

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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SAVE THIS NATION

In the days of the Civil War, a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln was a visitor at the White House. "I had been spending three weeks with Mr. Lincoln as his guest. One night I was restless and could not sleep...From the private room where the president slept, I heard low tones, for the door was partly open. Instinctively I wandered in, and there I saw a sight which I have never forgotten. It was the president kneeling before an open Bible...His back toward me. I shall never forget his prayer: 'Oh, thou God that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me. I cannot lead these people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without thy help...Oh God, hear me and save this nation.'"

Author Unknown

(Thank you, Carol Vincent for sharing this.)

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Don't put a
period where
God only put a
comma.



Belpre Landing - Sue VanCamp (Room 213)

Our church family in need of prayers.

Russ Alton, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery,
Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Ben Haught, Jim Hughes,
Phyllis Johnson, Annette Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad,
Gene and Peg Phillips, Bill Porter, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam,
Ray Sams, Valeria Sprout, Sue VanCamp, Lenore Vaught

Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), Patty Alton,
David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Bob Boyce, Deloris Boyce,
Kelly Boyce, Ann Duley (Niece of Gilbert and Lucille Hardman), Paul DuVall (Terry
Hofmann's cousin), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Sherry Haddox,
Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Bennet Haught (Brian Haught's father),
Blaine Hescht, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of
Mary Nesselroad), David Lawson, Carolyn Sue Miller, Ron Richards
(Courtney Richards' father-in-law), John Rockhold, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's
brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter)

♥ Periodically we update our Prayer List, removing names if we have no re-
cent updates on that person. Update the office of any changes. *

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Dorothy Stevens in the passing of her
granddaughter, Valorie Stevens. No arrangements at the time of this
printing.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you all for the birthday cards and well wishes! **Kody Inman**
- ♥ Thanks for all the birthday cards and well wishes I received. I appreciated each one. **Paul Saunders**

Thank you, Chris Hofmann! You are a hero!



ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS MEETING

Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting today at 4:00. Men's meeting 5:00. Ladies meeting 5:00 to make preparations for our Ladies Tea.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE

If you would like a subscription to *Christian Woman* magazine (home delivery), see Robin Anthony **today**. Each subscription is \$17.50. Make checks payable to her.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow in the MP Room at 5:45 dinner/6:20 devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for dinner attendance count and food items. We need extra soup as we plan to deliver some to shut-ins, widows, widowers and others.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care Monday, March 25 at 7:00PM.

LADIES TEA

The Camden Avenue Ladies Tea, *Tied with Love* is March 30 at 12:00 in the MP Room. Remember: To sign your name and guest on sign-up sheet. To wear your favorite apron and to submit pictures of yourself and or family members, old or new, wearing their aprons. Please put your name and person in pictures on back and leave in church office by March 24 in the box provided. They will be returned! Make plans to join us for lunch and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mark will teach a Bible study Wednesday, March 27 at 11:00. This will begin an eight part series entitled "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." It will meet the last Wednesday each month through October. Everyone is invited and encourage friends to join us. We plan to have lunch together after the classes. More details to come.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 4 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 and Thursday evening, April 17 at 7:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

LAWN CARE CREW

If you would be willing to help with the church lawn care, please sign the sheet on the counter. Chris Tallman will be organizing this good work.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send students to the convention, see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

Daily Bible Reading

March 17 - Mark 14:22-52, Numbers 34-35
March 18 - Mark 14:53-72, Numbers 36
March 19 - Mark 15:1-20, Deuteronomy 1-2
March 20 - Mark 15:21-47, Deuteronomy 3-4
March 21 - Mark 16, Deuteronomy 5-6
March 22 - Luke 1:1-25, Deuteronomy 7-9
March 23 - Luke 1:26-56, Deuteronomy 10-11
March 24 - Luke 1:57-80, Deuteronomy 12-14

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*Hear Recorded Information on
Hundreds of Bible Subjects*

In February, we mailed two postal routes around the building and the Mineral Wells congregation mailed two routes in that area. There were 237 calls with 22 hours of Bible teaching via the phone.





Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

This and That

Spring is around the corner and the activities at Camden Ave. are coming to life. We hope that you can come and be involved with the work and ministry here at Camden.

