

# 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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**Jesus leaving the 99 to find 1 might  
seem crazy...  
until you are that 1!**

The Father loves all of us. He doesn't want any to perish, to be lost, or even to be in danger. He left the safety of heaven to find the lost one, to find you and me. Now he looks to us and asks us to find other little lost ones.

What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?

**Matthew 18:12**

**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  
Rob Hoover  
Kevin Inman  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Keith Smith  
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Don't judge  
someone just  
because they sin  
differently than  
you.



When I say *I'll pray for you*, it's because I believe in God and the power of prayer and just because I care.

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

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Jo Langler, 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**

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), Ted Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)

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

Dearll Vincent

Continue to remember him in your prayers and with cards.

Encompass Health - Jo Langler (Room 224)

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We extend our sympathy to Len Haid and family in the passing of his brother, Paul Haid. He resided in Florida. He passed away September 19.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

THANK  YOU

♥ Heartfelt thanks for the cards, prayers and words of sympathy at the passing of my brother, Billy Oliver. His funeral was Tuesday, September 10. **Norma Vaught**

♥ Thank you for all the beautiful birthday wishes. I enjoyed each of them. **Patty Sayre**



### WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS

Everyone is encouraged to attend the 11:00 morning Bible study this Wednesday. Following the class everyone is welcome to meet at Western Sizzlin' for lunch. We will continue to have the 7:00PM Bible study.

### TONKERY'S INVITATION

Everyone is invited to a cookout, devotional, and to watch the Barlow Parade Friday, September 27 at the Tonkery's, 74 Second Street, Vincent, Ohio at 4:00PM. Please note that the streets will be closed between 5:00-5:30PM for the parade. Please sign up in the foyer. Bring your lawn chairs. Any questions, see Mark or Laura.

### BIBLE BOWL

Everyone is welcome to support the teams this Saturday at our Bible Bowl. Registration will begin at 9:00AM. We thank Mark Tonkery for all his work and effort in directing the Bible Bowl.

### TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, September 29 we will be hosting the Traveling Youth Group at our evening service. Following services, snacks will be provided in the MP Room. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for items.

### HAID'S SOUP BEAN DINNER ~ RESCHEDULED

Len and Susan Haid have rescheduled the Soup Bean Dinner. It will be Saturday, October 12 at 4:00 at their cabin. A new sign-up sheet is on the counter. Bring items with go with the soup beans and hamburgers. Also, bring lawn chairs.

### CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

The Clothing Give-Away will be Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17 at 6:00--8:00PM.

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Photos will be taken **October 24, 25 and 26** for our new church directory. Sign-up sheets are on the counter. With each photo session, you will receive a free 8x10 photo, printed directory and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photos. You must get your photo taken to receive a free directory. See Steve Gray for more information.

### LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, October 27 at 2:30 and Thursday, October 31 at 7:00PM.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Our Friends and Family Day will be Sunday, November 10. A fellowship meal will follow morning worship and Bible classes. Invite your family and friends!

### Daily Bible Reading

September 22 - 2 Corinthians 7, Proverbs 20-21  
September 23 - 2 Corinthians 8, Proverbs 22-23  
September 24 - 2 Corinthians 9, Proverbs 24-25  
September 25 - 2 Corinthians 10, Proverbs 26-28  
September 26 - 2 Corinthians 11, Proverbs 29-31  
September 27 - 2 Corinthians 12, Ecclesiastes 1-3  
September 28 - 2 Corinthians 13, Ecclesiastes 4-6  
September 29 - Galatians 1, Ecclesiastes 7-9

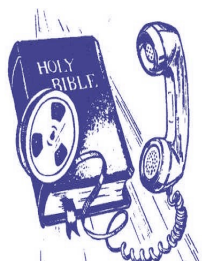
### **Bible Call 304.420.2416**

*Hear Recorded Information on Hundreds of  
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*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.





# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Eyes on the Savior

**Heb 12:1 –3** *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”*

“A group of climbers set out to scale a large mountain in Europe. The view boasted a breathtaking peak of snowcapped rocks. On clear days the crested point reigned as king on the horizon. Its white tip jutted into the blue sky inviting admiration and offering inspiration.

On days like that the hikers made the greatest progress. The peak stood about them like a compelling goal. Eyes were called upward. The walk was brisk. The cooperation was unselfish. Though many, they climbed as one, all looking to the same summit.

Yet on some days, the peak of the mountain was hidden from view. The cloud covering would eclipse the crisp blueness with a drab, gray ceiling and block the vision of the mountaintop. On those days the climb became difficult. Eyes were downward and thoughts inward. The goal was forgotten. Tempers were short. Weariness was an uninvited companion. Complaints stung like thorns on the trail.

