

# 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.

**Bible Call 304.420.2416** - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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**Happy Independence Day!**



*Blessed is the nation whose  
**GOD**  
is the Lord.*

*Psalm 33:12*

### **Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
John Life  
Paul Saunders  
Dearll Vincent

### **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Jon Hescht  
Bill Hoover  
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Keith Smith  
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When your children are young you talk to them about Jesus - when they are old you talk to Jesus about them.



Dearll Vincent - Encompass Health

Keep him and his family in your prayers. (No visits.)

Gilbert and Lucille Hardman have been experiencing some health issues. Keep them in your prayers and remember them with cards.

### **Our church family in need of prayers.**

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gary Farris, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

### **Prayers requested for family and friends**

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother), Mark Berry, Don and Sheri Blackwell, Bob Crawford, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Sherry Haddox, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), David Lawson, Carolyn Sue Miller, John Rockhold III, 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 recent updates on that person. Update the office of any changes.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Rose Higginbotham. Her service was Monday in Fairmont, WV. She was an aunt to Debi Inman and Patrick Rine.



♥ Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and visits. God has blessed us with a wonderful church family. **Harvey Caplinger Sr.**

Thank you to **Mary Lemley** for preparing the communion bread this month.



While we celebrate our political and social freedom this July 4<sup>th</sup>, let's remember our spiritual freedom that comes only through Christ Jesus!

He frees us from the burdens of life and from bondage to sin!

### WEDDING SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go wedding shower today for Evan Fleak and Aimee Barbeau from 2:00-4:00 in the MP Room. They are registered at Walmart, Kohl's, Pier 1 and JCPenney's.

### NORTHEAST CONGREGATION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - PLANNING MEETING

Mark would like to meet today at 5:00 in Room 109 with anyone willing to help conduct a VBS at the Northeast Church of Christ, Galena, OH This is the congregation where Dana Slingluff preaches. The VBS will be August 2, 3, 4. Details are with the sign-up sheet on the counter.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER - VBS WORK EVENING

MNFTM will meet in the MP Room tomorrow evening at 5:45 dinner/6:30 devo and work projects. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for dinner attendance count and food items. Everyone welcome. (See Mark's article on Page 4 for complete details.)

### EVANGELISM - VISITATION CLASS JULY 15

The Wednesday evening Visitation/Evangelism class will take a new phase with class training and assignments for anyone interested in this work. The class will begin Monday, July 15 at 6:30PM in the MP Room. Any questions, see Ron Riddle, David Epler or any of the Elders.

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

Coin banks are available in the foyers. You are asked to take a bank and fill it. A Potter representative will be here November 17 to collect them.

### COOKIES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cookies are needed for VBS. Cookies maybe left in the office or the MP Room.

### DESSERT FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Everyone is invited to a dessert fellowship in the MP Room the last evening of VBS Wednesday, July 10. Bring a dessert and join us!

Everyone is invited to our church picnic August 17. More details will be available.



### **Bible Call 304.420.2416**

*Hear Recorded Information on Hundreds of Bible Subjects*

*24 hours a day - 7 days a week*

Keep up the good work of telling others about this program. Brochures are in the foyers.

Distribute them to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

June 30 - Acts 6, 2 Chronicles 15-17  
July 1 - Acts 7:1-19, 2 Chronicles 18-20  
July 2 - Acts 7:20-45, 2 Chronicles 21-23  
July 3 - Acts 7:46-60, 2 Chronicles 24-25  
July 4 - Acts 8:1-25, 2 Chronicles 26-28  
July 5 - Acts 8:26-40, 2 Chronicles 29-30  
July 6 - Acts 9:1-22, 2 Chronicles 31-32  
July 7 - Acts 9:23-43, 2 Chronicles 33-34



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## **We are getting ready for Vacation Bible School!**

It is hard to believe but Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.) will be here next week, July 8,9, and 10. To help us prepare for V.B.S. we will be having Monday Night for the Master tomorrow night at 5:45 p.m. We will begin with dinner, so please sign up if you plan to attend so we can have count for the food preparation. Then about 6:30 p.m. we will divide into our groups to do the work for the evening. The work which will need to be done is as follow:

- We need a group of people to send out invitations to invite families to our V.B.S.
- We need a group of people to pass out V.B.S. invitations to people in the community.
- Teachers will also have an opportunity to begin working in their classrooms.
- There will also be opportunities for those who would like to do visitation.
- There will also be some maintenance items to do around the building.

So, please come to M.N.F.T.M. to help the congregation get ready for V.B.S.

