

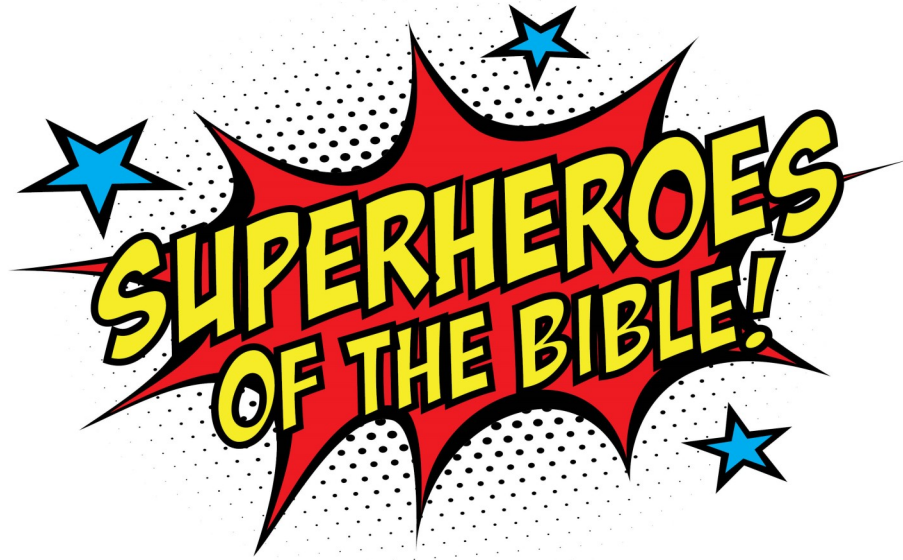
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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We will be discussing heroes of the Bible.

Monday - Daniel Does Right

Tuesday - David Is Brave

Wednesday - Jesus Christ: The True Superhero

Our Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow evening.

6:30 - 8:00 each evening July 8 - 10

Classes for ages 2 - adults

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

Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers!

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The enemy would not be attacking you if you weren't something very valuable. Thieves don't break in empty houses.



Remember Randy Ware with cards of encouragement and in your prayers as he is experiencing health issues.

25 Oak Circle, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Let's shower him with cards!

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.

Encompass Health Rehabilitation

Dearll Vincent

Address: 3 Western Hills Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26105
Keep him and his family in your prayers. (No visits, please.)



Congratulations to Drake and Alex Logston in the birth of their son, Gage Sinjin. He arrived July 2 weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and 19 3/4 inches. Proud grandparents are Ryan and Cheryl Logston and great-grandparents Dearll and Carol Vincent.



♥ I wish to extend my heartfelt thank you for the kind ways you remembered my birthday. May God continually bless you! Love, Jo Langler



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.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cookies are needed for VBS. Cookies may be left in the outer office or the MP Room.

DESSERT FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Everyone is invited to a dessert fellowship in the MP Room this Wednesday at the close of VBS. Bring desserts, snack foods and beverages and join us!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

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. 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 encouraged to attend.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP - JULY 28

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

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Don't forget to read 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 will be preaching a series of lessons on Proverbs each Sunday morning.

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



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*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

July 7 - Acts 9:23-43, 2 Chronicles 33-34

July 8 - Acts 10:1-23, 2 Chronicles 35-36

July 9 - Acts 10:24-48, Ezra 1-3

July 10 - Acts 11, Ezra 4-6

July 11 - Acts 12, Ezra 7-8

July 12 - Acts 13:1-31, Ezra 9-10

July 13 - Acts 13:32-52, Nehemiah 1-3

July 14 - Acts 14, Nehemiah 4-5



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

We can do it again!

It was July 1975, I was only five months old and had no clue what was going on in the world, but the Camden Ave. Church of Christ was having Vacation Bible School. It was a five-day V.B.S. and according to the July 27, 1975 church bulletin, the average attendance was 630 people. The attendance for each night was: Monday 619; Tuesday 647; Wednesday 674; Thursday 613; and Friday 593.

Now compare these numbers to last year's V.B.S. (2018). We have gone from a five-day V.B.S. to a three-day V.B.S. Our average attendance in 2018 was 143. The attendance for each night was Monday 133; Tuesday 146; and Wednesday 152.

Many people will look at these numbers and say, "Well a lot has changed in 44 years." That is true. We live in different times, we have internet, cell phones, and laptop computers. Our cars have better gas mileage, our homes are more energy efficient, and over all we have more advancements in technology than we did 44 years ago. Along with this people have changed, there is less interest in spiritual things, congregations are closing their doors, and it is getting more difficult to find a faithful gospel preacher. But with all the differences and changes today we need to ask some important questions:

- **Has the Bible changed?** Mt. 24:35, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."
- **Has the need for salvation changed?** 1 Tim. 2:3-4, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
- **Has what the Bible teaches about the church changed?** Mt. 16:18, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
- **Has God changed?** Jm. 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."
- **Has Jesus changed?** Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
- **Does what the Bible teach about how one becomes a Christian ever change?** Act 2:38-39, "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."
- **Do people still die?** Heb 9:27, "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment."

Although many things have changed over the past 44 years, the essential things of God have not changed. True, it may be more of a challenge to get people interested in spiritual things and the Bible, this does not mean that God's word is any less important, it means we must work harder.

