

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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Items being collected include:

Pencil top erasers, erasers, rulers, filler notebook paper, notebooks, #2 pencils, folders, composition notebooks, colored pencils, colored markers, crayons, glue sticks, black and blue pens, yellow highlighters, children's scissors

Items need to be left in the bin in the parking lot foyer.

The School Supply Give-Away will be
Thursday, August 8
6:30PM-8:30PM in the parking lot foyer.

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
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
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Every person you see
is someone Jesus
thought enough of to
die for...Remember
that in how you treat
them.



Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey,
Gary Farris, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Sandy Graham, Len Haid, 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

Mark Berry, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother),
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), 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.

- Continue to remember Dearll Vincent in your prayers as he is home.
No visits, please. He does enjoy receiving cards.
Remember him and his family in your prayers.
Address: 2710 14th Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105

- Kathleen Albright has been experiencing health issues. Please keep her in
your prayers.
Address: Willow Brook Christian Community, 100 Delaware Crossing West
Delaware, OH 43015

- Remember Randy Ware in your prayers and with cards.
Address: 25 Oak Circle, Washington, WV 26101



- ♥ Thank you for all of the cards for my 98th birthday. I appreciated all of
them. **Harold Stanley**

Thank you to **Debi Inman** for preparing the communion bread for July.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

LADS TO LEADERS-LEADERETTES

LLL will kick-off today in the MP Room after worship and Bible study. Pizza will be provided. Please bring desserts and beverages.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Transportation will leave today at 5:30 to join the Traveling Youth Group at the Latrobe Street congregation for a 6:00 singing service. A fellowship meal will be provided following the service.

KINGS ISLAND TRIP

Kings Island trip tomorrow - Be here at 6:45AM to leave at 7:00AM. See Doug for details.

EVANGELISM - VISITATION CLASS

The Evangelism-Visitation class will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the MP Room. Join us.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

WEDNESDAY 11:00 MORNING CLASS - JULY 31

Mark will be teaching the 11:00 Wednesday morning class this week and welcomes everyone. Following the class everyone is invited to Western Sizzlin' for lunch.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

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

PARKERSBURG HALF-MARATHON WATER STOP

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Our blood Drive will be Monday, August 26 from 1:00-5:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Have a great week!



Daily Bible Reading

July 28 - Acts 22, Job 17-19
July 29 - Acts 23:1-22, Job 20-21
July 30 - Acts 23:23-35, Job 22-23
July 31 - Acts 24, Job 24-27
August 1 - Acts 25, Job 28-29
August 2 - Acts 26, Job 30-31
August 3 - Acts 27:1-12, Job 32-33
August 4 - Acts 27:13-44, Job 34-36



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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



What if I have a tattoo? (Part 1)

Tattoos. They seem to be the thing to get now. It is because they are so popular that I have been asked what does the Bible say about tattoos? Good question.

I realize in writing this that there are many people who have gotten a tattoo and are a Christian. My goal is not to embarrass or to make people feel self-conscious but make people aware of what they are doing to their spiritual influence and body. So, I have written three bulletin articles on this topic, to help inform and give people something to think about regarding getting a tattoo.

In this series of articles there are two Bible verses that are important to study in relation to tattoos; Lev 19:28 which reads, “You shall not make any cuts on your body for the dead or tattoo yourselves: I am the LORD.” Then, 1 Cor. 6:19 which states, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own”, (More discussion on these two verses, in the next articles).

But before we move forward one must realize one of the problems with tattoos are, they are permanent...it's a permanent marking that can cost hundreds and thousands of dollars to get removed. It is also a painful process to have tattoos removed. Many times, the mindset and motivations we have today, may not be the same as they will be tomorrow, next week, or the years to come. Tattoos are not like a haircut or change in style of clothing, but permanent.

In 2009, 18-year-old Kimberley Vlaeminck asked tattooist Rouslan Toumaniantz to tattoo some stars on her face. When he completed his task, he had tattooed 56 stars on her face.

Not long after the constellation had been imprinted on her face, Vlaeminck lied to family and reporters claiming that she had asked Toumaniantz for just three stars near her eye. She also claimed that he kept adding more and more stars after she fell asleep at the Tattoo Box in Courtrai, Belgium.

A week later, however, she confessed to a Dutch TV station that she had been awake throughout and had indeed asked for the full 56 marks. Now at the age of 21, Vlaeminck regrets her decision. She says she has avoided going out in public because the tattoos make her feel like a “freak.” Last summer, she was preparing to pay £9,000 (over \$14,000 US dollars) for laser surgery to remove the black stars. She fears that her impulsive decision to get the tattoos is going to follow her for the rest of her life. (taken from http://www.creekwoodcc.org/lw/lw_Tattoo%20Mistakes.htm).

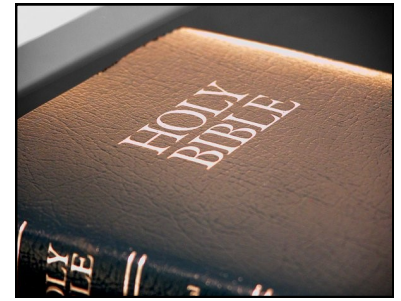
As one gentleman who had tattoos said when he became a Christian, Christ washed my sins away at baptism, but my tattoo was not washed away.

God's people sometimes make decisions impulsively without proper judgment bringing regret, and many times the consequences linger for years or even a lifetime. Someone has said, “Tattoo: Permanent proof of temporary insanity.” This is not only true of tattoos but living a sexually immoral life, drinking alcohol, or drugs. We sometimes must live with the disease, the unexpected child, jail time, or other consequences.

