

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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Disturbing Preaching

A man who had attended worship assemblies of the church suddenly stopped and was seen no more. The preacher made a visit to his home to ask about his non-attendance. The man told the preacher, "I will not be back. Your preaching about Hell disturbs me. I am now attending another church where the preacher is not as narrow-minded as you are."

The preacher responded in this manner: "I am sorry you feel that way. One time, I found a poor fellow half frozen in the snow. He was near death, yet he was drowsy and comfortable. I had to shake him violently to awaken him!"

"So, what?" the man rudely replied. "Just this," said the preacher. "I preach to please God, and not to make people feel comfortable, or to lull them more soundly to sleep in their sins. Lovingly and earnestly, I warn sinners to flee from the coming wrath!"

Someone said, "Gospel preaching comforts the afflicted, and afflicts the comfortable." It made Felix tremble (Acts 24:25), but it made the eunuch obey (Acts 8:26-40). What about you?

Darwin Hunter

Thank you to Mark and Doug for the wonderful preaching and work they do. We appreciate your preaching, teaching, prayers, visits, encouragement and all that you do for us.

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Even if you are
on the right
track - you will
get run over if
you just sit there!

But we will give ourselves continually to

Prayer

and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, 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 and Lois 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,
Ted Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's
brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter),
Randy Ware (Jenny Ware's husband, Ashley and Megan's father)

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

Dearll Vincent

Encompass Health Rehabilitation

Address: 3 Western Hills Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26105

(No visits, please.)

Let's shower him with cards and keep him in our prayers.



- ♥ Thank you so much for all the cards, flowers and birthday wishes. Everything sure meant a lot. Thanks for thinking of me and making my 90th birthday special. **Lenore Vaught**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, phone calls, food and all acts of kindness while we have been having health issues and are recuperating. **Gilbert and Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ **Kyle and Sarah** would like to thank everyone for their encouragement, cards and well wishes on their anniversary!

News and Announcements



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

EVANGELISM - VISITATION CLASS

The Visitation/Evangelism class will begin tomorrow at 6:30PM in the MP Room for anyone interested in this work. See Ron Riddle, David Epler or any of the Elders for details.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES JULY 21 AND 25

Care Group 2 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, July 21 at 2:30 and Thursday, July 25 at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome to attend this time of worship and fellowship.

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY

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

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

The Traveling Youth Group will worship with the Latrobe Street congregation Sunday, July 28 for a 6:00PM singing service. A fellowship meal will be provided following the service.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to attend the sing at Love and Care Monday, July 29 at 7:00PM.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

Our Secret Sister Reveal will be Thursday, August 1 at 6:00PM in the MP Room. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages. See Laura Tonkery or Kimberlee for details.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Remember to continue reading the book of Proverbs - the book of the month for July. Then sign the sheet on the foyer bulletin boards when you complete the reading. Mark is preaching a series of lessons from Proverbs.

PARKERSBURG HALF-MARATHON WATER STOP

If you would like to help at our water stop Saturday, August 17 see Kyle.

VBS TEACHERS

Please give Mark Tonkery all unused VBS material and anything else you would be willing to share that may be used at VBS at the Northeast congregation.

See Mark for details.

Daily Bible Reading

July 14 - Acts 14, Nehemiah 4-5
July 15 - Acts 15, Nehemiah 6-7
July 16 - Acts 15:22-41, Nehemiah 8-9
July 17 - Acts 16:1-15, Nehemiah 10-11
July 18 - Acts 16:16-40, Nehemiah 12-13
July 19 - Acts 17:1-15, Esther 1-3
July 20 - Acts 17:16-34, Esther 4-6
July 21 - Acts 18, Esther 7-10



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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.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



VBS 2019

What a great VBS we had this year!!! Everyone who helped whether that was teaching, serving, inviting, bringing children, helping with M.N.F.T.M. bringing cookies, or attending did a wonderful job. Our attendance for the week was Mon. 132, Tue. 153, and Wed. 198 with the over average attendance 161.

