

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

Items being collected:

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 today.

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
Jeff Taberner

Ministers:

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As for me and my
house we will Salute
the Flag,
Stand for the
National Anthem,
Kneel before the
Cross and Serve the
Lord.

**God is the best doctor and prayer
is the best medicine.**



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 enjoys receiving cards.
Remember him and his family in your prayers.

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

We extend our sympathy to:

- Mark Tonkery and family in the passing of his grandfather, Robert Tonkery.
His service was Tuesday in Fairmont, WV.
- Sharon Wilson and family in the passing of her brother, Don from
Denver, CO.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you the loving birthday cards. **Melva Farris**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and prayers on my behalf. The surgery was
successful and I'm beginning to feel human again! **Gary Farris**
- ♥ Thank you one and all for the very thoughtful anniversary cards. You truly are
"a special people." In Christian love, **Jane and Bill**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, expressions of sympathy and prayers expressed
during my grandfather's passing. It was very appreciated. Thank you,
Mark T. Tonkery and family
- ♥ We are sorry to be sending our "thank yous" so late for Jim's birthday and our
62nd anniversary. We did truly enjoy everything and appreciated each
thoughtful gesture. Thank you so much. **Jim and Sandy Hughes**

News and Announcements



OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY EXPO AND MOVE-IN DAY

Anyone willing to help at the OVU Expo and Move-In Day, meet in the front of the auditorium by Mark's office this evening after services. Move-In Day is August 15. See Kyle for details.

5TH GRADE AND UNDER DEVOTIONAL

5th grade and under will have a devotion Saturday, August 10 at the home of David and Christine Epler at 3:00. Join us.

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.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Transportation will leave next Sunday at 5:45 to join the Traveling Youth Group at the Lower Paw Paw congregation for a singing service. They will provide a fellowship meal following the service.

MEETINGS - AUGUST 18

Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting 4:00, Men's meeting 5:00, Ladies' meeting 5:00

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet August 19 in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner - 6:30 work projects. We will be meeting once a month through October.

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 1:00-5:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

God's Help Is Only A Prayer Away.

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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

August 4 - Acts 27:13-44, Job 34-36

August 5 - Acts 28:1-15, Job 37-38

August 6 - Acts 28:16-31, Job 39-40

August 7 - Romans 1:1-17, Job 41-42

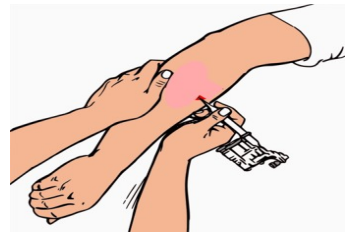
August 8 - Romans 1:18-32, Psalms 1-6

August 9 - Romans 2, Psalms 7-12

August 10 - Romans 3, Psalms 13-17

August 11 - Romans 4, Psalms 18-21

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Should a Christian get a Tattoo? (Part 2)

This is the second article on “What does the Bible have to say about tattoos?” My goal is to inform, not to condemn or look down on anyone with a tattoo, (See last week’s article). But I believe the issue needs to be discussed for the fact that many have asked me what the Bible says about tattoos.

First, there is only one Bible verse found that specifically talks about 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.” In the context of this passage God is instructing the Israelites how they are to live their day to day life and this passage about tattoos as well as the other instructions found in Lev. 19 were teaching the Israelites that they were to be totally different from the pagan people around them.

Tattoos were a common practice among many ancient people such as the Egyptians, Babylonians, and other ancient barbaric people. The ancient people used tattoos for various reasons for worshiping pagan gods, victories in war, weddings, and funeral practices. But notice that in Lev. 19:28 that God is very clear that He does not want the Israelites to be like the other nations of people in that day in any way. As with the other commands of God in the Law of Moses, God wanted the Israelites to be set apart, holy, and a godly example to the other nations. God was concerned not just with the Israelites religious practice but also in the Israelite appearance because even their bodies represented God.

So, is this command still in effect today? It is true that Jesus nailed the Law of Moses to the cross (Col. 2:14). So, the Law of Moses is abolished because of Christ’s cross and we no longer need to offer animal sacrifices, make grain offerings, and go to the Temple and things of this nature. But the Old Testament is still to be an example to us according to 1 Cor. 10:3. If Lev. 19:28 is to be an example to us today it is that we are to be different and set apart from those who are not Christians. Being set apart from the evil world is still taught in the New Testament for example the last part of James 1:27 reminds Christians, “to keep oneself unstained from the world.” Although not specifically talking about tattoos, it would include them along with other evil influences of the world. Remember tattoos are nothing new, they have been around a long time, and have been used by pagan religions, prostitutes, criminals, superstitious people, put on slaves by slave owners, and other social outcasts. Even today the popularity of tattoos came from prison inmates, street gangs, and other rebellious types of subgroups in society. Would a Christian want to follow these examples or the example of holiness found in the Bible?

God calls His followers in the New Testament to be set apart and different from the world, even our bodies. Notice how we are to treat our bodies in Rom. 12:1,2 which reads, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I wonder how a Christian could justify getting a tattoo and still follow Rom. 12:1-2 and James 1:27? Think about it! (To be continued to next week) MTT

More information on Tattoos & Piercings, listen to Don Blackwell’s sermon on this topic: <https://youtu.be/LMQ0xGW2wk>

Who's Next . . . To Stay?

