

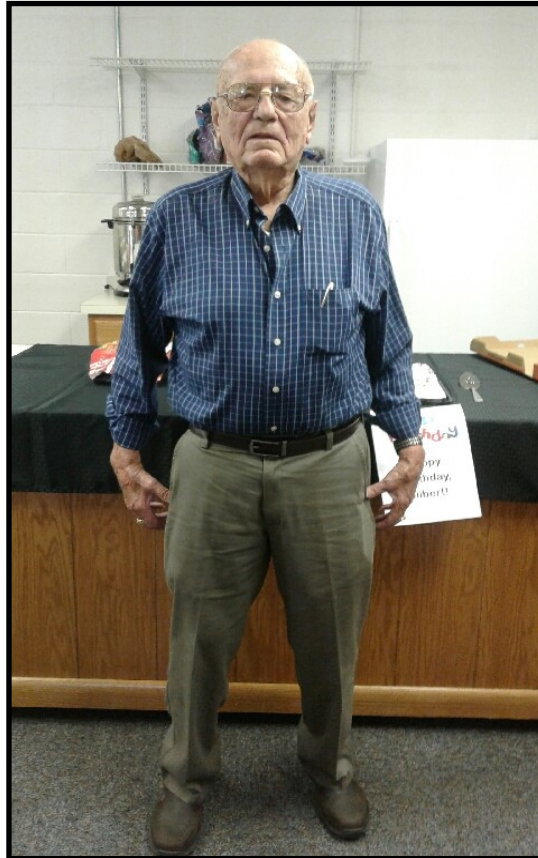
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN!



Happy 95th Birthday to Gilbert Hardman!

Gilbert was born September 27, 1923 to Russell and Isabell Hardman. They lived on a farm above Smithville, WV known as Bean Ridge. His siblings included three sisters and four brothers.

He graduated from Harrisville High School and entered the United States Navy. He was mostly stationed in Saipan. Gilbert is retired from Dupont.

He married Lucille Byrd (Hardman) April 27, 1946 in Harrisville. They have three children: Carole Hargrove of Nashville, TN, Stanley, and Eric both of Parkersburg. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Gilbert and Lucille are an inspiration to us! We love and appreciate them.

Happy Birthday, Gilbert!

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
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Don't let your ice cream melt while you're counting somebody else's sprinkles.

Prayer List

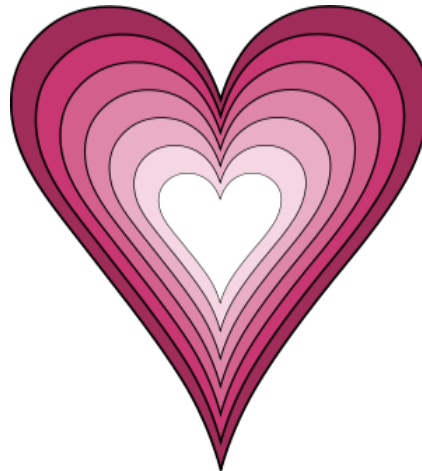
Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Mary Edwards, Jim Henry, Gwen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Dennis Keller, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Valeria Sprout, 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), Leonard Shears, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)

The 25th Annual Wood County Life Chain will be Sunday, October 7 from 2:00-3:00.
We will be standing together on Murdoch Avenue and Grand Central Avenue between Lakeview Drive and Sam's Club parking lot in Vienna.
This is a silent, peaceful and prayerful witness of pro life Americans supporting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.
More details to come.



- ♥ I would like to thank the church for the nice ramp that was recently installed at my home. A special thank you to Larry Fleak and his friend for the expert job building it. It is a great help to me. In Christian love,
Lenore Vaught
- ♥ Thank you, my church family, for all the birthday cards, greetings, FB messages, and gifts. It was an enjoyable day. Love, **Patty Sayre**

Church News and Announcements

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow in the MP Room. 5:45 for dinner and 6:30 devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

IN SEARCH PROGRAM CHANGE

Note: *In Search of The Lord's Way* television program will air next Sunday, September 30 on CBS (Channel 47) at 7:30AM due to a programming change.

A special thank you to Mike Fleak for taking care of this good work.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, September 30 at 2:30PM and Thursday, October 4 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items are needed for College Care Packages. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for items requested. Items may be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer by October 7. There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assemble the packages October 7 in the MP Room after services.

FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking a Fall foliage trip Thursday, October 11. Leaving the building at 8:00AM. Dinner at Quinet's Restaurant. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Dwain for details.