One of the reasons I love VBS so much is, because it is one time a year where the Body of Christ is visibly working together to accomplish one goal, and the is to bring people to the teaching and obedience of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This works best when we work together.

Notice 1 Cor. 12:14-31, which states, "For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?"

Romans 12:4-8 Paul continues to teach us that every member of the church family has a responsibility; ...It may be we have the gift of serving, teaching, giving, leading, encouraging, or a number of others ways.

Eph. 4:11-16 teaches that the body of Christ will grow spiritually when we work together. This past week is a great example of that. May we keep focused and be steadfast in our relationship with the Lord. He will bless us, and He has blessed us with a great VBS and a great congregation!!

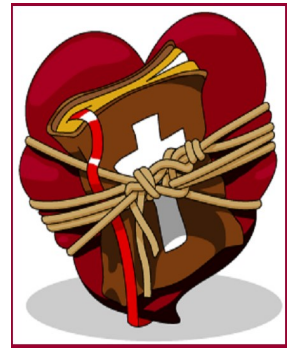
May God bless our cooperation with one another. When we work together in a spirit of unity and love great things will happen.

Thank you for everyone's hard work, support, and sacrifice this week. Let's keep the same spirit and attitude for our weekly Bible School, Worship, and fellowship.

Thank you,
Mark

GUARD YOUR HEART

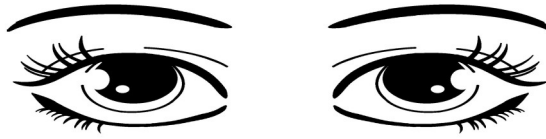
Scripture: Proverbs 4:20-27



The problem with the heart:

The solutions to our heart problem:

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Open Our Eyes So We May See

The prophet Elisha once aggravated the king of Aram. You see, as a genuine prophet of God, Elisha was privy to information that was supposed to be secret. The king of Aram would make plans behind closed doors about where he would go with his army and Elisha would tell the “secret” plans to the king of Israel. Obviously, the king of Aram was not a big fan of this arrangement so he sent a military force to where Elisha lived in order to capture the prophet. Elisha’s servant was afraid when he saw all the horses and soldiers and chariots all around him. The prophet himself seemed unconcerned. But how can you see an enormous army closing in and not be shaking in your boots? The answer is that Elisha could see the world as it really is. He didn’t just see the physical, he also saw the spiritual. To help his servant have peace Elisha prays: “O Lord, open his eyes so that he may see” (2 Kings 6:17). The Lord answers that prayer and suddenly the servant sees the hills full of the Lord’s mighty army.

I think it would be very interesting if we had this ability today – to see the world as it really is. Do you think we’d live any differently if we could see the blazing forces of the Lord on our way to work? Maybe. Or what if we could see the battle that takes place on a daily basis for people souls? What if we could see the angels who encourage and the demons who tempt? What would that change? What I think would really make a difference is if we could see the health of people’s souls. With our human eyes we may see someone who looks healthy and successful. But if we could see spiritual things we might observe someone very close to death. Of course, we can’t see these things and we aren’t meant to in this life: “We live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

So no, our eyes cannot see heavenly armies and we cannot see the state of people’s souls. But I pray that God may open our eyes! We should know the Bible well enough to know that if someone is living apart from God they are dying. They may look healthy and prosperous but they do not have the water Jesus gives: “whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14). Without this water people are parched, stumbling, and getting weaker by the minute. Though the eyes of faith can you see their need? I firmly believe that someone who is aware of the world as it truly is will live differently. If you are aware Jesus is the only way to life then you WILL reach out to those without Jesus, as you see clearly that they are walking toward their death. Can you see this truth? If not I pray that God opens your eyes so that you may see.

NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

We have purchased new tables for the MP Room. We ask that you do not borrow or remove the new tables from the building. The new tables are only to be eaten on. Please do not do crafts or artwork on these new tables We want to keep them clean and nice.