As I read this story I could not help but think how this compares to us as Christians. When we keep our eye on the goal and everyone is doing their work then things go smoother. But take our eyes off the goal and we start fighting, arguing and complaining.

*“As long as we can see our goal there is no mountain we can’t climb or summit we can’t scale.”*

Notice what happened to the climbers when they took their eyes off of the goal. They began to argue and complain. Can you blame them, why continue if there is no relief, no goal in sight?

“As Christians, if we take our eyes off of Jesus we begin to look inward at ourselves and complain about others. The result? Cabin fever. Quarreling families. Restless leaders. No trespassing signs are hung on our hearts and homes.”

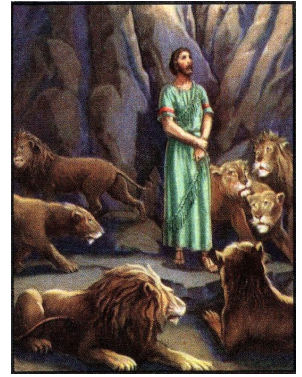
You know what I mean if you have ever been cooped up in a house or snowed in. You know the feeling. This same thing happens to us when we as Christians are not keeping our eyes on Jesus and imitating him. We fight, grumble, and complain.

Instead of resulting in selfishness we need to focus on Jesus. “Seeing Jesus is what Christianity is all about. Christian living is service which is nothing more than imitating Jesus who we see in the Bible.” That may mean this week we may make cookies for someone who is homebound; Teach a child to read the Bible; Volunteer at the hospital; Become a friend to a person who is lonely or share a hug or kind word. Then when people ask why are you doing these things you can say because I am a Christian and I am imitating the one who gives us Salvation, love, meaning, and grace. Think about it!

# Morning Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

## Daniel in a Strange Land

Scripture Reading: Daniel 1:8



Will you dare to be a Daniel?

Body

I. Dare to stand \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Daniel 1:8, \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Daniel 6:21, 22 \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Daniel shows \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

1. He stood \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He chose \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He had to \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Dare to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Dan. 6:10 \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Jesus teaches \_\_\_\_\_.

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

III. Dare to have a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Daniel was a man of \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Purpose comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Purpose comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Purpose come from \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Daniel was a man:

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Dare to be Daniel!

Evening Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

How to face your Goliath

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17:45-47

# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## Accurate Measurements

While at work I might think I'm doing a pretty good job. I might say after I preach a message, or do a devo, or whatever else: "I think that went pretty well." I might say that . . . and it might not mean much if I did. People are very good at approving themselves. We do that so naturally that the Bible finds the need to point out: "it is not the one who commends himself who is approved . . ." (2 Corinthians 10:18). Earlier it says: "When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise" (10:12). I might base my whole opinion of the work I'm doing on my own opinion of the work I'm doing . . . but that is not wise. I might like myself a little too much to get an accurate measure. Then I might think I don't need to grow and improve when really I do. (And believe me – in I know that I do).

The truth is that other opinions matter more than mine. When it comes to keeping my job, whose opinion matters more – mine or the elders? If the elders think that my work stinks it really doesn't matter if I think I'm fantastic! If I think I'm the best thing since sliced bread but the congregation objects to my obvious pride am I going to come out ahead? I don't think so. But more important than the way the elders or the congregation sees me is the way God sees me. "It is not the one who commends himself who is approved but the one whom the Lord commends" (2 Cor. 10:18).

I think it would be wise to occasionally ask fellow Christians how you are doing. You know, someone who you trust and who knows you well. Someone who has a good sense of what is right and who is willing to tell you someone you might not want to hear. Ask them what you should be working on, ways you can improve to be more like Christ. But wiser still is to kneel before God in prayer and ask God to show you what you need to do. Something like: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me" (Psalm 139:23-24). Let God be the one to judge how you are doing, not you, because God is the One who matters. If God approves then you truly are approved.

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### October Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 1- Linda Camp, Kyle Inman  
October 2 - Ryan Highman  
October 5 - Sharon Armstrong, Emma Johnson, Todd Kirk  
October 8 - Ashley Ware, Megan Ware  
October 9 - Sami Tonkery  
October 10 - Brandon Sheppard  
October 11 - \*Kevin and Amanda Cochran  
October 12 - Peggy Cowdery  
October 16 - Earl and Donna McConnell  
October 18 - \*Bill and Rosemary Merrill  
October 20 - Mary Lemley  
October 21 - Susan Haid, Earl McConnell, Myrtle Metz  
October 22 - Kassi Adkins, Mike Bayer, Walter Morgan, Lily Sprout, \*Rob and Kathy Hoover  
October 23 - Sue VanCamp  
October 24 - Russ Alton  
October 27 - Gwen Lucas, Kay Mills  
October 28 - Nina Chevront, Julie Taberner  
October 30 - Kelly Sheppard



\* Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not listed above and you would like to be included on the church calendar, contact Kimberlee or the office this week.

