

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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Just Don't Quit

At any given moment in the life of the church, there are those teetering on the border of departure. But if you quit, will you be happier? Will your children thereby be improved? Will those who know and love you be encouraged? And, will the angels in Heaven weep or rejoice?

There is no more essential ingredient in life than that of simple perseverance. Who does not, over the long haul, get tired, bored, discouraged, or hurt? The pressures become overwhelming and the futility of our labors oft seem all too real. But, don't quit! Instead, seek time alone with God and good people.

Think through once more the real issues of time and eternity. Running or walking, weariness or fainting, do not quit!

“They shall run and not be weary; They shall walk and not faint.”
Isaiah 40:31

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Dearll Vincent

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*Let all you do -
be done in love.*

I Corinthians 16:14



Camden Clark Medical Center - Dearll Vincent (No visits, please.)

Please remember him in your prayers and with cards.

We love and appreciate him and his family.

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Ben Haught, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Annette Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Bill Porter, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Deloris Boyce, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Sherry Haddox, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Bennet Haught (Brian Haught's father), Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary Nesselroad), David Lawson, Carolyn Sue Miller, Shirley Packard, Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Randy Townsend

Periodically we update our Prayer List, removing names if we have no recent updates on that person. Update the office of any changes.

In Christian Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

- Betty Porter in the passing of her brother-in-law, Bob Jackson. His service was yesterday in Belpre.
- Leon Hupp in the passing of his brother which is also Larry Plant's uncle, Paul Hupp. His service was Wednesday in Arnoldsburg, WV.
- The family of Vivian Stanley. Her service was Friday at Sunset Funeral Home.



A special thank you to all the ladies who helped with planning, participating and working in many ways for our tea Saturday. Thank you to the 72 ladies who enjoyed the afternoon reacquainting, making new friends and being with our Camden Avenue sisters. It was a time to reflect on the old ways and new days, being "Tied With Love".

(A special THANK YOU to Jo Goldsmith for her hard work with the tea.)

- ♥ **Don Gaston** thanks everyone for the cards, prayers and concern while he was in the hospital and during his recuperation.



He hath made every thing beautiful in his time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING TODAY

Mark would like to meet today at 5:00 in Room 109 with anyone willing to help with our VBS. VBS will be July 8-10 from 6:30PM-8:00PM.

BIBLE BOWL MEETING TODAY

There will be a Bible Bowl meeting this evening after services in Room 109 with anyone willing to help - score keepers, set-up, etc. The Bible Bowl will be September 28 and will cover the book of Luke (NKJV). See Mark T. for more information.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 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.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

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

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet April 15 in the MP Room 5:45 dinner/6:20 work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter. Please sign if you plan to eat dinner. There is also a sheet for food items.

NEW DAY WORKSHOP

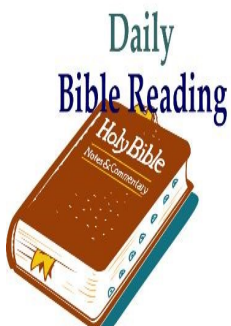
Everyone is invited to a workshop at Ohio Valley University featuring evangelism May 1-2. Lectures and classes for everyone with Thursday a special event for teen and college age students. Flyers on foyer bulletin boards. No costs involved.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, TERESA!

Happy belated birthday to Teresa Wade. Her birthday was March 29. Hope your day was great!

Everyone is encouraged to attend the 11:00 Wednesday morning class April 24.

Mark will continue the study on *Prayer*. We will go to Western Sizzlin' for lunch following the class for anyone that would like to join us. Attendance count sheet is on the counter.

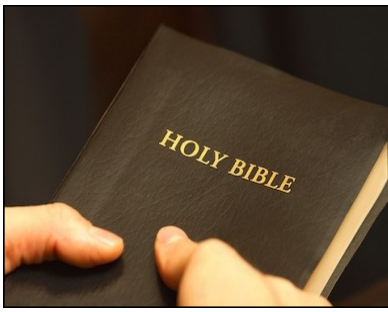


April 7 - Luke 8:19-39, Joshua 13-14
April 8 - Luke 8:40-56, Joshua 15-16
April 9 - Luke 9:1-27, Joshua 17-18
April 10 - Luke 9:28-45, Joshua 19-20
April 11 - Luke 9:46-62, Joshua 21-22
April 12 - Luke 10:1-20, Joshua 23-24
April 13 - Luke 10:21-42, Judges 1-2
April 14 - Luke 11:1-28, Judges 3-4



