

# 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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Life is a book in volumes of  
three -

The past, the present, and  
the yet-to-be,

The past is written and laid  
away,

The present we're writing  
every day,

And the last and best of  
volumes three

Is locked from sight -

God keeps the key.

**Elders:**

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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If you let a  
hypocrite between  
you and the  
Lord...the hypocrite  
is closer!



**PRAYER  
REQUESTS**

**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, Jim Hghes, 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), Ann Duley (Niece of Gilbert and  
Lucille Hardman), 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,  
Blaine Hescht, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of  
Mary Nesselroad), Carolyn Sue Miller, 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 Arrahwana McMasters' daughter),  
Marv Williams

There will be a memorial service for Joe Galloway, Jim Galloway's brother  
Saturday, January 12 at 1:00 here at Camden Avenue.  
Please remember this family in your prayers.

**Camden Clark** - Nancy Kimes (Room 418)

Please keep Nancy in your prayers and remember her with cards.

Jim Hughes has been experiencing health issues. Please keep him in your  
prayers and send him cards. Let him know he is loved and missed at  
Camden Avenue.



**C.O.F.F.EE**

**Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere**

# Church News and Announcements



## LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will conduct the service at Love and Care today at 2:30 and 7:00PM this Thursday. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## CARE GROUP 2 MEETINGS

Rick Stanley would like to meet with Care Group 2 today after Bible study in Room 109 and this evening after services in Room 109.

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KEEPERS MEETING

Annette would like to meet today at 5:30 in Room 112 with the girls involved in LLL Keepers and their mothers.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 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.

## AREA WIDE SERVICE - SPEAKER: DR. MICHAEL MOSS

The Area Wide Worship will be next Sunday at 2:30 at the 36th Street congregation.

## 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 preparing his delicious soup beans, baked ham and biscuits. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items.

## MEETINGS - JANUARY 20

Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting at 4:00. Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting at 5:00.

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES MEETING

Todd would like to meet with all those involved in LLL January 20 after evening services in Room 109.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

Mark Tonkery will hold a VBS meeting Sunday, January 27 after evening services in Room 109 for anyone wanting to help.

## BLOOD DRIVE

*Save the date!* Our upcoming Blood Drive will be Monday, February 18 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

## Daily Bible Reading

January 6 - Matthew 5:21-48, Genesis 13-15  
January 7 - Matthew 6:1-15, Genesis 16-18  
January 8 - Matthew 6:16-34, Genesis 19-20  
January 9 - Matthew 7, Genesis 21-22  
January 10 - Matthew 8, Genesis 23-24  
January 11 - Matthew 9:1-17, Genesis 25  
January 12 - Matthew 9:18-38, Genesis 26-27  
January 13 - Matthew 10:1-15, Genesis 28-29

Daily Bible Reading Schedules are available in the foyers.

*Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.*



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## I-N-V-O-L-V-E-M-E-N-T EQUALS CHURCH GROWTH

The early church grew (Acts 2:41; 5:14; 6:1,7; 9:31; 11:24). As we read of this growth explosion, we see the key role member involvement played. Christians were spreading the word (8:4), involved in each other's lives and in the lives of the lost around them. This is such a simple concept, but churches not practicing it are not growing. What is involved in involvement?

**I**–“I” am the heart of involvement. I must resolve to be involved. I must do my part, for I will give an account for my level or lack of involvement (1 Cor. 3:8).

**N**–“Negativity” is the enemy of involvement. “I can't help.” “It won't do any good.” “I don't like working with that person.” Listen closely. Involved Christians rather say “I can do” (Phil. 4:13) and “we are well able” (Num. 13:30).

**V**– “Visitation” is a part of involvement. Matthew 25:34-46 confirms it. Non-Christian visitors, sick, imprisoned, and needy folks need it. Those who do it are richly rewarded, and those who are recipients of it profoundly appreciate it.

**O**– “Obedience” is the cause of involvement. Faithful Christians believe the commands to make disciples (Mat. 28:19), build up brethren (Rom. 14:19), and meet needs (Js. 1:27).

**L**– “Love” is the motive of involvement. Paul says good deeds, without love, are profitless (1 Cor. 13:1-3). The counsel of Scripture is “by love serve one another” (Gal. 5:13).

**V**– “Victory” is the goal of involvement. By being involved, we help others win the victory (Js. 5:19-20), we help the cause of Christ advance, and we aid our own walk in the light that leads to eternal reward (1 Jn. 1:7).

**E**– “Everybody” is the scope of involvement. What able-bodied Christian is excluded from the work God has given the church? Once, a man did nothing and gave every excuse imaginable. We remember how that turned out (Mat. 25:28-30).

**M**– “More” is the adjective of involvement. That is, “more involved” and “more people involved.” Has there ever been a church with too many involved? God's able to do more than we ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20), and He wants to see us always trying to do more for Him!

**E**– “Evangelism” is the fruit of involvement. Active churches attract the curiosity of the community. Those involved in the church's work naturally grow more spiritual-minded, and by this grow more bold in sharing the gospel.

**N**– “Now” is the time for involvement. What in our lives do we definitely know will change between now and the never-seen tomorrow (Prov. 27:1)? Let's kill the excuses! Resurrect the enthusiasm! Start today!

