

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.

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*“Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday,
today, and forever.”*

Hebrews 13:8



In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers.

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

Prayers requested for family and friends

Dani Barclay, Mark Berry, Betty Blair (neighbor of Dorothy Stevens), Ron Coe, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, Danny Guard (friend of Saunders) Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Norm & Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams

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

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Larry and Nancy Stanley and family on the passing of their son-in-law Jim McClead.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Jill Peters. Her funeral was last week.

We extend our sympathy to Carl Curtiss on the passing of his brother Frank Curtiss. The funeral was last week.

Thank You

- ♥ Thanks for all the best wishes and cards for my birthday. Special thanks to the kids that sang to me Sunday night it made my day. Keith Smith
- ♥ Thank you to everyone that donated and came to the Not Another Holiday Dinner. It was a great time! Mark T.
- ♥ Thank you for the nice birthday cards! I was happy and pleased! Merilee Morgan
- ♥ Thank you Gwen Johnson for making the communion bread for January.
- ♥ Thank you for the nice birthday cards. They helped to make my day more special. Gala Miller
- ♥ Thank you for all the prayers and words of encouragement, along with the cards and calls, it has been so uplifting and appreciated. In Christian Love, Sharon Armstrong

Elders:

Jim Galloway
Clayton Huber
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Announcements

CLOTHING ROOM

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for anyone willing to help work in the clothing room for one month this year.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The January book of the month is Matthew. Read and then sign up on the sheet on the bulletin boards in either foyer.

SING AT LOVE AND CARE

Monday, January 27 at 7pm. All are invited.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Pearls Bible study is continuing for the next couple weeks. If you have not attended before we would still love to have you. It is Wednesdays from 6-6:45pm.

VBS MEETING

After evening worship Sunday, February 9 in room 109.

TEACHERS NEEDED

There are two teachers needed. One for the Cradle Roll on Wednesday nights. One for the 4 & 5 year old Sunday morning class. See Doug Wells if you can help.

SENIOR SOUP BEAN DINNER

Annual soup bean dinner and game night. February 21 at 5:30pm. *All ages are invited. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the foyer.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, Feb. 17 1pm-5:30pm.

SCIENCE VS. EVOLUTION SEMINAR

March 27-29 with Dr. Jeff Miller of Apologetics Press.

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PETITION

This bill will protect infants born alive following an attempted abortion. It would require hospitals to perform the same degree of care for the baby born alive as a result of a failed abortion. There is a petition on the counter in the foyer to sign.

BEARWALLOW CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING

Feb. 2 The Bearwallow church of Christ will be presenting a series of messages on "To Him Two by Too". Bible study will be at 9:30am, Worship at 10:30am, and then a special ladies message at 2pm.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE

If you would like to receive the Christian Woman Magazine at your home this year. See Robin Anthony. The cost is \$21.50.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Seeking the Lost Coins

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell, the British government began to run low on silver for coins. Cromwell sent his men on an investigation of the local cathedrals to see if they could find any precious metals there. After the investigation they reported: "The only silver we could find is in the statues of the saints standing in the corners." Cromwell replied, "Good we'll melt down the saints and put them into circulation!"

Do we as saints today need to be put into circulation? In Luke 15:8-10 Jesus tells the parable of a woman who lost a coin.

One Bible Scholar explains, "In Jesus' time, unmarried women wore head bands to hold their scarves in place. A scarf could be pulled over the face if modesty was required or pulled back up over the hair if work was being done. The headband of an unmarried woman had nine coins, part of the woman's dowry. At the time of marriage, a tenth coin was stitched to the band. This was a sign to the world that the woman was married. A woman who "lost a coin" had, in essence, lost her identity as a married woman." Now if a woman's husband died, these coins would be valuable for the woman to help support herself financially.

In the case of the parable, the woman lost one of her coins; the coin was not lost through its own mistake but probably by the woman's neglect. For whatever reasons, the coin was lost, it was out of circulation and was not being used for anything, just sitting in a dusty corner somewhere.

