

# 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 Thanksgiving!



## Congratulations to Mark!

He received the 2018-2019 Medal of Merit for Bible and Religion from Ohio Valley University.

It is given to the outstanding Alumni in Bible and Religion each year.

We appreciate Mark and the fine job he does proclaiming God's Word to us!

Thanks for all you do for us at Camden Avenue!

### Elders:

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Ron Riddle  
Paul Saunders  
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  
Todd Kirk  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner

### Minister:

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### 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, Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Ron Riddle, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Eloise Smith, Valeria Sprout, Lenore Vaught

### Prayers requested for family and friends

David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Paul Deval (Terry Hofmann's cousin), Casey Freeman (Don and Brenda Dougherty's friend), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nesselroad), 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), Dorcas Stanley (Sallie Hinzman's mother), Lucille Straight (Brian Haught's grandmother)

Phyllis Johnson is experiencing health issues. Please remember her in your prayers and with cards. Address: Elmcroft of Marietta, 150 Browns Road, Marietta, OH 45750



- ♥ Dear Camden Avenue, Thank you for all the prayers for Angel over the years and thank you for the prayers, cards, and kind words since her passing. We appreciate everything. In Christian love, **Keith and Eloise**
- ♥ I appreciate all the sweet cards, hugs, gifts, the Wednesday morning class and the Wednesday evening teen class singing, and everyone that wished me a Happy Birthday. You made my day happy. Love, **Kimberlee**
- ♥ **John Life** thanks all that helped and assisted with our Friday Night Sing. Everything was very appreciated. (A special thank you to Jenny Ware for serving and taking care of the refreshments. Great job as always!)

## SECRET SISTER

If you would like to participate in Secret Sister, please see Laura or Kimberlee today to receive a form. It does not require gifts. It's a great way to be a blessing to another sister, be blessed with new friendships, and have a renewed feeling of God's love.

## MEETINGS TODAY

Elders, Deacons, Preacher meeting at 4:00. Men's meeting at 5:00.

## ITEMS REQUESTED

We will be collecting items for children removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. Items needed include: diapers (all sizes). Pull-ups, brushes/combs, writing journals, and small Bibles. Items need to be left in the bin in the parking foyer today. See Amanda Cochran for more information.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Potter Children's Home coin banks should be left in the office by next Sunday. A representative from Potter will be here to collect them.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care next Monday at 7:00PM.

## LADIES' ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

All ladies are invited to the 3rd annual ornament exchange Thursday, November 29 at 6:00PM in the MP Room. Bring an ornament for the exchange and a snack to share. See Laura for details.

## GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY DINNER

Golden Agers are invited to a Holiday Dinner Tuesday, December 4. Leaving here at 1:30. Buffet dinner at Theo's in Cambridge, OH then we will visit the Dickens Victorian Village, light show and shops. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with details. See Dwain for more information.

## COAT GIVE-AWAY

We will have a Coat/Jacket Give-Away Saturday, December 8 from 11:00-1:00. We will provide lunch. If you would like to donate adults and children's coats, jackets, hats, or gloves, please leave them in the large red box in the parking lot foyer. Items may be gently used and need to be clean. If you would like to make a monetary donation to be used to purchase items, see Scott or Gwen Johnson or Chris or Terry Hofmann.

## TONKERY'S OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is welcome to attend an Open House December 8 from 1:00-4:00PM at the Tonkery's home. Directions will be available in the foyer.



Don't forget mid-week Bible study!

We meet Wednesdays at 11:00AM  
and 7:00PM.

