.

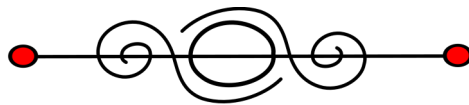
Making someone's day can be as easy as stopping to give a sincere compliment. After all, compliments bring glory to God, bring out the best Christian character and spiritual service, giving evidence of our spiritual quality. Compliments are a clear extension of God's love.

Compliments mean you pay attention and care. It means you appreciate. It shows you recognize others when they do good for you, to God, to His church, and to others. In today's world, people tend to find fault in others, more finger pointing than hand clapping. Let's not let that be the attitude in the Lord's church. Christians should be good in finding good in others and not criticizing every little thing, complaining and telling everyone the problems.

When you compliment others, you obey God's command, that you act with kindness and are yielding yourself to God's guidance. Compliments are an extension of God's call on you to love. They are good medicine for the soul and keep you pointed in the right direction. So, hand out the compliments freely and help spread the love of God.

Christ praised at every opportunity. We see in the scriptures Matthew 26:6-13 the woman who came and poured her expensive perfume on the head of Jesus. Even though it drew criticism from disciples - it drew compliments from Jesus. He commanded the disciples to remember this woman and her act of love wherever they proclaimed the gospel. In Matthew 15:22-28 He praised the Canaanite woman who was seeking healing from Jesus on her daughter demon possessed.

Philippians 4:8, Paul encourages us to fill our hearts with "whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things" when we are filled with these positive elements of love, we will compliment others on their good deeds.



Tell your children, your spouse, your friends, your co-workers, your brothers and sisters in Christ, our church leaders, and Mark that you appreciate them. Compliment the good they are doing. Take time to let them know you support them and pray for them daily.

Compliments that include: You're a wonderful mother/father. You have a beautiful heart. I appreciate and love you. Great job leading the singing. Thanks for a job well done. That was a meaningful prayer. That was a sermon I needed and it really inspired me. I'm so proud of you. Thanks for all you do. I'm proud to call you my sister/brother in Christ.



Sandy Graham and her grandson, Jackson
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Sandra Graham has placed her membership with us.

Her birthday is May 15. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 and her favorite hymn is *Amazing Grace*.

Sandy's hobbies include reading, walking and swimming.

She is the daughter of our Peggy Phillips.

We give a warm welcome to Sandy!



THINGS YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY FOR

- For telling the truth;
- For living a pure life;
- For your faith in Christ;
- For acknowledging your sins;
- For doing your best;
- For thinking before acting;
- For hearing before judging;
- For forgiving your enemies;
- For helping a fallen brother;
- For being loyal to the church;
- For standing by your principles;
- For being courteous and kind;
- For money given to the Lord's cause;
- For being honest in business.

Selected

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

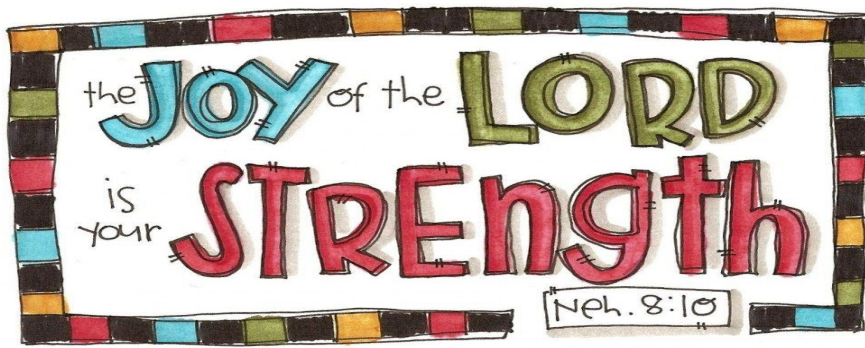
September 11, 2001. A day that will forever live in infamy in every American's mind. Do you remember where you were at on that day? This was the day that my wife and I learned that we were going to have our first child. Little did we know then that this day would be remembered for something else. A terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

As we pause and remember September 11, 2001 may we also remember another day that has even greater importance. The first day of every week. This is the day Jesus arose from the grave according John 20:1. The scriptures remind us to always remember the event of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection by taking of the Lord's Supper. 1 Corinthians 11:24 states, "this do in remembrance of me." Jesus setup the Lord's Supper so that Christians would not forget His sacrifice for their sins and the gift of eternal life. May we never forget!

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

(Adapted from Breanna Tonkery's Lads to Leaders Media project).





Joy Is My Strength

The joy of my salvation is my strength.

It is a joy that makes my heart glad.

It is a joy that sets me apart from others.

It is a joy that witnesses to the world.

It is a joy that makes me want to sing and shout!

It is a joy that delights in spiritual things.

It is a joy that causes me to smile at the future.

It is a joy that directs my gratitude, praise and adoration toward heaven.

It is a joy that strengthens my spirit.

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Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 9

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner

Close - Len Haid

6:00 PM - Josh Hall

Close - Steve Moser

SCRIPTURE

AM - Cody Hoover

PM - Chris Hofmann

COMMUNION

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Kyle Inman

Kody Inman

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Jeff Taberner

2 - Julie Taberner

3 - Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Paul & Nancy Inman

2. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

6. Paul & Barbara Saunders

Facts and Figures

August 26, 2018

AM Service.....238

Bible Study.....172

PM Service.....170

Wednesday.....171

Contribution.....\$6835.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested Prayers.....3

Placed Membership.....3



Thank you for worshipping
with us!

Your presence is a blessing!

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:00 for the sing at the West Union congregation.



Everyone welcome!

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

September 2 - WHY I AM A MEMBER

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM