

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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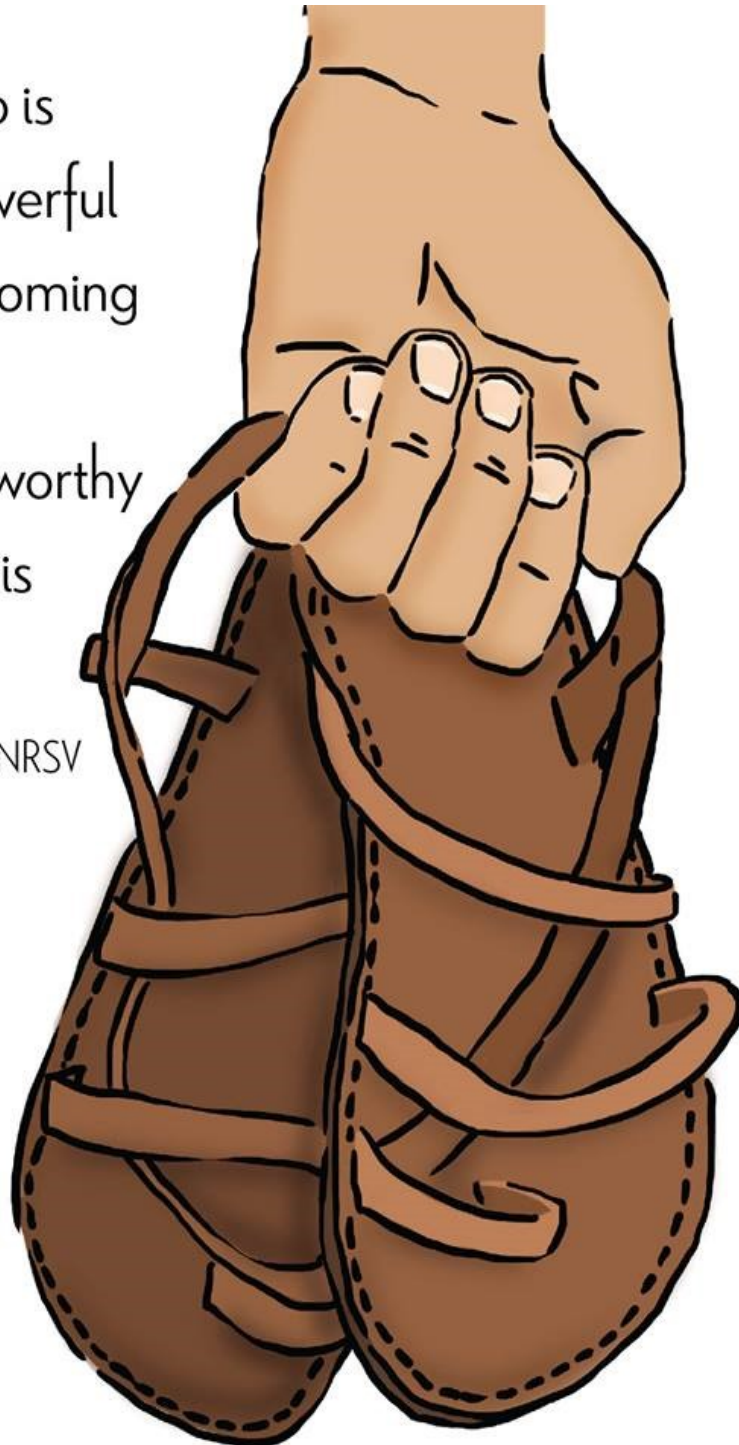
We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.

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Have a happy, blessed New Year!

One who is  
more powerful  
than I is coming  
after me:  
I am not worthy  
to carry his  
sandals.

Matthew 3:11, NRSV



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Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Paul Saunders  
Dearll Vincent

### Deacons:

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Jon Hescht  
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A candle loses  
nothing by  
lighting another  
candle.

## *Prayer Works*



### 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, Gloria Frazier, Jim Henry, Nancy Inman, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill and Mary 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, Mike Wade

### Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), Patty Alton, David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Diane Bowling (Madeline Gregg's neighbor), Paul DuVall (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, Jim & Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), 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), Kimberly Wade (Marvin and Arrahwanna McMasters' daughter), Marv Williams

Mike Wade is still home recovering from knee surgery.  
Remember him in your prayers and with cards. We miss him at services.

Jo Langler is scheduled to have eye surgery January 3.

## **SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Ralph Looney. A private family service was held. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Also, our condolences to the family of Joe Galloway, brother of Jim Galloway. He passed December 24 in Florence, AL after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. A memorial service will be held here at Camden Avenue Saturday, January 12.

Remember them in your thoughts and prayers.



## **Thank You Notes**

- ♥ Thanks to everyone for the nice birthday cards. I enjoyed them very much. **Jean Martin**
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who joined in celebrating our wedding anniversary with cards, greetings and Facebook wishes. We love our caring church family! **Cotton and Patty Sayre**

# 2019

## TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Traveling Youth Group will be at the Hopewell congregation this evening for their 6:00 service.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

There will not be a sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening. The next sing will be January 28.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to a New Year's Eve get-together for all ages in the MP Room tomorrow evening starting at 8:00 with a devotional at 10:00. Please bring \$2 for pizza and snacks to go with pizza. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

## DINNER

Everyone is invited to dinner in the MP Room this Wednesday with the OVU Women's Basketball team.

## LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will conduct the 2:30 service at Love and Care Sunday, January 6 and 7:00PM Thursday, January 10. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## 11:00 WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS LUNCHEON

Everyone is welcome to stay after the Wednesday morning class January 16 for lunch in the MP Room. Herb is going to prepare his delicious soup beans, baked ham and biscuits. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items.

## HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the boxes in the rear auditorium foyer for your holiday cards. Feel free to distribute to others.

## REMINDER

Melva would like to recycle holiday card envelopes. She uses envelopes to distribute coupons. They may be given to her or left in her file in the card box in the rear auditorium foyer.



## **WELCOME, DOUG WELLS!**

Doug Wells is planning to start his work with us this Wednesday. Let's all be here Wednesday to welcome him.



## Daily Bible Reading

December 30 - Revelation 21, Zechariah 12-14  
December 31 - Revelation 22, Malachi 1-4  
January 1 - Matthew 1, Genesis 1-2  
January 2 - Matthew 2, Genesis 3-5  
January 3 - Matthew 3, Genesis 6-7  
January 4 - Matthew 4, Genesis 8-10  
January 5 - Matthew 5:1-20, Genesis 11-12  
January 6 - Matthew 5:21-48, Genesis 13-15

Daily Bible Reading Schedules are available in the foyers.

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



## What will we remember most about 2018?

It is hard to believe, but there is less than two days left in 2018. As we close out this year, I wonder what we will remember most about this year. I guess only time will tell but if your memory is like mine I tend to forget more than I remember. I can remember all sorts of facts from years ago, but some days I can't remember where I put my glasses or laid my keys.

Memory is a funny thing. Sometimes we go into a room to get something and when we get there we can't remember what we are looking for. We can remember things that are absolutely useless, and then can't remember things we need. Memories can be frustrating but also amusing.

There was a couple who was getting ready to go on vacation. As they were checking their many bags at the airport, the husband remarked to his wife, "I wish we would have brought the radio." The wife responded, "Why? We already have half a dozen bags." "I know," replied the husband, "but our plane tickets were on the radio."

I read of another person who had problems with memory. The story went something like this: There was a farmer who had his cousin visiting him out in the country. Now his cousin was a city raised boy visiting the country for the first time. This farmer had a sheep dog that could do all sorts of things and he showed him to his cousin. The dog rounded up the animals and could even latch and unlatch the gate. Well, the city raised cousin was amazed and said, "Wow! That's a great dog! What's his name?" The farmer scratched his head and thought for a moment. "Let's see—his name—there's this flower everyone likes—red—what is that?" "Rose." The farmer turns to his wife, "Rose, what's that dog's name?"

Forgetfulness. I heard someone call this "part timer's disease" where you can only remember part of the information part of the time. Now it really isn't a big deal until we forget the important things like a birthday or anniversary or an appointment—but even then these are not that big of a deal compared to some of the things God asks us to remember in His Word.

The Bible teaches us that we are to remember our Creator in the days of our youth (Ecc. 12:1), we are to remember the great acts of God (Deut. 15:15), we are to remember the commands of scripture (2 Peter 3:2), and we are to remember Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (2 Tim. 2:8). I don't know what you and I will remember most about 2018 but the most important things we must remember are the things God commands us to remember in His book, the Bible. Think about it!

Written by Mark T. Tonkery

*Happy New Year!*  
*From the Tonkery's*

**SERMON NOTES**  
***Jesus is...The Son of God***  
Scripture Reading: John 3:16-18



What is the evidence that Jesus Christ is truly the Son of God?

