

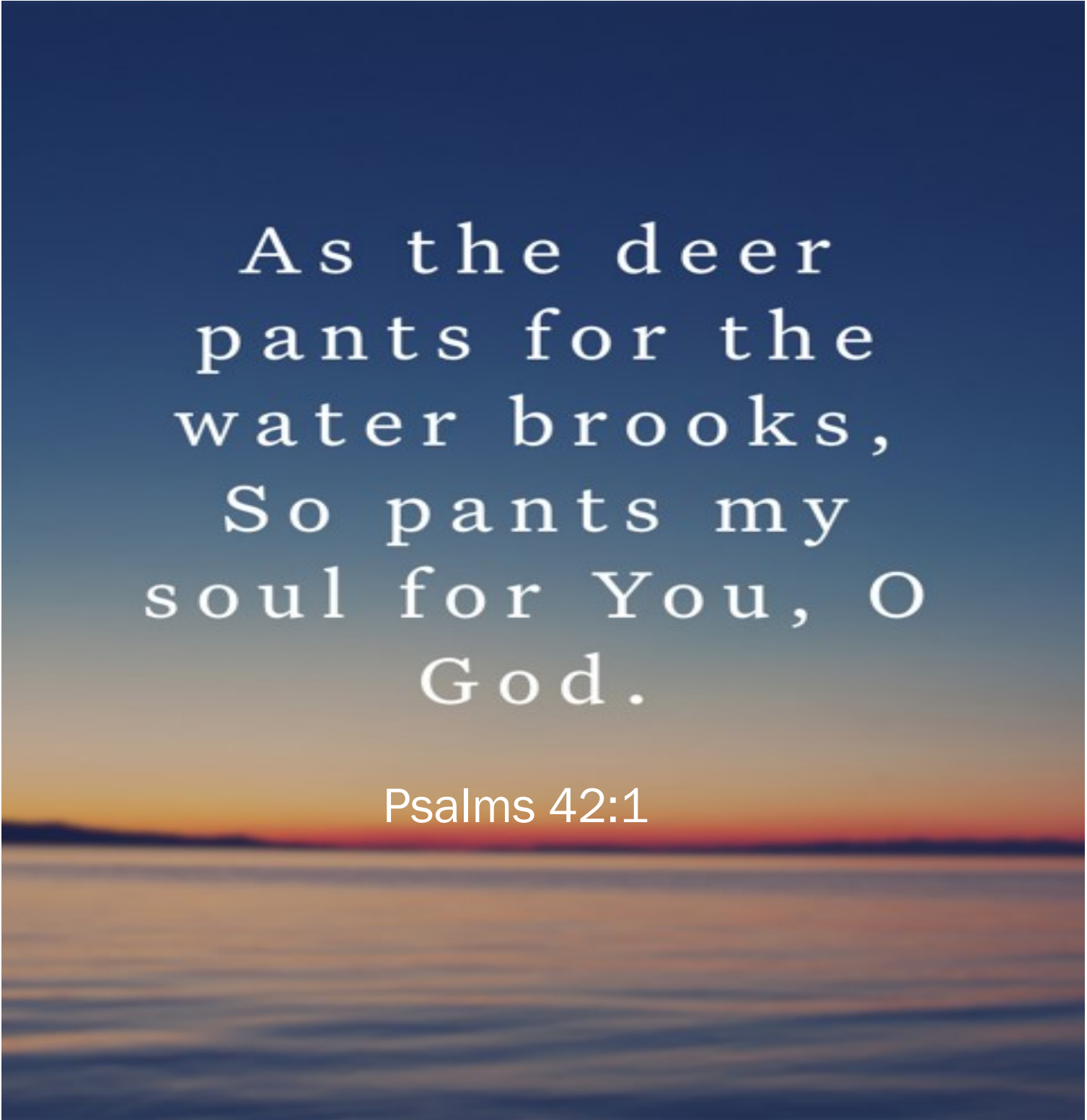
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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As the deer
pants for the
water brooks,
So pants my
soul for You, O
God.

Psalms 42:1

PRAYER LIST

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
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Kevin Inman
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Todd Kirk
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Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Bill Camp, Nina Cheuvront, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Jeff Fitcher, Paula Franklin, 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, June Schultz, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Larry Wigal, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Ron Coe, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Danny Guard (friend of Saunders) Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Breck Hesselrode, 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.

*Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves.
Romans 12:10*

THANK YOU

♥ To my church family, I am so blessed! I want to send a huge thank you for the visits when I was at Healthsouth, the food that was brought to me, thanks to Doug and Raeanne and Scott and Gwen for the delicious meals. (a special thank you to Rick and Kay, Clayton & Verna, Don & Brenda Dougherty) Thanks for the cards that were sent to me and phone calls which are encouraging! Your prayers are a blessing thank you and they are being heard. Keep the prayers coming. I've been told the healing will take quite some time. I also am praying for a speedy healing. I miss you all (especially all my future artists) I love you all. Happy holidays. Jo Langler

♥ Thanks to all of the adults for helping with the Veterans, Widow, Widower lunch and a special thank you to all of the students who came and helped. Todd Kirk

BIBLE CALL

304.420.2416

HEAR RECORDED INFORMATION ON HUNDREDS OF BIBLE SUBJECTS

24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK.

BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.

DISTRIBUTE THEM TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLEANER CANS

Due to the office today.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Items needed for college students. Sign up sheet on the counter in front foyer. Packages will be put together tonight after evening services. Items can be left in the bin in the front foyer.

LADIES ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Thursday, December 5 at 6:30pm. Bring a wrapped ornament and a snack to share. See Laura for any questions.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch. Sunday, December 8 after morning worship and Bible class. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

We are collecting items for Community Resources, who shares with those in need in the community. Items requested are: Cleaning products, sanitizing spray, shampoo, conditioner, soap, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, ladies personal items, and diapers. Small packages (such as from Dollar Tree) are great for sharing. Any questions see Julie Taberner or Amanda Cochran. Items are needed by December 15 and can be placed in the front foyer.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

December 14, 9am in the MP Room. Bring a wrapped gift for your child. Sign-up sheet is on the counter if you plan on attending, to help at the breakfast and for items needed.

LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Ladies Holiday Luncheon will be Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Parkersburg Country Club. Lunch will be served at noon doors open at 11:30. Checks need to be made payable and given to Gala Miller by Dec. 4. \$5 optional gift exchange. Information sheet and sign up for meal selection is on the counter.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

All boys 12th grade and under are invited to a holiday get-together Dec. 8 from 2pm-5pm. See Kyle for more details.

GATLINBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST

Open House & Dedication of new church building. December 8. See the bulletin board for more information.

AREA-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

January 12, 2020 at 2pm at North End church of Christ.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

I'M A NOBODY

This past summer I had the opportunity to speak at a VBS hosted by a local congregation. It was a great evening and we had a good number of children and adults who attended. When it was announced that I was speaking, a good friend of mine, told another preacher, who is also a friend, that I was speaking and the preacher said something like, “why are you having “No name Tonkery” speak? Well it was all in fun.

But as I thought about that conversation, I guess I am a “nobody.” I can relate to Amos who said in Amos 7:14, “...I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs.” Well I am not a prophet, I am trying to be a preacher, and it is true I am not a son of a preacher, and there has never been a preacher in my close family. It is also true; I do not get asked to speak at many Gospel Meetings or Lectureships and none of my articles have been published in any major brotherhood publications, that I know of. So, by many people’s standards I am probably a “nobody.”

But that is o.k. because when I read the Bible, I find that there are many people who are unnamed or little is known about them, yet God still used them in a mighty way. For example:

In Mark 12:42-44 we learn about a widow who put in two small copper coins into the temple treasury, and Jesus honors her, but she is never named. Then there is in Luke 7:36-50 a sinful woman who anointed Jesus’ feet. Jesus forgives her sins and tells her, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” Scripture never mentions her name or tells us what happened to her, yet she is known for her great faith.

The Bible goes on to tell us about countless other people, many never named, such as: the soldier who confessed Jesus as the Son of God at His crucifixion, the robber who wanted to be with Jesus in Paradise, the wisemen and shepherds who came to see Jesus after His birth. These people were just no named people who God used to do His will and carry out His plan to bring salvation to the world.

So, I guess I am in good company, the company of the “no named, nobodies.” As one missionary once said, “We are a bunch of nobodies exulting and telling about a Somebody. Who is Christ!”

May we never forget 1 Cor. 8:3 which tells us, “But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.” So, I guess if I am a “nobody” then it is a good thing that I love God, because the Bible tells me that He knows who I am and that is really the only One who needs to know that I am a somebody.

Now what about you? Does God know you? Are you a faithful child of God? Do you nurture your relationship with prayer, worship, Bible study, and obedience? Or are you and God, strangers, you cannot remember the last time you prayed, worship is boring, you never open your Bible, and the only way you invoke God’s name is in profanity? God knows. Pro. 24:12, states, “You may say that it is none of your business, but God knows and judges your motives. He keeps watch on you; he knows. And he will reward you according to what you do.” Think about it! In Christ, Mark T. Tonkery a.k.a. “No Name Tonkery”

“Whoever loves God is known by God.”

1 Corinthians 8:3

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery
"THE SUFFERING SERVANT" Part 4
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:6

Isaiah gives an inspired picture of what God's Son would do 700 years before He came, He is called "The Suffering Servant".

I. The Faithful _____ Is. 52:13-15

II. The Divine Servant _____ Is. 53:1-3

III. The Sinless Servant is a _____ Is. 53:4-11

IV. The Servant who _____ Is. 53:12

P.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery
Can These Bones live?
Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

God Speaks Therefore It Is

Our God is said to call “things that are not as though they were” (Romans 4:12). To some that sounds like God makes things up. Sarai clearly thought that when she was told she was going to have a child in her old age. She laughed like these words of God were a big joke. Indeed, Sarai’s son was a “thing that was not.” There was no son and all common sense said there would never be. But God spoke of an impossible currently non-existent reality and “Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness” (Genesis 15:6).

