

# 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 steadfast  
*Love* of the  
*Lord*  
never ceases...”

Lamentations 3:22

# Pray WITHOUT CEASING

## **Elders:**

Jim Galloway  
Clayton Huber  
John Life  
Paul Saunders  
Dearll Vincent

## **Deacons:**

Kevin Cochran  
Marion Goldsmith  
Steve Gray  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Jon Hescht  
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Rob Hoover  
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## **Our church family in need of prayers.**

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Nina Chevront, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Jill Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp, Larry Wigal

Continue to remember Dearll Vincent with cards and prayers.

## **Prayers requested for family and friends**

Mark Berry, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Stephanie Hardman, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brian and Judy Hunter (Kelly and Sandy Sheppard's neighbors), Parker Nulter (Grandson of Nulters), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), 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.**

We extend our sympathy to Cindy Huxley on the passing of her sister Donna Harrison.

## **Bible Call 304.420.2416**

*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.



- ♥ Thank you to Peggy Riddle for making the communion bread for October.
- ♥ We want to "Thank" everyone who donated and helped with the clothing giveaway. We had 275 this year. Chris & Terry Hofmann
- ♥ I'd like to thank all who sent the lovely birthday cards. I enjoyed them all. Sue VanCamp



### LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will conduct the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and Thursday, October 31 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### STOP THE BLEED PRESENTATION

We, along with Camden Clark Medical Center, will host a *Stop the Bleed* presentation at 7:00PM Tuesday, October 29. See Rob Hoover for more information.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study will begin meeting this Wednesday, October 30 and will continue until March. Mark will present a survey of the books of Acts through Revelation. The Wednesday evening Bible study will continue at 7:00.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Our Friends and Family Day will be Sunday, November 10. A Fellowship Lunch will be held in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Invitations are in the foyers.

### COAT GIVE-AWAY

November 9 from 10am-12pm. Help is needed. See Chris or Terry Hofmann.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SING

November 8 we will hold the Friday night sign at Camden Avenue.

November 15 there will be a special Friday night sing held at the "Twin City Opera House" in McConnelville, Ohio from 7-9pm.

### Widow, Widower, Veteran Lunch

November 11. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

### NEW DIRECTORY

We would like your picture in the new directory. The last day to get your picture taken will be Nov. 4. Check the sign up sheet in the foyer.

### BIBLE BOWL MEETING

There will be a meeting on November 10 in room 109 after evening services for anyone interested in the Bible Bowl.

### NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

- We are changing the email address that the bulletin is sent from. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, send an email with your name to [Office@cacoc.net](mailto:Office@cacoc.net)
- The office hours will be from 9am-3pm Monday thru Friday.
- If you need to add an announcement to the bulletin turn it in to the office before 10am on Thursday.

# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Friendly or Frigid?

George Plagenz, a syndicated religious columnist, recently wrote an article, “Is Your Church Friendly Enough?” He made unannounced visits to several churches, rating each one on friendliness.

A rating system was created for grading church friendliness: 10 points for a smile, 10 points for a greeting, 100 points for an exchange of names, 200 points for an invitation to coffee, 1000 points for an introduction to another worshiper, and 2000 points for an invitation to meet the preacher. Of the 18 churches visited, 11 earned fewer than 100 points. Five got fewer than 20! The other two got just over 1000 points.

I wonder how we would rate? I wonder if visitors perceive us as friendly or frigid? Have you ever sat in a mall, restaurant, or airport and just watched people? When visitors attend our services they watch us. They notice our smiles and our frowns. They see us putting our hearts into singing praises or simply mumbling tunes. They observe us listening attentively to the sermon; showing our support with smiles, nods, and “Amens”- or they see us sitting stone faced, daydreaming about the afternoon’s activities.

James asks us to consider our actions toward strangers and visitors in chapter two of his epistle. He concludes his thoughts with the admonition, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Ask yourself, “How would I like to be welcomed if I were visiting a different church?” “What kind of spirit would I like to see demonstrated by the worshipers?” “What would encourage and what would discourage a return on my part?”

Now that you’ve considered the question...Act! Love your visitor as yourself. A smile, handshake, or introduction on your part is more important than you realize. Don’t neglect our part in giving visitors and members a warm welcome. That first handshake might be the beginning of a beautiful friendship that will last through eternity.

written by: Randy Massie





A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

**Joy**

**Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**



1. Joy in \_\_\_\_\_

2. Joy in \_\_\_\_\_

3. Joy in \_\_\_\_\_

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

**3 things in Hell that should be in every church**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the lost.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the lost.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the lost.

**Don't forget to read Philippians  
and sign up for the book of the month on the bulletin boards.**


# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## The Way

Some lanes and roads can only be accessed (legally) under certain conditions. I imagine to drive in the carpool lane you're supposed to have a coworker as a passenger. To get on a turnpike you have to get a ticket and pay a toll. And many people do since it tends to be a nicer drive. Having driven in places where everyone around me seemed to be nuts I can say definitively that some roads are nicer than others.