I. First, what did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to prove He was the Son of God.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_

II. Second, what did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to prove He was the Son of God.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_

III. Third, how did He relate to \_\_\_\_\_ to prove He was the Son of God.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_



Evening Sermon  
**Paul's Three Point Sermon**  
Scripture Reading: Acts 24:25







## I Appreciate Appreciation

There is a battle that rages in homes all across America. The child gets something (maybe a piece of candy) and says nothing. Dad or mom tells the child: “say thank-you.” Through shyness or stubbornness the kid refuses. Maybe they are told again: “say thank-you.” A little head shakes no. At this point the determined parent tells the kid: “you’ve got two choices. Say thank-you or give the candy back.” And then usually at that point there is at least a mumbled “thank-you.” I get that this battle can be tedious but it is certainly worth fighting. Parents give their children a tremendous blessing when they train them to be appreciative of the things they receive. Our Heavenly Father encourages the same attitude: “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

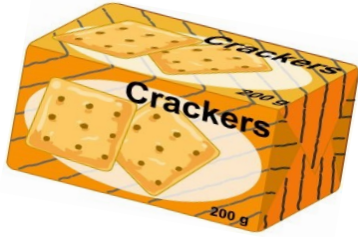
But what if we don’t learn to be appreciative? What if we were given pieces of candy as a kid but didn’t learn that we should be grateful for the gift? Well, I suspect we would have a different kind of mindset at that point. I might think that I was given that candy because I was just so cute. (I was cute at one point, ask my mom). I might come to think it was the other person’s Christianly duty to give me candy. And if that happens I might come to expect the candy, perhaps even becoming upset when a good Christian person walks by and doesn’t give me candy. And that, my friends, would be no fun to be around. It sucks all the joy out of giving when the person you’re trying to bless expects you to do it.

Let me make a suggestion. Be thankful. Even if you didn’t learn the practice early train yourself to be super appreciative whenever someone does something for you. Especially be in the habit of praising God. “Praise him – he is your God, had you have seen with your own eyes the great and astounding things that he has done for you” (Deuteronomy 10:21). Many people are MUCH more vocal about the things they don’t have, or the things that are going wrong. But I think God delights in those who spend more time in praise for all the many blessings they do have. Wouldn’t you?

Written by Doug Wells

*(This article is written by Doug Wells. He will begin his work with our congregation this week. His articles have been featured in the bulletin to get to know him a little better. Please keep Doug and his family in your prayers as they make this transition).*

# December is Sack the Pulpit



## Items requested:

Canned potatoes  
Instant Potatoes  
Canned Baked Beans  
Vegetable Soup  
Chef Boyardee  
Canned carrots  
Canned Meats (Chicken, Vienna Sausage, etc.)  
Crackers  
Breakfast cereals  
Pancake mix and syrup  
Canned peaches/fruit cocktail  
Mac n cheese  
Ramen Noodles  
Peanut butter  
Jelly



Items may be left on either side of the pulpit.

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## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse told of a missionary in the Congo who had a son playing in the yard. Suddenly the boy heard his father's voice.

"Philip, obey me instantly! Drop to your stomach!"

The boy obeyed without asking a question.

"Now crawl toward me as fast as you can!" Again, the boy obeyed. "Now stand up and run to me!" The boy obeyed and ran into his father's arms. Only then did he turn to look at the tree by which he had been playing. Hanging from a branch was a fifteen-foot long snake!

Suppose the boy had paused to ask, "Why, Dad?" or, "Do I have to do right now?" He would have surely been killed by the snake. Instant obedience is a mark of faith and love. Philip knew he could trust his father, so he obeyed his voice.

When God speaks may we obey in the same manner.

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





## NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you Lord for giving me  
 The brand new year ahead.  
 Help me live the way I should  
 As each new day I tread.  
 Give me gentle wisdom  
 That I might help a friend.  
 Give me strength and courage  
 So a shoulder I might lend,  
 The year ahead is empty,  
 Help me fill it with good things.  
 Each new day filled with joy  
 And happiness it brings.  
 Amen.

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### Winter Series

Each Thursday 7:00-8:00PM  
January 10-31

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ  
St. Mary's, WV

Speakers: Greg Yost, Mark Tonkery, Skip Andrews, Randy Baker



### One Day Lectureship 2019

Sunday, January 13

Bridgeport Church of Christ

Speakers: Mike Phillips, Skip Andrews, Mike Reese



*Flyers on foyer bulletin boards*

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.

**JANUARY 6 - WHY LISTEN?**

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, January 6

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Ben Haught

PM - Ryan Highman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Bob Armstrong

6:00 PM - Bill Hoover

Close - Paul Saunders

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Brandon Sheppard

PM - Paul Inman

### COMMUNION

AM - David Epler

PM - John Hall

Jimmy Galloway

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM** 1 - Dwain Shears

2 - Jeff Taberner

3 - Julie Taberner

### **PM**

1. Alexa Inman & Sami Tonkery

2. David & Christine Epler

\* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*

5. Rick & Kay Stanley

6. Dearll & Carol Vincent

## Facts and Figures

December 23, 2018

AM Service.....249

Bible Study.....188

PM Service.....183

Wednesday.....NA

Contribution.....\$7060.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers....5

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