The good news is that Jesus can take away our sins regardless of the permanent damage we have done to our bodies. Jesus finds each of us in sin (Rom. 3:23) but when we confess our belief in Him (Rom. 10:9,10), repent of our sins (Lk. 13:3,5) and put Christ on in baptism (Mk. 16:16) we can live a new life in Christ (Rom. 6:4). Tattoos are unwise but do not have to keep us from making the right choices today. We can serve God and be a faithful Christian regardless of our past sins or permanent damage we have done to our bodies. Think about it! MTT

The doctrine of God in Proverbs

Proverbs 24:21-22



I. God is _____ - _____

II. God is _____ - _____

III. God is _____ - _____

IV. God is _____ - _____

V. God is _____ - _____

VI. God is _____ - _____

Remember to continue reading the book of Proverbs - the book of the month for July. Sign the sheet on the foyer bulletin boards when you complete the reading.

Thank you, Mark for this study of Proverbs.

Mark will be preaching this evening. Sermon: Jealousy ~ Text: Proverbs 14:30
Let's all be here to hear this sermon.

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Take the Harder Road

Building godly character is hard work. “Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love” (2 Peter 1:5-7). Every effort is right. That’s what it takes to make these qualities a part of our lives. People don’t change easily . . . leading to modern day proverbs like “a tiger doesn’t change its stripes.” Breaking bad habits and creating new godly ones is something that requires a daily focus for a long time. It probably takes the help of another Christian – and accepting that help takes a lot of humility. All that work, all that brokenness, is not something everyone is willing to go through. There are many who would much rather focus on the flaws of someone else.

There is more than one way to build up confidence in who you are. You can work, and grow, and daily become someone who better reflects the light of Jesus Christ. OR you can focus on the shortcomings of the people around you. “Well, I know I need to change what I choose to watch but at least I’m not like the guy who just got arrested for beating his wife. I definitely don’t do that.” “Yes, I know I don’t know my Bible well enough but at least I’m doing better than that church over there that doesn’t even know what baptism is for!” Yes, that’s certainly one way to feel better about yourself. Unfortunately, as Lonnie Jones put it: “cutting that guy’s legs off doesn’t make me one inch taller.” Looking down on others doesn’t make you a better person. And you’re not qualified to do it. We cannot even semi-accurately judge where others are unless we have first judged ourselves: “How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?” (Matthew 7:4).

I want to suggest to you that it is better to take the harder road. Take a moment today and examine your own life. What are some areas that you can improve? What in the 2 Peter 1 list do you need to add to your character? What are you currently doing that God would like you to change? Are your prayer and reading habits what they should be? Do the hard work of asking yourselves these kind of questions and seek to improve the answers. Then you can have the confidence of knowing that you are doing what you can to be the person God wants you to be. That’s a much more satisfying way of being happy about who you are.



Please give Mark Tonkery all unused VBS material and anything that may be used at VBS at the Northeast congregation today.

We are excited to be conducting VBS at the Northeast congregation August 2, 3, 4. We will leave this Friday morning at 8:00 to make VBS preparations, distribute flyers, etc. We will have a Super Saturday VBS. Mark will be speaking at their morning service next Sunday.

Please pray for this good work and for safe travels.



Congratulations to the following:

Sami Tonkery was awarded the Staff Directors Award at West Virginia Christian Youth Camp.

Rochel Young's goat "Hot Tub" won Grand Champion at the Wood County Jr. Livestock Show at the West Virginia Interstate fair.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Choosing a name is an important responsibility. Those of us who are parents can remember spending hours reading books filled with baby names, discussing this name and that before deciding on just the right name.

However, I am told that the Native Americans used to give their children the name they had earned. A daughter may have the name Laughing Water, Minnie Haha or Timid One. A son might be named Running Deer, Wise Owl or Fighting Bull.

Suppose God would name his children the name they had earned. Some would be Helping Hand, Faithful Teacher, or Generous Heart. But on the other hand, there would be some wearing such names as Grouchy Bear, Lukewarm, Troublemaker, or Stingy Giver.

A name is important because it's not just a word - Your name is your character, the essence of who you are and what you stand for.

If God named you according to your life, what name would He give you? (Author Unknown)

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, August 4

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ben Haught

PM - Clayton Huber

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall

Close - Dustin Hughes

6:00 PM - Kevin Cochran

Close - Bill Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Dennis Keller

COMMUNION

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Don Dougherty

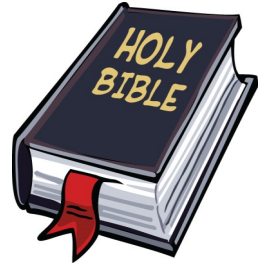
Brian Knotts

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



It is hard to get in shape spiritually when your work out sessions are only scheduled on Sunday.

We often hear,
“Life is short...better enjoy it”!
How about,
“Eternity is long, better prepare for it”!



The Lawn Crew for this week include:
Stan Inman,
Bill Merrill,
Kevin Inman and Clayton Huber.



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

Speaker: Elvis Galbreath
Sunrise church of Christ

Facts and Figures

July 21, 2019

AM Service.....241

Bible Study.....162

PM Service.....182

Wednesday.....160

Contribution.....\$7394.50

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.....11AM & 7PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church picnic - August 17

Bible Bowl - September 28

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.

August 4
HEARING THE GOSPEL

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:35 for the sing at the Veto congregation.

Everyone welcome!