**V.B.S. will be July 8,9, and 10 and start each evening at 6:30 and dismiss at 8:00.**

There will be many things to do at V.B.S. So, we hope you plan to be here and bring your friends. Each evening starts at 6:30 p.m. we will begin with singing. The children will then be dismissed to their classes for a time of Bible study. Then after about 20 minutes in Bible class the children will go either to a fun activity outside or to the MP room for snacks and skits with Doug Wells. Then after 20 minutes at these stations the children will move either to the outside activity or to the MP Room. Then students will return to the auditorium to sing and received the banner awards. We will close each night with a prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Adults will remain in the auditorium for Bible Class each evening. The adult class will begin after the children are dismissed to their classes and conclude before the children return for their time of singing.

## **What else can you do to help get ready for VBS?**

- **Please bring cookies for each evening of V.B.S.** See Laura Tonkery for more details.
- **Invite your friends and family.** There are flyers for V.B.S. in the foyer for each member to invite their friends and family to our V.B.S.
- **Please pre-register your children.** Each child must register so that we have a record of each one in attendance and so we can follow up on our visitors. We need the complete addresses and phone numbers of parents so they may be easily contacted. If pre-registration is not possible children may register come before classes around 6:15 each evening. To pre-register please see Amanda Cochran as soon as possible.
- **Dessert Fellowship** – On the last night of V.B.S. everyone is invited to join us in the MP following VBS for a dessert fellowship. Cookies will be provided but you may bring snack foods, desserts and beverages. See Laura Tonkery for more details.

I hope you plan to be here and be involved with V.B.S. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be glad to help you.

Let's have a great V.B.S.!!!

In Christ, Mark T. Tonkery

## SERMON NOTES

# **Three Crosses**

Scripture Reading: *Luke 23:32–43*



I. A Cross of \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 23:39.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

II. A Cross of \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 23:40-43.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

III. A Cross of \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Peter. 1:18-19.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

*P.M. Sermon by Doug Wells and Mark T. Tonkery*

*Parenting Children and Teens*

*Scripture Reading: 3 John 1:4*

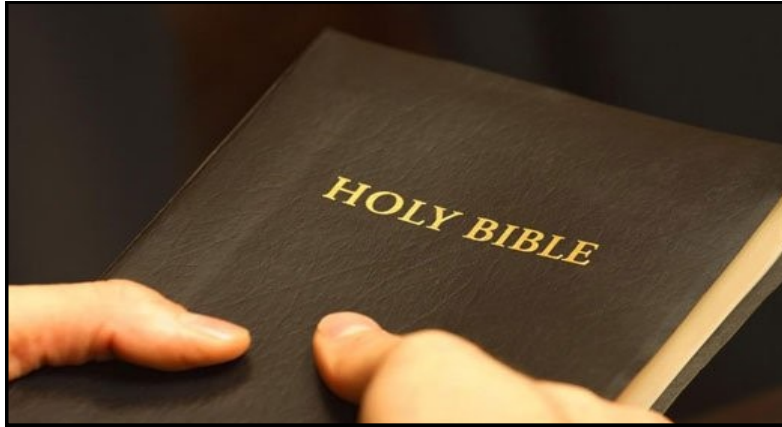
## **Book of the Month for July**

*Starting next Sunday I will be preaching a series of lessons from the book of Proverbs. There are only 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs and 31 days in the month of July, so that means a person can read one chapter a day for the whole month and complete and read the whole book of Proverbs. As a way to challenge and encourage the Bible reading I would like for those who complete the reading to sign their name on the sheet of paper on the bulletin boards in the foyers. This is just another way to encourage Bible reading and help each member to know more about God's word.*

*Remember: To read your Bible and pray everyday and you will grow, grow, grow!*

*In Christ, Mark T. Tonkery*

# DOUG'S DISCUSSION



## Far Reaching Consequences

God, who alone knows the future, set the regulations for Israel's kings long before the people asked Samuel for one. All the way back in Deuteronomy the law for the king was clearly described. The king must be an Israelite. He must not acquire many horses or go back to Egypt to get more. He shouldn't try for large amounts of silver and gold. And . . . "He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray" (Deuteronomy 17:17). Pretty much, if the people just HAD to have a king, God wanted humble and holy kings. These commands for the king were mostly ignored. Solomon broke every single one of these commands.

So why does God tell us that there are certain things to do and certain things to not do? Is it just a test of obedience? Or does God, who knows the future, realize that certain actions will lead to blessings and others will result in major problems? In my estimation if God says to do something we should obey no matter what the reason is . . . He's God. Who are we to ignore the commands of our Creator? But to give even more reason God gives commands not to burden us but to help us. Solomon ignored the command not to take many wives. He super ignored it. Even worse, many of his wives were not Israelites but they were from the nations around them, and so, as predicted in Deuteronomy, "As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods" (1 Kings 11:4).