If you would like to borrow tables, we have the old tables for that use also (some 6 foot, mostly 8 foot). They are under the staircase in the MP Room for members to borrow. Please see Jim Galloway or Wes Cochran prior to borrowing the old tables.

Thanks,
The Elders



Kings Island Trip

Monday, July 29

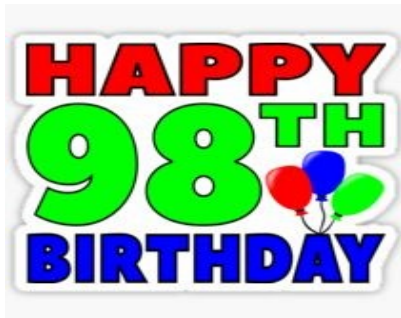
Arrive at 6:45AM. Leaving at 7:00AM. Leaving the park at 8:00PM.
\$44.50 per person - Money needs to be given to Doug Wells today.
Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

WVCYC at Pennsboro continues through the end of July.

Dates and registration form at: <https://www.wvcyc.com/media/16>.

Mark will be working with them July 21-27 ~ All Age Week.



Happy 98th Birthday to Harold Stanley!

July 18

Our records indicate that he was baptized October 3, 1934.
(Almost 85 years a Christian!)

Thank you for being a wonderful example, Harold!
We love and appreciate you!

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

We need to be careful, children are excellent imitators, consider for a moment the following story:

A small girl watched with absorbing interest, everything which was happening at her mother's card party. She observed how her mother dressed; how she dealt the cards; how the women drank cocktails, and how freely they puffed on their cigarettes.

The next day, the little girl gathered her friends in the neighborhood to play "party". She dressed herself in some of her mother's clothes. Slipping into her mother's room, she got her mother's cigarettes. Returning to her friends, she put a cigarette in her mouth and lit it. She accidentally ignited the over-sized dress she was wearing. Instantly, she became a human torch. A few hours later, her little charred body lay still in death. As she died, she gasped, "I did like Mother and it killed me."

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





August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- August 2 - Nancy Stanley, *Paul & Nancy Inman
- August 4 - Scott Johnson, *Bob & Sharon Armstrong
- August 7 - Richard Cozad, Bill Davis
- August 8 - Bill Camp, Ed Porter, Hannah Shears
- August 10 - Ron Riddle, Donna Tice, *Marion & Jo Goldsmith,
*Brandon & Calle Sheppard
- August 13 - Julie Moser
- August 14 - Jane Pralley
- August 17 - Sallie Hinzman, *Steve & Linda Gray
- August 18 - John Life
- August 19 - Lois Nulter, *Ryan & Cheryl Logston,
*Dwain & Kimberlee Shears
- August 20 - Drew Hershman, Chad Turner
- August 22 - Bill Lemley, Ray Sams, Dearll Vincent
- August 24 - Larry Stanley
- August 26 - Sherry Sponseller
- August 27 - Linda Gray, Karen Life, Eloise Smith, Brad Sheppard.
Clyde Yoho
- August 29 - Keith Cowdery
- August 31 - Tim Proffitt

* Anniversary

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

Save the date for our church picnic - August 17. More details to come.

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



Plan to attend and invite others!

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.
Next Sunday morning In Search will air on WTAP at 6:30-7:00 due to a golf program.
July 21 - PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the Pennsville congregation in OH.
Everyone welcome!

Serving In Worship

Sunday, July 21

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS
 AM - Kyle Inman
 PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER
 9:30 AM - Len Haid
 Close - Ron Holleron
 6:00 PM - John Hall
 Close - Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE
 AM - Ryan Highman
 PM - Kody Inman

COMMUNION
 AM - Jim Galloway
 PM - Stan Inman
 Jimmy Galloway

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

The Lawn Crew for this week includes Brian Haught, Ben Haught, Ryan Highman and Jon Hescht.

Facts and Figures

July 7, 2019

AM Service.....	228
Bible Study.....	156
PM Service.....	172
Wednesday.....	198
Contribution.....	\$7186.00

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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