

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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I WILL
take refuge in the
SHADOW
of Your *wings.*
PSALM 57:1



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John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Bill Camp, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Jeff Fitcher, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Jill Peters, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

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), Brandon Penn, Roger 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.

Requesting Prayer

Glenn Snider came forward Sunday night requesting the prayers of the church. Please encourage him and keep him in your prayers.


Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Kay Mills on the passing of her sister-in-law Markita Connor.

We extend our sympathy to Ron Riddle on the passing of his brother Ted Riddle. His funeral was last week.

Thank You

- ♥ We appreciated all the cards for our birthdays. Don, Mary & Debby Nesselroad.
- ♥ Thank you Jo and Annette for all the work on the boards around the building!
- ♥ Thank you to all the ladies that attended the ornament exchange. It was a nice night of fun, laughter, and fellowship. Laura Tonkery



*The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul. (Psalm 19:7-8)*

Announcements

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 today and can be placed in the front foyer.

MEETINGS

- Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting today at 4pm.
- Men's meeting today at 5pm in room 109
- Ladies meeting today at 5pm in multipurpose room.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible study from the Lads to Leaders Pearls book is each Wednesday at 6pm in room 112. Feel free to join us.

DECEMBER 25 SERVICES

December 25 there will be a singing and devotional service at 7pm instead of regular classes. There will be no 11am class or Pearls Bible study.

SACK-THE-PULPIT

The month of December. Shopping lists are available in the foyer. Items can be left on either side of the front of the auditorium.

COMMUNION BREAD

Many thanks to the ladies who faithfully volunteer to prepare the communion bread each week. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you would like to sign up to make communion bread in 2020. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OPEN HOUSE

The annual Tonkery open house will be Saturday, January 4th from 2pm-5pm. Everyone is welcome.

NOT ANOTHER HOLIDAY DINNER

January 20 at 6pm at Western Sizzlin. Singing by the Love's Quartet.

AREA-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

An Effective Ministry

A girl of another faith than Christianity worked in a store during the holiday season. She had an accident and was taken to a hospital. There she made the acquaintance of a Christian nurse whose loving ministry and gentle goodness soon won her friendship. One day the girl asked the nurse, "Is it true that you are a Christian?" Upon being answered in the affirmative she replied, "You are so kind and polite and gentle, I didn't think you could be a Christian; but then the only Christians I've met are the Christmas shoppers."

Can you relate to this young girl? Have you been to the store lately? Read a newspaper? It seems like so many have exchanged their Christianity, if they are Christians, for fights, pepper spray, murder, greed, gluttony, materialism, indebtedness, drunkenness, family arguments, depression and the list could go on.

It is as if some have said, "Let's not connect anything of Christ at all to the way I conduct my life during this time of year." When 11:59 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day comes many leave their Christianity at the door and go wild.

Someone has said, "Our whole society ... is focused on the celebration of Christmas. With the excessive commercialism which begins in our country immediately after Halloween (once it started the day after Thanksgiving), with the secular fun and extravagant glitz, with the sickening efforts to sanctify profit-making, the "Reason for the season" (that's the by now too-commonplace cliché) ...is ignored more often than not. The mind-boggling mystery of God-in-the flesh tends to become a mere stimulus for our economy. (Vernon Grounds in a 1991 Christmas letter. Christianity Today, Vol. 36, no. 15).

Many understand that the Bible does not teach us when Christ's birth date was or to celebrate His birth. I get that. But this does not mean we are to act unchristian and deny Christ by our actions.

We as Christians are to be Christians every day of the year. Because we believe in the Deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His teachings in the Bible, His death, burial, and resurrection, and that He is the Savior of the world we are to be Christ's today and every day.

Ephesians 4:32 states, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Could someone say about us, "You are so kind and polite and gentle. Or say, "I didn't think you could be a Christian; but then the only Christians I've met are the Christmas shoppers."

Think about it! by Mark T. Tonkery



**Let all bitterness and
wrath and anger and
clamor and slander be
put away from you,
along with all malice.
Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ
forgave you.
Ephesians 4:31-32**

AM Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery:
A Vision of Greater Things
Scripture Reading: John 14:12-14

I. Vision of _____

II. Vision of a _____

III. Vision to _____

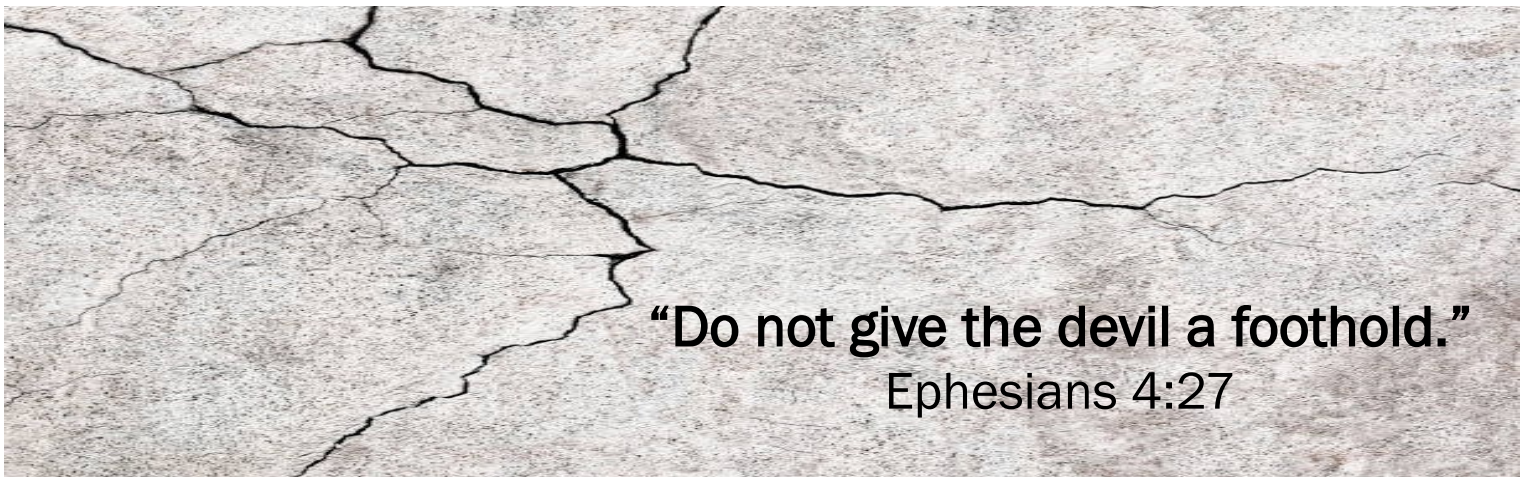
DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Cracks in the Wall