# Youth Events

## Traveling Youth Group

We will be hosting the Traveling Youth Group at our service next Sunday evening. Following services, snacks will be provided in the MP Room. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for snack items.

## Bridgeport Youth Rally

The Bridgeport Youth Rally for the 6th-12th grade will be October 26-26.  
Let Jeff know by October 6 if you plan to go.

## Challenge Youth Conference

CYC will be February 28 - March 1  
The \$30 registration is due by October 6.

Trunk or Treat - October 16

Rake and Run - November 3

Widows, Widowers and Veteran's Lunch - November 11

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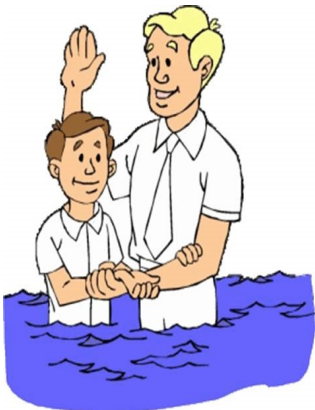
## Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A man's house was on fire. At the first sign of smoke the man rushed to the store to buy a fire extinguisher, but when he returned, the fire had already destroyed the house.

Another man's doctor warned him of a bad heart condition, and immediately the man found an insurance salesman, but the salesman refused him, and the man was left uninsured; his wife and children would not be financially protected.

Then there was another man who had a Bible and had friends who regularly encouraged him to read it, and to come to Christ. Yet, he resisted and his funeral has now passed.



These things are a reminder that there are some things we must do now, and not wait till later. When the battle begins, it's too late to train troops. When the flood waters rise, it's too late to build your house on higher ground. The day of the operation is too late to take a vitamin and exercise.

Now is the time to make things right with Christ, repent of sin, and worship God for we never know when it will be too late!

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, September 29

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

**SONG LEADERS**

AM - Brian Haught  
 PM - Rick Stanley

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM - David Epler  
 Close - Bill Mills  
 6:00 PM - Chris Tallman  
 Close - Ryan Highman

**SCRIPTURE**

AM - Bill Hoover  
 PM - Len Haid

**COMMUNION**

AM - Clayton Huber  
 PM - Jeff Taberner  
 Ryan Gaston

**PA SYSTEM** - Todd Kirk

## 26th Wood County Life Chain

Sunday, October 6  
 2:00PM - 3:00PM  
 Grand Central Avenue

Transportation will leave here at 1:30 if you would like to meet at the church building and ride over together.

We will assemble at the Sam's - Lowe's curbside of the parking lot, along Grand Central Avenue from 2:00 - 3:00.

Signs are supplied. Umbrellas, lawn chairs and strollers are welcome.

The Wood County Life Chain will always be a peaceful, quiet and prayerful witness that abortions kill children.

~ **GOSPEL MEETINGS** ~

**September 22 - 26**

Speaker: Phil Gear  
 Crum Ridge Church of Christ

**September 22 -26**

Speaker: Terry Jones  
 West Ripley Church of Christ

**September 27**

35th Annual Men's Leadership Retreat  
 Held at: Round Lake, 114 St. Rt 3, Lakeville, OH 44638

~ **Ladies' Inspiration Days** ~

**October 5**

Norval Park Ladies' Inspiration Day  
 Speaker: Leachelle Moore

**October 19**

55th Ladies' Inspiration Day  
 National Road Church of Christ - Wheeling, WV

Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards



The Lawn Crew for this week include:  
 Brian Haught,  
 Ben Haught,  
 Ryan Highman and  
 Jon Hesht

## Facts and Figures

September 15, 2019

AM Service.....240  
 Bible Study.....167  
 PM Service.....201  
 Wednesday.....148  
 Contribution.....\$6831.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019**

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

## Service Times

**Sunday**

AM Worship.....9:30  
 Bible Study....15 min. after worship  
 PM Worship.....6:00

**Wednesday**

Bible Study.....11AM and 7PM

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.

**September 29**

THE MUSTS OF CHRISTIANITY

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:15 for the sing at the Sunrush congregation in Chillicothe, OH.

**Join us!**