James 5:19-20

Questions to Consider

Have you ever been in a situation when you saw someone doing something . . . unwise . . . but you weren't sure if you should say something?

When should you? (James 5:19-20)

How is baptism like a marriage commitment? But does every marriage commitment stay strong?

Consider the journey from Joshua 24:15 to Hosea 2:14.

If someone becomes a Christian and then gives up on God what is their situation according to 2 Peter 2:20-21?

If you see someone's commitment to Christ fading what do you think is your responsibility?

Are you committed to staying faithful to God no matter what?



Doug will be speaking at both services today. Mark is preaching at the Northeast congregation this morning.

Sermon this evening: Looking Out The Door

Scripture: Galatians 5:14-15

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



Our Teachers Are Missionaries

Far be it from me to ignore or take for granted a remarkable thing that is happening within our church building. Our children are being taught the Word of God. We think about Africa or India as a mission field but we can never forget that there is also a mission field in our own homes. Parents have a responsibility to teach their kids spiritual things, and the parents of those at Camden Avenue are blessed to have lots of help in this effort from dedicated Bible Class teachers.

This Sunday some of our children will be moving to a new classroom. They have gained valuable lessons from previous teachers and now they are going on to learn more. I would like to personally pray a blessing upon these children as they find their new classroom and get to know their new teachers. I pray their hearts will remain open to the Word of God as they grow older and that they may be blessed by what they hear. This year those moving to the 1st grade class are Jordan Alton, Teagan Hescht, Bailey Inman, Tempe Inman, and Ayla Wells. Those moving to 2nd (but get to stay in the same room) are: Kate Barnes, Lean Hoover, Syreniti Merrill, and Lily Sprout. Those moving to the 3rd grade classroom are Kenzie Inman and Edwin Hoover. And for any older child moving to a new classroom I pray a blessing on you as well. Your teachers have wonderful things to say about you and I am sure they are praying for you often.

If you have a chance to encourage one of our children please do so! “But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness” (Hebrews 3:13). Satan fights hard for their little hearts and we must fight hard as well. And if you see a Bible class teacher at work be sure to encourage them as well. These wonderful men and women are doing a great thing for our kids every week. Because of our teachers our children are learning memory verses, gaining confidence in reading and understanding the Word, learning how to pray, and they are learning the importance of attending church. Yes indeed, our teachers are accomplishing great things for with our kids! God be praised and may He richly bless our kids and those who care enough to teach them.

*Happy
Anniversary
50
Years together*

An invitation for our Camden Avenue family and friends to a come-and-go 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Marion and Jo Goldsmith August 10 from 12:00-4:00 in the MP Room.
No gifts, please.

Seven Minds of Christianity

- Mind Your **TONGUE** - Let it not speak hastily, cruel, unkind or wicked words.
- Mind Your **EYES** - Do not permit them to look on wicked things.
- Mind Your **HANDS** - Do not let them steal, write evil or fight.
- Mind Your **EARS** - Do not listen to wicked speeches, songs or words.
- Mind Your **HEART** - Do not let love of sin dwell in it.
- Mind Your **LIPS** - Speak only pure words. Do not stain them with poison.
- Mind Your **FEET** - Do not let them walk in the paths of the ungodly.

Borrowed

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Please help yourself to informative tracts and publications in the foyers. Please let us know if you would like a Bible Correspondence Course. We also offer Bible studies at your convenience. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

There is a company that if you want to have divorce papers served with a cruel twist when you call them up and they will package your insults inside a box with dead flowers in it and a note that reads "roses are red, violets are blue, I once loved you but it's time to sue".

Do you have an enemy? Yes. Do you desire to conquer them? You do. What is the most effective weapon for this work? Is it really an insult? Is it really giving someone a box of dead flowers and cruel note? In God's great Book we find the answer. Let us read: In Mat. 5:44,

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Then Rom. 12:20,21, "...if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Oh, how powerful is love and kindness!

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



Church Photo Directory



We will be having new church directories printed with Lifetouch. Photos will be taken 10/3, 10/4 and 10/5. Sign-ups for time slots will begin in the next couple weeks.

Each photo session will receive a free 8x10 photo, printed directory and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photos. Extra printed directories will be limited so you must get your photo taken to receive a directory.

Any questions, see Steve Gray.

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

Speaker: Dale Parsley
Dewey Avenue congregation



Church picnic - August 17
Bible Bowl - September 28



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

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the Sand Hill congregation in Point Pleasant.

Join 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.

August 11
BELIEVING IN JESUS

Serving In Worship

Sunday, August 11

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Gary Alton

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jon Hescht

Close - Scott Johnson

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Mike Fleak

SCRIPTURE

AM - Patrick Rine

PM - Kevin Inman

COMMUNION

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Keith Smith

Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

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



Facts and Figures

July 28, 2019

AM Service.....	261
Bible Study.....	159
PM Service.....	162
Wednesday.....	184
Contribution.....	\$6433.00

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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