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friends, and co-workers.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

The Day Jesus Comes Back

Some parents decided to let their three-year-old son record the message for their voice mail. The rehearsals went smoothly: "Mommy and Daddy can't come to the phone right now. If you'll leave your name, phone number, and a brief message, they'll get back to you as soon as possible." Then came the test. The mother pressed the record button and their son said sweetly, "Mommy and Daddy can't come to the phone right now. If you'll leave your name, phone number, and a brief message, they'll get back to you as soon as Jesus comes."

There is a lot of confusion about the second coming of Christ and it really is not a laughing matter, but neither is it to be a scary thing, at least not for the Christian. We can see the encouraging message about Christ's second coming in 1 Thessalonians.

The church at Thessalonica was going through some hard times with persecution and they needed some encouragement. Paul reminds them that if they could just hold on for another day, that it would be better. And that better day is when Jesus will come back to take all the saints with Him to Heaven.

Notice how Paul puts it in, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18, "For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words."

One day grandparents were visiting and playing with their grandchildren. They spent the whole day together. When it was time for the grandparents to leave the grandfather spoke to the youngest grandchild and said, "You made my day." The 6-year-old replied, "God made your day; we just put the icing on it" (Christian Reader).

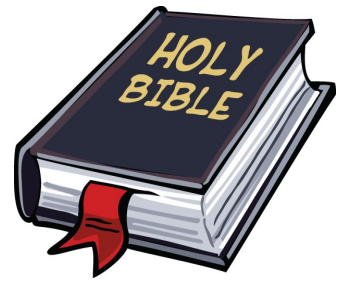
What will you do when God stops making days and just makes one eternal day? Will you be prepared to dwell with Christ in Heaven for all eternity?

When Jesus comes, it will be a sad day for those who are unprepared (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). However, His coming will be joyously welcomed by those who are found in Him (Philippians 3:9) and faithfully doing His will. Those who will welcome the second coming of Christ are those who... have placed their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turned from their sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessed His deity (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then upon baptism, one continues to be faithful until death (Revelation. 2:10). Think about it!

SERMON NOTES

The Day Christ Came Again

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20:11-15



- Matthew 24:36 _____
- Matthew 24:38 _____
- Luke 17:36 _____
- Luke 17:34 _____
- Luke 17:35 _____
- 1 Thessalonians 5:3 _____
- 1 Thessalonians 5:2,3 _____
- Matthew 24:27 _____
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16 _____
- John 5:28-29 _____
- Revelation 1:7 _____
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7 _____
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 _____
- Revelation 6:15-17 _____
- 2 Peter 3:10 _____
- 2 Corinthians 5:10 _____
- Matthew 25:41 _____
- Matthew 13:41-43 _____
- 2 Corinthians 5:11 _____
- 2 Corinthians 5:20 _____
- Matthew 25:31-34 _____
- Acts 17:30-31 _____

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Neglect Nothing Lost

I sort of kind of remember an episode from the Little House on the Prairie books. It was in the book about Laura's future husband, Almanzo Wilder. In his childhood he once found a wallet lying on the ground, full of large amount of cash. If I remember right it was several hundred dollars, an enormous sum at the time. Although there was nothing in the wallet that identified the owner easily, Almanzo did a little investigative work and was able to track down the owner and give him back his wallet. Every dollar was still where it was supposed to be. Now there's a young man with some incredible integrity! He could have bought a lot of candy with the contents of that wallet. He could have ignored the hassle and just left it on the ground. Instead he did the right thing and I think God was pleased.

As God's people we are called to look out for lost things. Take for example this command in the Law of Moses: "If you see your brother's ox or sheep straying, do not ignore it but be sure to take it back to him. If the brother does not live near you or you do not know who he is, take it home with you and keep until he comes looking for it. Then give it back to him. Do the same if you find your brother's donkey or his cloak or anything he loses. Do not ignore it" (Deuteronomy 22:1-3). Having lost a few things in my day I am quite fond of this teaching. I like the idea of living in a world where if I drop my wallet someone might care enough to bring it back to me. God shows us that to find what is lost and to bring it back to the owner is an act of love. God calls us to go the extra mile in reuniting something that has gone astray with the one to whom it belongs. (So when you hear the announcement guy at church start with "if you've lost a ring/glasses/car keys . . ." know that this is evidence of love).