The enemy was out there. Every preparation was needed to be made to ward the enemy off. Every defense needed strengthening. But in the days of Ezekiel the false prophets were proclaiming peace and safety even though the people were wicked. As a result Ezekiel tells them: "You have not gone up to the breaches in the wall to repair it for the people of Israel so that it will stand firm in the battle on the day of the Lord" (Ezekiel 13:5). They chose to just cover the wall with whitewash instead. When the enemy came they found a pretty wall that could be easily knocked over and broken through.

How strong are your defenses? "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Perhaps we could picture him circling the wall, looking for weaknesses. You know that he is going to come by. What will the devil see when he does? What preparations have you made, what kind of defenses have you built up? The devil can be beaten you know! With the help of God we are told "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

There is no doubt that some have a wide-open breach in the wall. The devil faces no resistance to their hearts and minds. God's people are called to repair that wall. We need to check for cracks and weak places. "Do not give the devil a foothold" (Ephesians 4:27). Is your prayer life near non-existent? There's a crack in the wall. Bible collecting dust on a shelf? There's a crack in the wall. Holding on to a grudge because of something that happened last year? Big crack in the wall. These places need repaired! Putting on a good spiritual show will NOT defend us when the enemy comes. No, if you want to be ready you have to fix the cracks in the wall. I pray you do.



Youth News

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

January 5 after morning worship. There will be a fellowship in the MP room for all participants and leaders. Pizza will be provided.



TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, December 29 at Rosemar church of Christ. The bus will leave at 3:30pm.

NEW YEARS EVE

December 31 at 7pm in the MP room. There will be a fellowship for all interested. Bring money for pizza and your favorite games.

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.

Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Jesus is a Good Friend

What do you look for in a friend? I would suggest some kind of standard. Proverbs 12:26 says "The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." Back in school I remember not being very selective in my choice of friends, and that got me into all kinds of trouble. Today I'm a little more diligent in looking for people who have the good qualities of being honest, kind, and trustworthy.

Where can you find such a friend you ask? Wonderful question! It's true that sometimes good friends are hard to find—but I know where you can find one of them. At church we sometimes sing: "What a friend we have in Jesus/ All our sins and griefs to bear." you know, there is no friend like Jesus. He is the One who sticks closer than a brother. He is the friend who remains true even if everyone else abandons you. He is the shepherd who cares for the sheep and the Savior who cares for your soul.

Don't you want a friend like Him? 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 22

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Clayton Huber

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brian Haught

Close - Ryan Highman

6:00 PM - Keith Smith

Close - Ryan Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM - Steve Gray

PM - John Hall

COMMUNION

AM - Pat Rine

PM - Mike Fleak

Kevin Inman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Tammy Kerns

2 - Herb Wright

3 - Joyce Wright

PM

1. Herb & Joyce Wright

2. Dave & Lois Nulter

5. Susan Anderson & Robin Anthony

6. Mark & Laura Tonkery

Facts and Figures

December 8, 2019

AM Service.....258

Bible Study.....180

PM Service.....181

Wednesday.....176

Contribution.....\$11,722.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers...5

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

Things that Puzzle Me

- ◆ If evaporated milk is truly “evaporated,” why is there anything in the can?
- ◆ Why are condensed milk containers so big if the contents are “condensed”?
- ◆ If curiosity truly killed the cat, why do they still persist in going through my trash at night?
- ◆ If groundhogs are truly color blind, how can one “see” his shadow? Wouldn’t everything appear to be some shade of gray to him?
- ◆ Why do people teach that one can be saved without baptism when the Bible teaches that they cannot? (1 Peter 3:21)



Bulletin Digest

Upcoming Meetings:

- ◆ Bridgeport church of Christ, Bridgeport WV- One Day Lectureship 2020 Vision, Sunday January 12.
- ◆ Fishinger & Kenny church of Christ, Columbus Ohio- Teen Ohio Winter Lectures, January 24-25
- ◆ Fishinger & Kenny church of Christ, Columbus Ohio- Ohio Winter Lectures Raising Up a New Generation, January 24-25

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 15

The Devil’s Schemes

Daily Bible Reading

December 16- Rev. 4-5; Joel 1-3

December 17- Rev. 6; Amos 1-5

December 18- Rev. 7; Amos 6-9

December 19- Rev. 8; Obadiah

December 20- Rev. 9; Jonah

December 21- Rev. 10-11; Micah 1-4

December 22- Rev. 12; Micah 5-7