**T**–“Teamwork” is the mindset of involvement. We're to work together. No one man, no staff, no eldership, no group of deacons or others can or should do the work of an entire congregation. The local church is a team.

To become adequately involved, let's ask three questions.

“What needs doing in this church?” “Who needs help in doing it?” “What can I do?”

Be an Isaiah, a child of God who enthusiastically says, “Here am I, send me” (Isa. 6:8)!

**SERMON NOTES**  
In the Beginning God...  
Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1,2



What does Genesis 1 tell us about God?

I. He has \_\_\_\_\_ Himself. 1:1, 27-30.

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II. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ for diversity (1:31).

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
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III. He is \_\_\_\_\_ for all creation (1:26).

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
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IV. He desires \_\_\_\_\_ with people. (1:26).

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## LOVE DEFENDS

Let's say that I, Doug Wells, am taken to court. Just . . . work with me here. As the prosecution tries to make its case against me they call you up to the stand. They ask you about every wrong thing I have ever done. "Tell me about times Doug wasn't reliable. Tell me about times when he said the wrong thing. Tell me about anything you know that shows Doug is less than a perfect example of Christianity." And then the floor is yours. You are under oath and must answer honestly. How long do you talk? How many examples can you come up with? How quickly do these examples come to mind? I am sorry to admit that there are things you could say. I am far from perfect. But were you looking for these flaws hard enough to know what they are?

Even more importantly, when you found a flaw did you mentally dwell on that flaw long enough to commit it to an easily accessible memory?

The courtroom image is important as we consider how quick we are to point out other people's past mistakes. I think there are some who are really good at that. There are people who you could ask "so why don't you like that guy?" and they could tell you the month and year of every incident that gives them reason to think that way, without even really thinking about it. There are people who could happily and skillfully testify against their neighbor in court. But I want to pause a minute and ask you to consider whose behavior is being modeled here. When the Bible describes a courtroom scene who is typically the accuser? Revelation describes a dragon that is thrown to earth. He is described as "the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night" (Revelation 12:10). That dragon is the devil.

Satan is an example of hatred, the opposite of the love of God. Love, in fact, "keeps no record of wrongs" (1 Corinthians 13:5). The most loving people in the world would have real trouble as a witness for the prosecution. They just wouldn't be able to come up with much. Since other people's flaws were not their focus, since that is not what they dwelled on, they wouldn't have much to say. An obvious sin they might remember, but even then loving individuals long to say "but that's not who he/she is anymore." On the other hand, the most loving people in the world would be excellent witnesses for the defense. In this they would stand alongside Jesus who "speaks to the Father in our defense" (1 John 2:1). So ask yourself: which side are you on? Are you happiest being my accuser or my defender? The question is between love and hate.

# Youth Events

## LLL Keepers

Girls involved in LLL Keepers and their mothers will meet today at 5:30 in Room 112.

## 6th-12th Grade Girls January Class

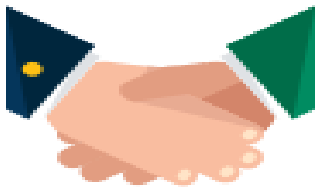
Girls are invited to a Bible study. The study will continue through the LLL Pearls book.  
January 19 from 9:00AM - 11:30AM  
Any questions, see Laura.

## LLL Meeting

LLL meeting January 20 after evening services in Room 109.

## *Save the date!*

CYC February 21-22 Pigeon Forge



Thank you for worshipping with us!

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

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The Bible tells us that the Apostle Paul was always looking towards Heaven. In 2 Cor. 5:8, he expressed his longing for Heaven by saying, "Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord." Then in Php. 1:23 he states, "I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better."

Paul looked forward to the day he could be with the Lord. This thought allowed him to endure all the hardships his enemies could hurl upon him. He knew that to be with the Lord was far better. Even when he was facing death he was looking toward Heaven. In 2 Tim. 4:8 He wrote. "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

This was a man longing for heaven. May we have the same attitude as well.

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



If material things are what you're counting when you say "I'm blessed." - You have no idea what a blessing is!

It doesn't really matter if the glass is empty or half full...Be grateful that you have a glass and that there is something in it.



## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, January 13

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

### SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Jon Hescht

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Doug Hershman

6:00 PM - Chris Mullins

Close - Clayton Huber

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Bret Wilcoxon

PM - Steve Moser

### COMMUNION

AM - Patrick Rine

PM - Keith Smith

Allen Coe

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Rick Stanley

2 - Patrick Rine

3 - Bev Rine

PM

1. John & Karen Life

2. Ryan & Madison Highman

\* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended \*

5. Allen & Billie Coe

6. Bob & Gala Miller



## YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

A stranger may walk behind you, but Jesus is your  
Friend and walks beside you.

A stranger may be unfamiliar with your ways,  
but Jesus is your friend and knows your heart.

A stranger may not know how you feel, but  
Jesus is your Friend and shares your joy and your pain.  
A stranger may keep things from you, but Jesus is your  
Friend and freely gives you His love.

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## Facts and Figures

December 30, 2018

AM Service.....249

Bible Study.....181

PM Service.....195

Wednesday.....203

Contribution.....\$6443.00

### 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

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

**JANUARY 13 - WHY PARDON YOU?**

### Winter Series

January 10-31

\* Each Thursday 7:00-8:00PM \*

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

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

*Flyer on foyer bulletin boards*