Monday Night for the Master

There once was an awful train wreck. Many were hurt. Some were dying. Some were already dead. When a doctor who survived the wreck came to and saw the broken, bleeding people, he cried, "Oh, my tools, my tools, if only I had my tools." He of course was thinking about his medical bag with all his medical instruments.

This story illustrates a truth about mankind we have been in a great train wreck. A train wreck with sin. People are hurt and many are dying from its results (Rom. 6:23). Christians are God's tools, His instruments of healing. We as tools of God must allow ourselves to be used by the Great Physician, so those hurt by sins deceitfulness can be helped and healed spiritually.

One way we can help with God's mission is by coming to Monday Night for the Master tomorrow night. We will have a meal at 5:45 p.m. then followed by various work assignments to go visiting, work around the church building, work in classrooms, send cards, and do any other work that needs done. Hope to see you there!

3 - Day Mission Trip

The North East Church of Christ in Galena, Ohio has invited our congregation to come and conduct a one day V.B.S. this summer. This is the congregation where Dana Slingluff preaches. The mission trip will be a three day event (Friday, Saturday, and return on a Sunday afternoon). We will have a meeting Sunday, March 24, after p.m. services. All interested people are invited to come to the meeting, where we will pick a date and discuss the mission trip further.

Last Wednesday of the Month Bible Class

Starting Wednesday, March 27 at 11:00 a.m. and continuing each last Wednesday of the month through October 30, I will be offering to teach a Bible class on prayer. This will be an eight part series entitled, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." This Bible class is open to everyone in the congregation and everyone is encouraged to invite their friends. Also, please plan to join us for lunch following Bible Study on March 27. There will be a sign-up sheet and more details about lunch in the near future. Hope you will be able to join us for this study.

Vacation Bible School Meeting

We will have a V.B.S. meeting Sunday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to teach, or help in some way please come to this meeting. Vacation Bible School will be July 8,9, and 10, 2019.

Bible Bowl Update

We will have a meeting for everyone who would like to participate in our Bible Bowl as a worker: score keepers, prepare food, and all who would like to set up for the Bible Bowl; April 7 after evening services.

The date for the Bible Bowl will be Sept. 28 so save the date. Topic will be announced after the Lads 2 Leaders convention.

There is much to do and a place for you to work for the Lord here at Camden Ave.
God Bless you! Mark T. Tonkery



SERMON NOTES

Sins of the Tongue

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-12

I. Words: We _____ what we _____.

A. James 3:2-4, "For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the _____ of horses so that they obey us, we _____ their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very _____ rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs."

B. _____

II. Words: We often reap _____ than what we _____.

A. James 3:5-6, "So also the _____ is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a _____ fire! And the _____ is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The _____ is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the _____ course of life, and set on fire by hell."

B. _____

III. Words: We often reap _____ after we have _____.

A. James 3: 7-12, "For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be _____ and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the _____. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same _____ come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water."

B. _____

Doug's sermon this evening will be entitled "I Trust You Anyway".

Scripture: Psalms 31:9-12

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Promises Kept

Fifteen years ago today something incredibly significant happened in my life. It was March 13, 2004 and it was a beautiful day. More importantly, a beautiful girl was walking down the aisle, soon to pledge her faithfulness to me for as long as we both shall live. This was a faithfulness that was to extend through sickness and health, through riches and poverty, and through good times and bad. I could tell as she made that promise she meant every word she said. “He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord” (Proverbs 18:22). Who am I that God would bless me with such an incredible blessing? I’m still amazed today.

Fifteen years later we are still together. Raeanne has been with me through a ministry in Ohio, a ministry in Michigan, and now as we begin a ministry in West Virginia. She has supported me in many ways throughout all these years – everything from bulletin creation to navigational help. Lots and lots of navigational help. She has kept all the promises she made to me on the day we put rings on each other’s fingers. There is no doubt in my mind that these promises will continue to be kept until the end of our lives on this earth. You have got to love those Christian girls who respect the Word of the Lord!

