

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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The longer the tea bags sits in the cup,
the stronger the tea.

The more God's Word saturates our minds,
the clearer our grasp on what's important to
Him and the stronger our prayers will be.

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
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Nothing says
love quite like
mentioning
someone in your
prayers.



God will carry you through every storm in
your life. And give you strength to make it.
Our God is an awesome God.

Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, 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,
Diane Bowling (Madeline Gregg's neighbor), (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), John Rockhold, Leonard Shears, Ronnie
Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter),
Dorcas Stanley (Sallie Hinzman's mother)

Phyllis Johnson will be having medical testing this week. Remember her in
your prayers and with cards. Let her know she is loved by her brothers and
sisters at Camden Avenue. Her address is: Elmcroft of Marietta,
150 Browns Road, Marietta, OH 45750

Belpre Landing - Nancy Kimes (Room 112)
1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714

We miss Nancy at services. Pray for her and remember her with cards.

Thank You!

- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday and anniversary cards we received. Very thoughtful of you and very much appreciated. **Bill and Mary Lemley**
- ♥ Thank you to the ones that sent us food. It was really good and we sure appreciated it. We appreciate everyone at Camden Avenue. In Christian love, **Lenore Vaught and Dan**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the cards, concerned comments and prayers for my health. In Christian Love, **Ron Riddle**

Thank you to **Julie Moser** for preparing the communion bread this month.

News and Announcements



POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME BANKS

Potter Children's Home coin banks need to be left in the office today. A representative from Potter will be here this week to collect them. (Thank you to all that participated.)

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

LADIES' ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

All ladies are invited to the 3rd annual ornament exchange this 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.

LADIES LOVE AND CARE DEVOTIONAL

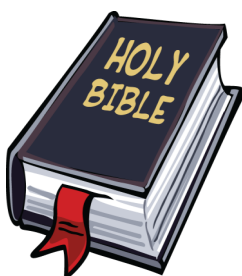
All ladies are welcome to a devotional at Love and Care Thursday, December 6 at 7:00PM.

COAT GIVE-AWAY

We will have a Coat/Jacket Give-Away Saturday, December 8 from 11:00-1:00. We will provide lunch. Adult and children's coats, jackets, hats, or gloves may be left 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.



November 25 - James 3, Ezekiel 22-23
November 26 - James 4, Ezekiel 24-26
November 27 - James 5, Ezekiel 27-28
November 28 - 1 Peter 1, Ezekiel 29-31
November 29 - 1 Peter 2, Ezekiel 32-33
November 30 - 1 Peter 3, Ezekiel 34-35
December 1 - 1 Peter 4, Ezekiel 36-37
December 2 - 1 Peter 5, Ezekiel 38-39





Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Conclusion of our 40 days of prayer for our new minister

- Day 34 – Pray for Doug’s wife Raeanne to make new friends and find her place here at Camden Avenue.
- Day 35 – Pray for Doug and his family as they prepare to start their new work here at Camden Avenue.
- Day 36 – Pray for Doug, Mark, our elders, deacons, and Bible Class teachers as they work together to spread the Gospel of Christ and help Christians stay faithful.
- Day 37 – Pray for Doug, Mark, and the whole congregation as we work together and help each other get to Heaven.
- Day 38 – Pray for Doug, Raeanne, Levi, Liberty, and Ayla.
- Day 39 – Pray that Doug and his family will be able sell their house soon.
- Day 40 – Pray for Doug as he prepares to leave his current congregation and begins his work at Camden Avenue.

Keep praying

As we conclude our 40 days of prayer for the Wells family as they make their transition to Camden Avenue. Let us continue to pray for them and the church here at Camden Avenue. Each day there are many things that we can be praying for and there are many things we can be praying for here at Camden Avenue.

The following story reminds us that prayer is the thing we should be doing.

Bill, a man whose wife had just died of cancer, was talking with Stan, whose friend was sick with leukemia. Stan said, “He’s very sick. I guess the only thing we can do is pray.”

Bill looked into Stan’s face and said, “No, the thing we can do is pray.”

Prayer is the thing we do and can do. It is not the last option on a list of things we do when we or someone else we know is sick or in need.

Remember, 1 Peter 3:12, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

May we continue to pray for the work and ministry here at Camden Avenue Church of Christ.

Mark T. Tonkery

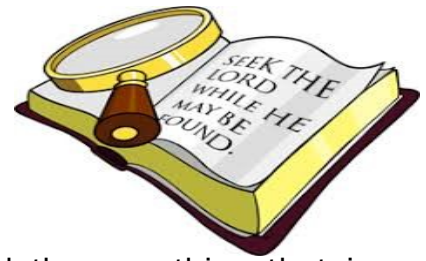
Special Sermon Sunday Evening December 2

Please mark your calendar for Sunday evening December 2, Mark T. and Rick Stanley will be speaking on the topic of “Winning Over Loneliness.” Mark will spend the first few minutes of the sermon looking at the Biblical aspect of loneliness and Rick will conclude the time with practical ways a person may be able to deal with loneliness.

This would be an excellent time to invite your friends and family who may be dealing with this topic.

4 Things that never change

Scripture Reading: *Galatians 1:6-8*



- The world around us is constantly changing. Someone has said the one thing that is constant is change.
- But the Bible tells us that there are at least four things that never change.

I. God _____ changes.

A. Malachi 3:6, ““For I the LORD do not _____; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.”

B. _____

II. God’s _____ never changes.

A. Matthew 24:35, “Heaven and earth will _____ away, but my _____ will not pass away.”

B. _____

III. God’s punishment for _____ never changes.

A. Romans 6:23, “For the wages of _____ is _____, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

B. Sin _____ changes, because this is true the punishment for sin never changes. _____

IV. God’s _____ never changes.

A. Gal. 1:6-8, “I am astonished that you are so quickly _____ him who called you in the grace of Christ and are _____ to a different gospel - not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to _____ the gospel of Christ. But even if _____ or an _____ from heaven should _____ to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be _____.”

B. _____



Sunday Evening Sermon
Why do people fall away?
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:9-12



(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).

You Yearn for God

How much do you long to be with God? Does your desire match the one described in Psalm 84? “How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God” (Psalm 84:1-2). Okay, that is a high bar. This guy REALLY wants to be with God. I don’t hear many people today tell me: “my heart and flesh cry out with a desire to be at church so I can worship God.” I think it is more likely to hear “I’m supposed to be a church THREE times a week??!?” But why? What are we missing that the Psalmist has figured out?

Perhaps we don’t realize what will satisfy our souls. We pursue happiness and contentment in all kinds of places, forgetting that we were designed BY God FOR God. Have you ever had a craving for something that you didn’t have in your cupboard? For some reason you really want some cheese curls, but there isn’t a single one in the house. So you eat some chips instead – but no matter how many chips you eat you are not satisfied. We know how that is. What so many don’t know is that our souls are hungry for God’s presence. We try to meet that need in all kinds of other ways but nothing really works. We may think it is extreme to say “My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord” but I think the Psalmist is just saying what is true. That desire is there. We were made to have it.

I encourage you to remember these truths when you are setting priorities. Think this way: “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked” (Psalm 84:10). That is an amazing ratio. Your soul will be more satisfied with one day at church than a thousand making your own way in the world. You will find more rest in one hour of prayer than a thousand hours of vacation. So go be with God. That’s what you really want.

Written by Doug Wells

YOUTH EVENTS

December 8

5th Grade and under devo. at the Huber's home. Meet at 2:30. Bring warm clothes. We plan to 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 January Classes

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

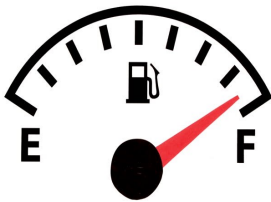
Sessions will be: 9:00AM - 11:30AM
January 5 and January 19
Any questions, see Laura.

The Eldership has asked the Care Group Leaders to increase communication with the congregation. The reason being when a member is not able to attend worship, we are unable to care for them, because we are not aware they are in need.

We would like for Care Group Leaders to send cards, make phone calls and make visits. Using this method we would be able to care for one another the way Christians should.

If you receive a card, call or a visit - please consider this a brother or sister loving you enough to be concerned for your well-being.

In Christian love,
The Elders



Remember mid-week Bible studies.
Wednesday 11:00AM and 7:00PM.
Come and be refueled by God's Word.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



People are watching. They are watching how we talk. How we raise our children. They observe our work ethic and habits. They want to know if we live the way we believe.

An African prince, after interpreting the missionary's message, said, "I can't read this Book myself," referring to the Bible, "but I believe the words of it because I have watched the missionaries for two years. They have told me no lies about anything else; so, when they tell me this Book is God's Word, I believe it. I believe that Jesus died and arose from the grave for me, and I am going to follow this Jesus."

Romans 14:7 and 8 puts it this way, "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

What kind of example are you setting? Think about it!

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



You Can be a “Load-Lifter”

I was talking with a friend recently when the name of a member of the church came up. The friend remarked about how friendly that member was, and always lightened her “load” every time they met.

This made me think about how we influence people. Do we present a positive attitude, or are we frequently guilty of complaining about the hand that life has dealt us? Jesus confronted problems almost daily, but He healed the sick, lifted the broken-hearted, and without murmuring, took our sins to the cross. Even as He suffered on the cross, He “reached out” to a thief who finally realized that Jesus was the Savior.

Often we become so consumed in our own problems that we forget the power of a friendly greeting, a simple touch on the arm, a smile, a compliment, a listening ear, a get-well card, or some other small act that says, “I care.” May we all strive to be more Christ-like and lift the load of others in our everyday life.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Bulletin Digest

How can you lift someone load this week?

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. Len Haid has made packets available on the counter in the parking lot foyer. They contain CD’s and tracts. Feel free to help yourself to a packet or give one to a friend.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, December 2

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - Bill Camp

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Ron Riddle

SCRIPTURE

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Mike Fleak

COMMUNION

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Walter Morgan

Don Dougherty

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dave Nulter

2 - Josh Hall

3 - Lois Nulter

PM

1. Dave & Lois Nulter

2. Linda Camp & Barbara Cramlet

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Ron Holleron & Bill Mills

6. Mark & Laura Tonkery

Facts and Figures

November 18, 2018

AM Service.....259

Bible Study.....149

PM Service.....206

Wednesday.....NA

Contribution.....\$5992.00

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