HAIID'S SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan Haid invite everyone to the annual Bean Dinner at their cabin at 4:30 Saturday, October 20. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count. Please bring items to go with soup beans and hamburgers also, desserts and beverages. Remember your lawn chairs!

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

Our Secret Sister Reveal will be Thursday, October 25 at 6:00PM in the MP Room. Bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. See Laura or Kimberlee for details.

WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS

The Wednesday morning 11:00 class will begin November 7 and continue through March. Mark will be teaching this class. Make plans to join us!

Dennis Keller's Bible and church directory are missing from the church mail table in the rear auditorium foyer. Please see him for details.

Bible Bowl Results

We had four Camden Avenue teams: 1 - 1st -6th Grade, 1 - Teen Team and 2 - Adult Teams.

An Adult Team and the 1st-6th Team placed third, Teen Team placed first.

Bre Tonkery won the Individual teen high score award.

Congratulations to all that participated!

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Bible Bowl a success!

Daily Bible Reading

September 23 - 2 Corinthians 8, Proverbs 22-23

September 24 - 2 Corinthians 9, Proverbs 24-25

September 25 - 2 Corinthians 10, Proverbs 26-28

September 26 - 2 Corinthians 11, Proverbs 29-31

September 27 - 2 Corinthians 12, Ecclesiastes 1-3

September 28 - 2 Corinthians 13, Ecclesiastes 4-6

September 29 - Galatians 1, Ecclesiastes 7-9

September 30 - Galatians 2, Ecclesiastes 10-12

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

How to Show Respect for the Worship Services

We are taught by God to gather every Lord's Day for the purpose of worship, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Heb. 10:24-25). How should we behave during the God-appointed worship services? I believe in a word, we should respect these services. Therefore, consider the following:

R stands for restraint. We must refrain from talking and laughing with those who sit near us during the worship service. It is impossible to remain perfectly quiet for an extended period of time. I know that the needs of small children must be met from time to time. However, it is disgraceful to talk, laugh, and pass notes while God's word is being read.

It is sinful to share in the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11:27-29). It is very serious matter to laugh and joke while the Lord's Supper is being observed during the worship service.

E stands for extra effort. We have a limited attention span. Thus, it requires extra effort on our part to keep our minds centered on spiritual things during worship. We are easily distracted by movements and noises. You can help in this matter by cutting down on unnecessary noise and moving around in the church building. Encourage your children to go to the restroom or get a drink of water at the beginning of services.

S stands for serious. I normally begin my Bible talk by telling a humorous story. "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" (Pr. 17:22). However, we must realize there is a proper time for all things. When God's word is being read it is no laughing matter. We should not joke around when the sacred word is proclaimed in the assembly.

P stands for polite. We should honor those who proclaim God's word. It is only common courtesy to listen while others speak. I know we live in a day and time when rude is "cool." Yet, the Lord does not find it "cool" to be disrespectful to those who preach His word.

E stands for enthusiasm. We should come before God with great enthusiasm.

C stands for celebration. I have often wondered why some think the worship service should resemble a funeral service. The purpose of worship is to celebrate the greatest of all victories. When Jesus walked out of the grave almost 2,000 years ago, it was a great victory. He defeated death and the devil by His resurrection from the grave (Heb. 2:14,15). We Christians, share in this victory as a result of our faith in Jesus. The purpose of worship is to celebrate this great victory.

I stands for thirst. How do you feel about the worship service? Is it something you do because you see it as your duty? Well, if this is true, more than likely, the part of the worship service that you are most interested in is the last Amen. However, if you are like David, the worship service will be a joyous experience (Ps. 42:1-2). If you thirst for God, then the worship service will be a time of great spiritual renewal.

Why should I be involved with the church?

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25



I. To _____

A. Heb 5:12-14, "For though by this time you _____ to be _____, you need someone to _____ you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You _____ milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on _____ is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a _____. But solid food is for the _____, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to _____ good from evil."

B. _____

II. To _____

A. Hosea 4:6. "My people are _____ for lack of _____; because you have _____ knowledge, I _____ you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will _____ your children."

B. _____

III. To be _____

A. Acts 16:5, "So the _____ were _____ in the faith, and they _____ in numbers daily."

B. _____

IV. To _____

A. Heb. 10:25, "not _____ to meet together, as is the _____ of some, but _____ one another, and _____ the _____ as you see the Day drawing near."

B. _____

Sunday Evening Sermon
God Will be With Us!
Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:7-9

WHATEVER A MAN SOWS...HE REAPS!

Some people look at life like a slot machine. They put in as little as possible and then hope to get out as much as they can!