I cannot begin to tell all of you what this kind of faithfulness has meant to me. I cannot even imagine the burden that would be created when this faithfulness doesn’t exist. So this is my plea – if you aren’t married hold out for someone who loves the Lord. (And love the Lord yourself so that someone will also want to marry you.) If you are married be someone who keeps their word. Once the command for making pledges to the Lord was “When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said” (Numbers 30:2). I cannot imagine that pledges made before Christ are to be any less binding. If we pledge ourselves to one another let us keep our pledge! Then surely we will receive favor from the Lord.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April 2 - *Bill and Betty Porter
April 3 - Pam Bayer
April 4 - John Hall, *Mike and Pam Bayer
April 5 - Edwin Hoover
April 6 - Calle Sheppard, Mike Wade, *John and Linda Hall
April 7 - Amzie Inman
April 8 - Amanda Cochran, Alex Saunders
April 9 - Patrick Davis
April 10 - Delbert Beach, Bev Rine, Sharon Smith, Sarah Wilcoxon, * Dave and Lois Nulter
April 11 - Kasen Inman
April 13 - Steve Gray
April 14 - Pat Burkey, Jimmy Galloway
April 15 - Chris Hofmann, * Doug and Alisha Hershman
April 16 - * Scott and Mieka Eddy, * Brian and Ann Knotts
April 17 - Dustin Hughes, Peg Phillips
April 18 - Terry Hofmann
April 19 - Zoe Byrum
April 20 - Bob Miller
April 21 - Rosie Knox, Lauren Proffitt, Carly Taberner, * Chris and Terry Hofmann
April 22 - Henley Hoover
April 24 - Lizzy Hoover, Lois Porter
April 27 - Mandy Camp, * Gilbert and Lucille Hardman 73rd Anniversary
April 28 - Carolyn Davis
April 29 - Sarah Buckley

* Anniversary

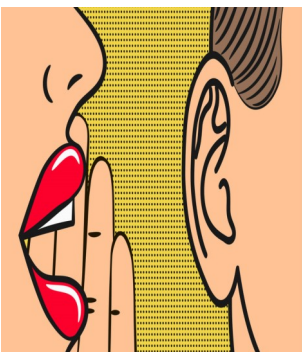
If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like to be included on the church calendar, please notify the office this week.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

In the comic world of Pearls Before Swine, there was a recent interesting discussion. Rat says, "I think I have discovered how to eliminate half of my problems." Goat replies, "Wow, that's promising. What is your plan?" Rat hands his friends a note that reads, "Talk less." He follows up by saying, "My mouth is going to be disappointed."

Mark Twain stated it this way, "It is better to keep your mouth closed and have people think you are a fool than open your mouth and remove all doubt." This is a close paraphrase of Proverbs 17:28.



There is wisdom in our silence of speech. We must have the wisdom to know what to say, how to say it and when to say the words we use each day.

Our speech reflects our heart. May we choose words that will help us show our love for God and use words to build up, and encourage one another.

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

Serving In Worship

Sunday, March 24

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Clayton Huber

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Cody Hoover

Close - Chris Hofmann

6:00 PM - David Epler

Close - Todd Kirk

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Camp

PM - Marion Goldsmith

COMMUNION

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - Jon Hescht

Dwain Shears

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Donovan Walton

2 - Ron Riddle

3 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Zoe Merrill & Jennifer Thomas

2. Josh Hall & Donovan Walton

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Patrick & Bev Rine

6. John & Linda Hall

Facts and Figures

March 10, 2019

AM Service.....251

Bible Study.....179

PM Service.....198

Wednesday.....154

Contribution.....\$7815.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested Prayers...1

Placed Membership.....1

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

March 17-21

Hillview Terrace in Moundsville, WV

Speaker: Ken Burton

March 24-27

Mineral Wells congregation

Speaker: Terry Jones

March 24-27

Sandyville church of Christ

Speaker: Andy Robison

March 24-28

Bridge Street congregation

Speaker: Phil Sanders

March 23

Ohio Valley University Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon

1:00-3:00 Emerson Lanes

Details on bulletin boards

Flyers on foyer bulletin boards

Remember these dates. . .

Our Summer Series ~ June 5 - August 28 ~ 7:00PM

Vacation Bible School ~ July 8-10 ~ 6:30-8:00 each evening



The Wednesday evening class that meets in the MP Room will begin showing the new Visualized Survey of the Bible, Lesson 1,

The Patriarchal Age, this week, March 20.

This is a study of Genesis using famous paintings to illustrate the Bible story. David Epler will share ideas on how to present the lessons for home studies. All are welcome to attend. Come and bring a friend!

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Waverly congregation.

Everyone welcome!

Sign schedules and bus schedules are available in the foyers.

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.



March 24 - IN THE CHURCH