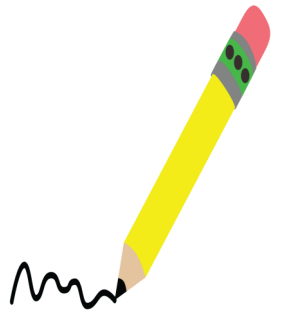
44 years ago, we had a great VBS, let us put forth a great effort to do it again! If we did it before we can do it again, it is just going to take a lot of effort and prayer!

Let's invite our friends and family to V.B.S. July 8,9, and 10. Each night will start at 6:30 p.m. and dismiss at 8:00 p.m. See you and your friends there!!! In Christ, Mark T. Tonkery

SERMON NOTES

Father's Advice

Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-7



Don't forget to read a chapter a day of the book of Proverbs.
Sheets are on the bulletin boards in the foyers for you to sign when you have completed reading Proverbs.

Doug Wells will be preaching this evening.
Topic: Dying in the Desert
Psalm 63:1

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Give Glory to God

Paul the apostle wielded legitimate miraculous power. He told a man who was crippled from birth to stand up and “At that, the man jumped up and began to walk” (Acts 14:10). What would become of a man who could do that today? Who could just speak healing into existence? “You who were blind from birth – see!” And then the blind person looks around in amazement as she sees for the first time. Can you even imagine? In our modern world I imagine there would be an enormous amount of skepticism at first. But as the stories added up and doubts faded could you imagine how famous the healer would become? How wealthy he could become if that’s what he wanted? There’s no doubt that at least some would believe this healer is just a little more than human. But be sure of this – if this healer accepts this praise and all this attention for himself, if he uses his ability to benefit himself by gaining riches and power, then he is no man of God.

Of course we know that no such healer exists today (even though some make the claim). There are, however, gifted speakers. There are talented businessmen, skilled athletes, people who are good at making money. All kinds of abilities exist that people use to direct the attention to themselves, to gain wealth and honor at every opportunity. But I want you to notice that Paul didn’t do that. The man who could do something more remarkable than any ability we see today refused to be praised. He wanted all the praise to go to God. After healing the cripple the crowd wanted to worship Paul and Barnabas as gods. I’m sure that would be tempting for some – but they wanted none of it. “But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ‘Men, why are you doing this?’” (Acts 14:14-15).

If those who could do miracles wanted all the praise to go to God who are we to seek praise for ourselves? I don’t care what you can do – you can’t heal a guy who was crippled from birth. “It is not good to eat too much honey, nor is it honorable to seek one’s own honor” (Proverbs 25:27). Let’s take a page from Paul’s book. Give the credit to God. Give the praise to God. No matter what you do or what you can do be sure to direct attention away from yourself and toward the One who can do everything. That’s the honorable thing to do. That’s what true men and women of God have always done.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Two little boys, enjoying themselves at the zoo, came to a cage of wildcats. One asked the other, "What makes cats wild?" The other replied, "These cats are wild because their mommy and daddy were wildcats."

Children learn a lot from the examples of their parents. Whether parents realize it or not, their children's lives are greatly affected by the example set before them by their parents. Our children are watching us. They see how we live. They hear us talk. They see our priorities in the things we buy and the way we dress. They observe the places we go and they know the company we keep. They often value what we value, support what we support, and do what we do. We are a "walking billboard." What is our advertisement saying to our children? Do we want our children to follow where we are leading them?

What kind of example are we setting? Are we raising responsible productive children or are we just raising "wildcats"?

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



Have a great week!

Look for ways this week to share the love of Jesus with others!



**WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN
YOUTH CAMP**

WVCYC at Pennsboro 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 with them July 21-27 ~ All Age Week.

See Mark for more information.



Kings Island Trip

Monday, July 29

Be here at 6:45AM. We will 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.

Serving In Worship

Sunday, July 14

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - Ray Peters

6:00 PM - Paul Saunders

Close - Kevin Cochran

SCRIPTURE

AM - Gary Alton

PM - David Epler

COMMUNION

AM - Patrick Rine

PM - Ron Riddle

Chris Hofmann

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway



This is a good time to show your appreciation to others.

- Let Mark and Doug know that we appreciate them. Keep them and their families in your prayers
- Show your gratitude to our elders as they shepherd the flock.
- Let Wes know we appreciate all he does for us.
- Thank the deacons for their work.
- Let the folks that sit around you know that you are glad to worship with them.
- Have you told your spouse, children, parents that you love and appreciate them?
- Thank your child's Bible class teachers for their efforts.

Everyone likes to be appreciated....family, friends, co-workers.

2019 WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP GOLF BENEFIT

Saturday, August 10 ~ Mingo Bottom Golf Club in Elizabeth, WV

Flyer on foyer bulletin boards with details



The Lawn Crew for this week includes Paul Inman, Kyle Inman, Patrick Rine, and Cody Hoover.

Facts and Figures

June 30, 2019

AM Service.....	223
Bible Study.....	122
PM Service.....	181
Wednesday.....	187
Contribution.....	\$5936.00

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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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 and Care's mission is to enhance the quality of life for our residents in a loving Christian environment. Donations may be sent to Love and Care, PO Box 1512, Parkersburg, WV 26102. Earmark your check "Renovation Project".

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.

July 14
THE ANSWER IS GOD

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the Spencer congregation.

Everyone welcome!