Isaiah calls one of these nice roads the "Way of Holiness." There are conditions to get on. You cannot be spiritually unclean. There are no wicked fools on this road. This road is only for those who "walk in that Way" (Isaiah 35:8). Whatever the cost to get on this road it is worth it. For one thing, this road is safe. No lions to be seen. No one is dropping rocks from the overpass. Not one person is driving with a complete lack of concern for others. As soon as you get on this road you can let go of all the fear and anxiety that comes from less desirable roads. Here's another reason to "walk in that way": this road leads to a good destination. When those on that road reach where they're going "Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

How do you get on this road you ask? You may find it interesting to know that Christianity is sometimes called "the Way." Paul once said, "I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way" (Acts 24:14). And maybe you know Jesus once said "I am the way . . . No one comes to the father except through me" (John 14:6). There is a road you can travel and be free from fear. There is a road that leads to a great destination. Jesus is on this road. He leads those who follow Him to the Father in heaven. Are you following Jesus? There is no other way out there that gets you to where you want to be. No other road is so beautiful. No other road ends in such joy.



"I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father  
except through me."

John 14:6

# Youth Events

## Challenge Youth Conference

CYC will be February 28 - March 1.

## Traveling Youth Group

At Sardis church of Christ tonight. See Jeff for more details.



## Rake & Run

November 3 after worship and Bible class. There are sign up sheets on the counter in the foyer. 1. Anyone willing to help rake 2. Anyone that needs your yard raked.

Those raking will be eating pizza together before going out.

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## Ladies

### BIBLE STUDY

Beginning November 6 on Wednesdays from 6-6:45pm we will be having a ladies Bible Study. All ladies are invited. It will be based on the Lads to Leaders Pearls book. Girls from 6th-12th grades that would like to come can then take the Pearls test for Lads to Leaders. Any questions see Laura.

### SECRET SISTERS

Please join us! This is a great way to get to know other ladies of the congregation. Papers to sign up can be picked up in either foyer. Return them to Kimberlee S. or Laura T. by November 17.

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## **Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery**

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Bob Brazil from Clarksville, Arkansas was fishing at Horse Head Lake one day. The boat capsized and he lost his wallet, it had \$19.00 in it. He thought it was lost for good. Two years later, he was driving down the road near the lake and spotted the wallet on the side of the road. He got out of his truck, picked up the wallet; there inside was his \$19.00. This man was lucky.



When it comes to heaven, though, no one is going to find it by accident. In fact the Bible tells us that Jesus "came to seek and to save the lost," (Luke 19:10). The Bible goes on to compare Jesus searching for the lost person like a shepherd looking for a lost sheep, a woman looking for a lost coin, and a father, looking for his lost son (Luke 15).

Over and over again Jesus is trying to tell us that "one" lost person is important to Him. He is looking for you! We at the Camden Avenue church of Christ can help, please contact us. I am Mark T. Tonkery and this has been a minute of meditation.

## Serving In Worship

Sunday, November 3

ELDER IN CHARGE - Clayton Huber

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Jon Hescht

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Josh Hall

6:00 PM - David Epler

Close - Dustin Hughes

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Dwain Shears

PM - Jimmy Galloway

### COMMUNION

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - Ryan Gaston

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dwain Shears

2 - Jeff Taberner

3 - Julie Taberner

### PM

1. Cody & Kristi Hoover

2. Brandon & Calle Sheppard

5. Leon & Judy Hupp

6. Walter & Merilee Morgan

## Facts and Figures

October 20, 2019

AM Service.....241

Bible Study..... 176

PM Service.....205

Wednesday.....174

Contribution.....\$6807.55

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...3

Placed Membership.....3

## Service Times

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

## I Am One - What Can I Do To Make A Difference?

- ◆ Pray for the ministers, elders, and deacons.
- ◆ Pray for the lost and for the opportunity to teach.
- ◆ Concentrate on one person you want to lead to Christ.
- ◆ Resolve to attend every service and to be on time.
- ◆ Make visitors feel welcome at all services.
- ◆ Participate joyfully in your praise to the Lord.
- ◆ Watch your language and your dress (be aware of your influence).
- ◆ Speak positively about the Lord's church-if it's not uplifting, don't say it.
- ◆ And keep praying.

*"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."*

*Galatians 6:9*

taken from: Bulletin Digest

## Daily Bible Reading

October 21-1 Thess. 3; Isa. 59-63

October 22-1 Thess. 4; Isa.64-66

October 23-1 Thess. 5; Jer. 1-2

October 24-2 Thess. 1; Jer.3-4

October 25-2 Thess. 2; Jer. 5-6

October 26-2 Thess. 3; Jer. 7-8

October 27-1 Timothy 1; Jer. 9-10

### Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

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.

**November 3**  
"God with Us"

## Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6pm for the sing at the Pennsboro congregation.