Here’s the thing – faith requires that we believe God’s words before we actually see them come true. Faith requires that we take God at His Word even when those words seem extremely unlikely. Remember that we are talking about a God who looked at nothing and spoke an entire universe into existence. God spoke and things that were not suddenly were. People of faith believe God can do that again whenever He wills.

Long ago Jerusalem was under siege against an impossible enemy. The land was about to be made waste and the people taken captive. Under these conditions a relative of Jeremiah said “hey man, do you want to buy my soon to be worthless field?” (my paraphrase of Jeremiah 32:8). This seems like a bad business decision but at the word of the Lord Jeremiah buys it! Even though there was no reason to hope Jeremiah believed the Lord when he told him to seal the deed in a clay jar, for “Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in the land” (Jeremiah 32:15). Yes, it was currently a thing that was not. God says it will be.

These heroes of the faith are our example whenever we do not currently see the promises of God. Do you get it? It doesn’t matter if right now “they are not.” If God says they are, they are. Today I deal with death, mourning, crying and pain. For me, in this place and time, a life without these things “is not.” But God speaks of a place I have never seen, a place where all sorrow and loss is nonexistent. God says it is . . . so it is.

God
ALWAYS
KEEPS HIS Promises



Sack-the-Pulpit

December 2019

Items can be left on either side of the auditorium.



Peanut Butter
Jelly
Individual Applesauce
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Individual Peaches

Green Beans
Pasta Noodles
Canned Potatoes
Boxed Potatoes
Chef Boyardee
Cereal



Individual Mixed Fruit
Spam
Canned Chicken
Spaghetti Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce
Corn

Macaroni & Cheese
Saltine Crackers
Carrots
Peas
Mixed Veggies



Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The Word Was Good Enough for Them...

Reading the Bible is a habit that is losing popularity. If you're caught turning the pages of the Word of God you might encounter confusion: "Why would you spend your time doing that?" Or maybe you'd be met with disdain: "You're so backward. The enlightened know better than to spend time in superstitious books."

However, there are some interesting people in history who had a different perspective. George Washington once said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." Lincoln said, "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible." Roosevelt said, "To every man who faces life with real desire to do his part in everything, I appeal for a study of the Bible." Sir Isaac Newton said, "I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history." Daniel Webster said the sacred writings have been his daily study and vigilant contemplation.

Perhaps many no longer understand the point or see the benefit of scripture--but there are plenty of very smart and historically great people who did.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving In Worship

Sunday, December 8

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran

Close - David Epler

6:00 PM - Mike Wade

Close - Ira Kimes

SCRIPTURE

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Walter Morgan

COMMUNION

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Paul Saunders

Scott Johnson

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade

2 - Paul Saunders

3 - Dennis Keller

PM

1. Chris & Terry Hofmann

2. Bill & Sherry Hoover

5. Ryan & Madison Highman

6. Clayton & Verna Huber

Facts and Figures

November 24, 2019

AM Service.....275

Bible Study.....187

PM Service.....174

Wednesday.....205

Contribution.....\$8875.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...4

Placed Membership.....8

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11am & 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

Beginning December 4

11am Dec-Feb	Auditorium	Mark Tonkery	Acts through Revelation
7pm	Room 109	Paul Inman	The Prophets
	MP Room	Rick Stanley	Parenting
12/4	Auditorium	Todd Kirk	Noah-A Walk with God
12/11		Mark Tonkery	Abraham-A Model of Faith
12/18		Daniel Rich	Moses-Working for God
1/1		David Epler	Caleb-A Different Spirit
1/8		Walter Morgan	Naomi-Her Best, Boaz
1/15		Clayton Huber	Eli-Raising Samuel
1/22		Stan Inman	Zechariah & Elizabeth-Never to Old
1/25		Singing	
1/29		Jeff Taberner	Anna-Faithful to the End
2/5		Ron Riddle	Lois-Grandparents can make a Difference
2/12		Paul Saunders	Paul-Fight the Good Fight
2/19		Paul Inman	John-Going Strong to the End
2/26		Mark Tonkery	Perseverance Finish Well

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.

December 8

Sacred and Profane

Daily Bible Reading

December 2: 1 Peter 5; Eze. 38-39

December 3: 2 Peter 1; Eze. 40-41

December 4: 2 Peter 2; Eze. 42-44

December 5: 2 Peter 3; Eze. 45-46

December 6: 1 John 1; Eze. 47-48

December 7: 1 John 2; Dan. 1-2

December 8: 1 John 3; Dan. 3-4

December 9: 1 John 4; Dan. 5-6

December 10: 1 John 5; Dan. 7-9