**Everyone welcome!**

## Daily Bible Reading

November 18 - Hebrews 9, Ezekiel 4-7  
November 19 - Hebrews 10, Ezekiel 8-11  
November 20 - Hebrews 11, Ezekiel 12-13  
November 21 - Hebrews 12, Ezekiel 14-16  
November 22 - Hebrews 13, Ezekiel 17  
November 23 - James 1, Ezekiel 18-20  
November 24 - James 2, Ezekiel 21  
November 25 - James 3, Ezekiel 22-23

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Continue our 40 days of prayer for our new minister

- Day 28 – Pray that Doug and Mark will be devoted to prayer and ministering the Word of God (Acts 6:4).
- Day 29 – Pray for the youth that Doug will work with that they will be attentive to the Word of God and want to serve the Lord all the days of their life.
- Day 30 – Pray for Levi, Doug’s son, and oldest child. Pray that he will adjust well to a new school.
- Day 31 – Pray for Liberty, Doug’s daughter and second child. Pray that she will adjust well to a new school.
- Day 32 – Pray for Ayla, Doug’s youngest child. Pray that she will adjust well to a new school.
- Day 33 – Pray for Doug as he leads his family in Christ.
- Day 34 – Pray for Doug’s wife Raeanne to make new friends and find her place here at Camden Ave.

## IN EVERYTHING, GIVE THANKS

On Thanksgiving day, Americans will once again celebrate a national day of thanksgiving. It is a day set aside to give thanks unto God for our great heritage and the many blessings He bestows upon us. For many, Thanksgiving is simply a day off from work. It is a time to overeat, enjoy parades and ball games, and visit friends and relatives. However, for the child of God, every day is truly Thanksgiving Day. Paul admonished, “In everything give thanks” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). For what does the child of God give thanks?

- Give thanks for God’s goodness and mercy (1 Chron.16:34).
- Give thanks for God’s holiness (Psalm 30:4).
- Give thanks for God’s creation (Psalm 75:1).
- Give thanks for God’s deeds (Psalm 105:1).
- Give thanks for God’s righteous judgment (Psalm 119:62).
- Give thanks for our food (Matthew 15:36).
- Give thanks for the body and blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28).
- Give thanks for the victory found in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57).
- Give thanks for the care and compassion of others (2 Corinthians 8:16).
- Give thanks for God’s unspeakable gift—Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 9:15).
- Give thanks for our brethren (Ephesians 1:16).
- Give thanks for all things (Ephesians 5:20).
- Give thanks for the church (Colossians 1:12-13).
- Give thanks for all men (1 Timothy 2:1).
- Give thanks for civil authorities (1 Timothy 2:2).
- Give thanks for the hope of heaven (Revelation 11:16-17).



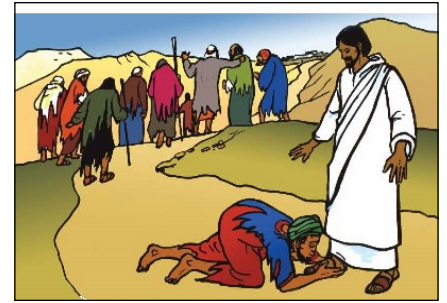
Surely we can think of countless other blessings for which we should give thanks. These are just a few of those mentioned in the Holy Scriptures. As His children, let us begin today thanking God for His many favors.

—Written by Barry M. Grider

***Happy Thanksgiving from the Tonkery’s!***

# 1 out of 10

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19



I. The ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19).

- a. Unnamed village - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Leprosy - \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Cry of mercy - \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Go to the priest - \_\_\_\_\_
- e. The one who said, "Thank you" - \_\_\_\_\_
- f. The ungrateful nine - \_\_\_\_\_

II. Reminder: To say, "Thank you" - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

III. Let's be like the \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Lets be the \_\_\_\_\_ that says Thank you.

1. Philippians 4:6, states, "do not be \_\_\_\_\_ about anything, but in everything by \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication with \_\_\_\_\_ let your requests be made known to God."

B. Lets be that \_\_\_\_\_ out of 10 person who is thankful

Conclusion,

Colossians 3:15, "And let the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be \_\_\_\_\_."

Let's be the one person that says, " \_\_\_\_\_ "



Evening Sermon  
**Let God help you**  
Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 12:9

# Love Your Enemies

*(The following article is written by Doug Wells, who has recently been hired to work with the congregation here. To help get to know him a little better his articles will be featured in the bulletin. Please keep Doug and his family in your prayers as they make this transition).*

## People Will Notice

Let's say someone comes up and gives you a big hug. This is your good friend who loves you. How difficult will it be to hug them back? And who will be impressed by it if you do? Jesus teaches that it's normal to love those who love you. So no one would be surprised. But let's say there is someone else who doesn't love you. You don't know why but this person has it in for you. One time you overheard this person talking about you behind your back. One time they told you your kid was a brat. The list goes on. Who would be surprised if you dished some of that back out? But you don't. In fact, one day this person becomes ill and you cook them a big pot of soup and deliver it to their house. Now THAT will be noticed. THAT will surprise someone. And all you did was obey what Jesus said: "But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you . . . If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that" (Matthew 5:44,46).