Such a man goes through life never giving of himself - never really putting anything into it. And he's always expecting his big break - expecting to hit the jackpot! He usually envies the person at the top - figures he had all the breaks! It never occurs to him that generally people make it to the top by faith, plain hard work, struggle, and sacrifice.

Pitiful little people go through life with a chip on their shoulder - begrudging everyone who succeeds. They never give a person credit for his achievement - and they never blame themselves for getting nowhere!

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows, that will he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

A man who makes no proper investments in life - in people - in causes greater than himself - can expect to be disappointed with what life hands him.



Tom Butterfield

DON'T DROP IT!

Have you ever heard someone say, “We are only one generation away from apostasy”? That fact may be scary; but, I believe it is true. Every generation has the responsibility of passing the truths of the gospel on to those who follow.

Paul impressed this principal upon Timothy's mind when he wrote, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2).

Did you notice that progression? Paul had taught Timothy, and Timothy was to transmit what he had learned to others, and those people were to pass the gospel on to still others.

I think it is worthy of note that this transmission was to be done through “faithful men.” This term denotes that they were to be loyal and trustworthy. The gospel, you see, is too precious to be intrusted to those who are not fully committed to God.

I am reminded of a little girl who asked her mother, “Did you once tell me that the blue vase in the front room had been handed down from one generation of your family to another?” “Yes, dear,” asked the mother, “but why do you ask?”

“Because, mommy, I'm very sorry, but this generation just dropped it,” was the little girl's reply.

The gospel is in our hands (2 Corinthians 4:7); let's not drop it. Our children, and generations yet to be born, are depending upon us.



Thomas C. Miller

Our Gospel Meeting with Paolo DiLuca will be October 7 - 10.

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE FROM ME?



Sunday 9:30 AM: WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE? (Micah 6:3-8)

11:00AM: A NEW WAY OF THINKING (Ephesians 4:25-32)

6:00PM: MORAL CONSISTENCY (James 2:10)

Monday 7:00PM: READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER (1 Peter 3:13-17)

Tuesday 7:00PM: IMITATE GOD (Ephesians 5:1-6)

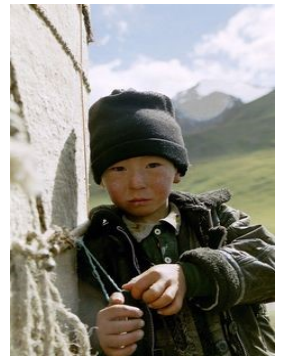
Wednesday 7:00PM: LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN (1 Peter 2:12-17)

Invite your family, friends and co-workers.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

In English folklore a story is told of a child of one of Britain's noble families, was stolen from his house by a chimney sweep. The parents spared no expense or trouble in their search for him, but it was in vain. A few years later the lad happened to be sent by the one who kidnapped him to sweep the chimneys in the very house from which he had taken while too young to remember it. The little fellow had been sweeping the chimney of one of the bedrooms. He was exhausted from his labors, and forgot where he was, went to sleep on the clean bed. The lady of the house happened to enter the room. At first she looked in disgust and anger at the filthy boy that was soiling her bed. But all at once she recognized in the expression of the little dirty face her son, and in a moment she grabbed up the child in her motherly arms. At last her lost boy was home.



So it is when a person comes to Christ there is a great celebration, do you need to come back to Christ?

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, September 30

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders
DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman
PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley
Close - Russ Alton
6:00 PM - Paul Inman
Close - Bill Camp

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ray Peters
PM - Len Haid

COMMUNION

AM - Dearll Vincent
PM - Dwain Shears
Jon Hescht

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Rick Stanley
2 - Doug Hershman
3 - Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Doug & Alisha Hershman
2. Steve & Linda Gray
* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *
5. Todd & Annette Kirk
6. Mike & Pam Bayer

Facts and Figures

September 16, 2018

AM Service.....279
Bible Study.....174
PM Service.....220
Wednesday.....183
Contribution.....\$6686.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested Prayers....4
Placed Membership.....5

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study...15 min. after worship
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM



Time and Eternity

Sixty seconds make a minute,
May we please the Savior in it;
Sixty minutes make an hour,
May we feel His saving power.
Twenty-four hours make a day,
O'er us give His will full sway;
Seven days make a week,
Make us humbly, lowly, meek.
As weeks into months turn,
Let us more of Jesus learn;
As the months shall make the year,
Free us from worry, doubt, and fear.
As the years make up our life,
Give us victory in the strife;
When eternity as last we see,
May we live it, Lord, with thee.

Author Unknown

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

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 30 - OVERCOMING

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will
leave Friday at 5:15
for the sing at the
Sunrush
congregation in
Chillicothe, OH.



Everyone welcome!