How much more then when we see all these people living without God in the world! They are indeed lost. Their sin has separated them from the One to whom they belong. If we are called to have concern for a person's wallet we are certainly to care about the one who owns it. If you see your brother straying do not ignore him. Be sure to reach out to him with the love of God. Whether he lives near or far, whether you know him well or just a little, be sure to take people back to their God. If we do I am sure God will be pleased.

Youth Events

5th GRADE AND YOUNGER DEVOTIONAL

5th grade and under youth are invited to a devotional today in the MP Room after worship and Bible classes.

Sign-up sheets are on the counter.

YOUTH FORMAL NIGHT RIVERBOAT CRUISE

Ages: 9th - 12th Grade ~ May 11

Hosted by the North End church of Christ

Details on bulletin board by the office



LEADERETTES

Everyone is invited to the LLL Showcase next Sunday at 4:30 in the MP Room.

If you would like to donate items for the LLL picnic, see the sheet on the counter for the items requested.

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

LLL Convention
Louisville, KY ~ April 18-20



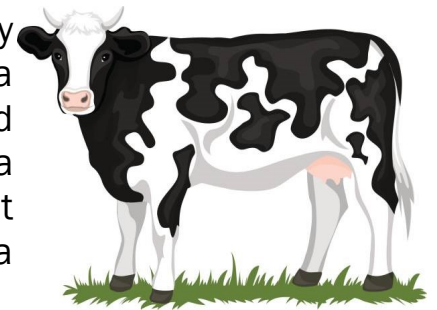
Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

I Timothy 4:12, NIV

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A city dweller moved to a farm and bought a cow. Shortly after he did, the cow went dry. When he reported this fact to a neighbor farmer, the farmer expressed surprise. The city man said he was surprised too. "I can't understand it either, for if ever a person was considerate of an animal, I was of that cow. If I didn't need milk, I didn't milk her. If I only needed a quart, I only took a quart."



The farmer tried to explain that the only way to keep milk flowing is not to take as little as possible from the cow, but to take as much as possible. (Taken from Bible illustrator.)

What is true of milking a cow is also true of the Christian life. Those who only turn to God in times of need miss the real joy that flows from a daily relationship with the Lord. Peter explains it this way, "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation" (I Peter 2:2).

Long for the pure spiritual milk of the Lord; spend time with Him daily!

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

Upcoming Events:

April 7-11

Spencer Church of Christ
Speaker: Tom Butterfield

April 7-12

Salem Church of Christ
Speaker: Rick Tincher

April 13

Golden Agers Day
New Concord Church of Christ
Speakers: Harry & Arlene Summers

April 27

Ladies Tea
Sixth & Washington Street, Marietta, OH
Speaker: Sue Darby

April 28

Marysville Church of Christ
Speaker: Jeff Darby

May 5-8

Gospel Meeting
Sunrise Church of Christ
Speaker: Dr. David Lipe

May 7

Sunrise Church of Christ
Senior Saints Day
Speaker: Dr. David Lipe

Flyers are posted on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

will air 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.



April 14
DEALING WITH ANXIETY

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the 6th and Washington Streets congregation in Marietta

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Serving In Worship

Sunday, April 14

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Doug Wells
PM - David Epler

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran
Close - Keith Smith
6:00 PM - Delmas Carr
Close - Ryan Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jim Merrill
PM - Dustin Hughes

COMMUNION

AM - Dearll Vincent
PM - Dwain Shears
Kevin Inman

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade
2 - Paul Saunders
3 - Dennis Keller

PM

1. Delmas Carr and Bill Mills
2. Kelly and Sandy Sheppard

5. Paul and Nancy Inman
6. Len and Susan Haid

Facts and Figures

March 31, 2019

AM Service.....	263
Bible Study.....	186
PM Service.....	157
Wednesday.....	192
Contribution.....	\$7662.00

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
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