One good thing about difficult circumstances is there is a great opportunity to bring God glory. Christ-like character is most noticeable when things are tough. 1 Peter 2:19 says "For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God." If you suffer for doing wrong that's one thing. But if you suffer when you have done nothing wrong, simply because the world isn't being fair to you, there is an opportunity there. An opportunity to cause the world to stop and take notice. If you endure unjust suffering without complaint and without striking back someone is going to be surprised by that. But all you're doing is acting like Jesus: "When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly" (1 Peter 2:23).

People who ignore the spoken gospel can sometimes be won over by the remarkable lives and attitudes of faithful Christians. Be that person! Live out the message. Follow the example of Christ so that those living in this dark, broken world can see the light.

# Youth Events

## December 8

5th Grade and under devo. at the home of Clayton and Verna Huber at 2:30. Bring warm clothes as we will walk at the park and go caroling,

## December 15

Children's Holiday Breakfast  
9:00AM in the MP Room  
Bring a wrapped gift for your child.

## 6th-12th Grade Girls Class

Girls are invited to a Bible study. The study will continue through the Lads to Leaders Pearls book.

Sessions will be: 9:00AM - 11:30AM  
January 5 and January 19.  
Any questions, see Laura.



**SURROUND YOURSELF  
WITH THE KIND OF  
FRIENDS WHO LOVE  
JESUS AS MUCH AS YOU  
DO.**

No one is too young or too old to  
be used by God.

You are always the perfect age.

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

## **Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery**

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I am sure you have heard the expression - if you talk the talk you must walk the walk. Here is one good example of this:

A missionary who was speaking to a group of women, was surprised to see one of them get up and walk away. Soon she returned and listened more intently than before. "Why did you leave in the middle of my message?" asked missionary. "I was so interested in the wonderful things you were saying that I went to ask your coworker if you live like you teach. He said you do. So, I came back to hear more about Jesus," said the woman.

Jesus both "talked the talk and walked the walk" of righteousness and obedience to God. In fact Jesus even compares those who hear his words and put them into practice as a wise man who built his house on the rock and those who don't as a foolish man who builds on the sand (Matthew 7:24-27). Question: Which one are you?

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, November 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Brian Haught

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Ron Riddle

6:00 PM - Paul Saunders

Close - Jeff Taberner

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Logston

PM - Ryan Highman

### COMMUNION

AM - Chris Mullins

PM - Paul Inman

Russ Alton

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber

2 - Donovan Walton

3 - Verna Huber

### PM

1. Jeff & Julie Taberner

2. Doug & Alisha Hershman

\* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*

5. Cody & Kristi Inman

6. Paul & Barbara Saunders



## God Does Not Always Prevent Evil From Happening To Us

Though God does provide care for the sparrows, the fact that *“not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will”* (Matthew 10:29) means that sometimes bad things can happen. Although He watches over the sparrows, this does not prevent them from being hunted by predators. Although He watches over every one of us, this does not mean that our lives will be free from care.

God had placed a “hedge” around Job (Job 1:8-11), but allowed Satan to tempt Job (Job 1:12). In the midst of his trials he did not lose his trust in God (Job 1:21). In one of the most beautiful passages in the book of Job we hear Job say of God, *“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him”* (Job 13:15).

We can be assured that with every temptation there will also be a way of escape. “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). My brethren, there are no special cases! When you get to the end of you rope, tie a knot and hang on!

Bulletin Digest

## Facts and Figures

November 11, 2018

AM Service.....272

Bible Study.....204

PM Service.....185

Wednesday.....204

Contribution.....\$9007.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers....4

Placed Membership.....6

## Services Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM

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**

November 25 - *FORGIVE AND FORGET*