Of course, choosing to ignore God's commands doesn't just affect us. The generations after us can feel the consequences of our choices, especially if we are in a position of influence. Solomon's son Rehoboam wasn't much of a king. He made terrible choices. His choices were his own but there certainly were some bad influences in his life. "His mother's name was Naamah; she was an Ammonite" (1 Kings 14:21). Solomon married a woman from a country that honored another god, that woman raised her son to worship idols, and later this man led the entire country astray. The God who knows the future gives us these commands for a reason! He knew exactly what would happen if these bad choices were made. The next time you read in scripture about not complaining or loving your wife (or whatever other command there may be) choose to honor what God says. These things are there not to harm you but to give you a hope and a future.



## Kings Island Trip

The trip will be Monday, July 29.

Be here at 6:45AM so we can leave at 7:00AM.  
We will leave the park at 8:00PM.

\$44.50 per person, includes ticket and fees

Give money to Doug Wells by July 14.

Sign-up sheet is on the counter.



## WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

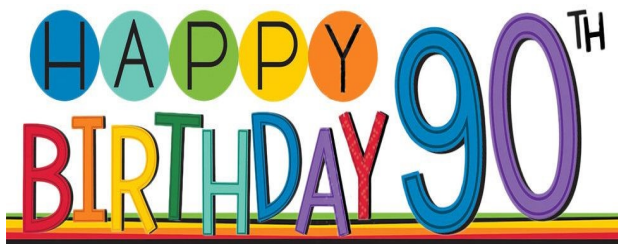
WVCYC at Pennsboro started last week and will continue through the end of July.

You can check the dates and registration form at: <https://www.wvcyc.com/media/16>.

Mark will be teaching and working there July 21-27 for All Age Week.

They welcome as many campers as possible.

Let Mark know if you have questions.



## Happy 90th Birthday today to Lenore Vaught!

We love you, Norie!

## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

What have you and your family done together lately? The Bible tells us that family life is important. One way a family can spend time together and interact with each other is by going to Bible School together.

We, at the Camden Avenue Church of Christ would like to invite you to learn about God with us at our Family Vacation Bible School. Starting Monday, July 8 and going through Wednesday, July 10, from 6:30-8:00 each evening. Our theme is Faith Force, superheroes of godly living. There will be Bible classes for ages 2 through adults. Free refreshments and games for the children. Everyone is invited. Bring your family and friends and learn about godly living from our superheroes of faith!

The Camden Avenue Church of Christ is located on 2900 Camden Avenue in Parkersburg, WV. Please call the church office at 304.428.0504 for more information.

We hope to see you and your family at the Camden Avenue Church of Christ VBS.





Our Vacation Bible School will be  
**July 8 - 10.**

6:30 - 8:00 each evening

Classes for all ages 2 - adults.

Come and join us and bring others as we grow to become more like Christ, the true superhero of faith!

**LOVE AND CARE**

Love and Care currently has rooms available for anyone in need of assistance with their daily living. To attract potential new residents, Love and Care will be adding private restrooms for each resident's room. This is the first remodel of its kind since opening in 1982. They also plan to replace the original furniture in each room and of course all of this costs money. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to this Renovation Project. Love & Care's mission is to enhance the quality of life for our residents in a loving Christian environment. Donations may be sent to Love & Care, PO Box 1512, Parkersburg, WV 26102. Earmark your check "Renovation Project".

Our Summer Series will continue this Wednesday evening at 7:00.



Speaker: Tim Gainer with the congregation in Rio Grande, OH

Please join us!



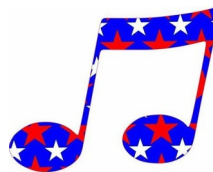
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**"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

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.

**Friday Night Sing**

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the Cairo congregation.



**Everyone welcome!**

**Serving In Worship**  
 Sunday, July 7

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

**SONG LEADERS**

AM - Ryan Highman  
 PM - Kyle Inman

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Clayton Huber  
 Close - Len Haid  
 6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway  
 Close - Stan Inman

**SCRIPTURE**

AM - Mike Fleak  
 PM - Bill Camp

**COMMUNION**

AM - Paul Inman  
 PM - Walter Morgan  
 Josh Hall

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray

The Lawn Crew for this week includes Kevin Cochran, Doug Hershman, Drew Hershman, and Jimmy Galloway.



**Facts and Figures**

June 23, 2019

AM Service.....	215
Bible Study.....	200
PM Service.....	179
Wednesday.....	189
Contribution.....	\$6975.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019**

Baptisms.....	2
Restored or Requested Prayers....	1
Placed Membership.....	1

**Service 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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