Sometimes people are lost like this coin; they get neglected, maybe it is because of age, handicap, a move to a new city, or many other reasons. When people are out of circulation, they offer no service to anyone. They cannot be used for good or for God's glory.

Jesus' point in telling this parable is that we need to search and seek for those people who have been neglected. We must remember that each human being is made in the image of God; they have value and need the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We as Christians must pay attention and care for people. Jesus does not want us to be blind to people as the Pharisees were, but search for the lost as this woman searched for her lost coin.

Do you know someone who is a lost coin? The college student who doesn't have friends and is searching for meaning and purpose in life. What about the person who visited worship services, who wants to know more about the Bible? What about the person who is homebound and never receives a visit? Or the person who has lost their job, and hope and has turned to drugs and alcohol?

These are just the few of the many lost coins in our society. We as Saints need to get into "circulation" so the lost coins will be found. Will we look for those who are lost and bring them to the Lord as the woman looked for her lost coin?

By Mark T. Tonkery



Today's Sermon Notes:

A.M. Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery
Satan's Kingdom Will Not Last
Text: Matthew 25:41-46

We read numerous warnings in God's Word that we must not be ignorant of Satan's devices:

Discussion

I. Satan's kingdom grows by _____.

- A. _____.
- B. Luke 8:12 _____.
- C. Mark 9:40 _____.
- D. But God says _____ (Mt. 4:10)

II. Satan's kingdom grows by _____.

- A. _____.
- B. _____.
- C. _____.
- D. But God says abstain from all _____ (1 Thess. 4:3)

III. Satan's kingdom grows by _____.

- A. _____.
- B. _____.
- C. _____.
- D. But God says the _____ will set you free. (John 8:32)

IV. Satan's kingdom grows when we give into _____.

- A. _____.
- B. _____.
- C. _____.
- D. But God says _____ .(James 4:8)
 - 1. I Peter 5:8, _____.
 - 2. Eph. 6:11, _____.

Finally,

- A. Regardless of how Satan's kingdom grows, _____.
- B. Mat 25:41-46 _____.

Let us seek the Lord for strength daily so Satan's kingdom will not grow in our lives!

P.M. Sermon By Mark T. Tonkery: The Day A Church Member Died
Text: Matthew 26:70-75

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

His Yoke is Light

The commands of God are wonderful. They guide our lives and bring healing to our souls. People, however, sometimes have the bad habit of making these commands a little less enjoyable than they should be. Once the disciples were following Jesus on the Sabbath. Which is a good thing. And the Sabbath is a good thing – God commanding a day out of the week to rest is an act of love. Who wants to see a bunch of burnt-out believers? Not God. Wonderful command. However . . . I suspect it didn't feel that way when some Pharisees shouted out something like "Hey Jesus, you better go find some better disciples. These guys don't know how to FOLLOW THE RULES" (My paraphrase – see Matthew 12:2). What was their crime? The hungry disciples were picking some grain and eating it as they walked behind the Savior.

I guess if you take an extreme view of Exodus 34:21 the Pharisees are technically right. It does say rest even during harvest on the Sabbath and I guess technically the disciples are harvesting. Technically. For that they are instantly condemned by people who were in the habit of instantly condemning. But, as Jesus points out, technically David wasn't supposed to eat the consecrated bread. When David and his men were running for their lives from Saul all there was to eat was holy bread – which "was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests" (Matthew 12:4). They were not condemned by God for this. Apparently God believes that when someone is running for their life a little extra mercy is called for. He clearly also understands that when you're following Jesus through fields and no one invites you in for something to eat you're going to be really hungry, and mercy instead of condemnation should rule the day.

Do you know what the Pharisees should have done if the actions of the disciples were bothering them that much? They should have invited them for supper. That would be much tastier than raw grain. But, they didn't, because they did not understand what these words mean: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice" (Matthew 12:7). Do we? A stranger walks into church and hasn't got our dress code memo. The young man is wearing a T-Shirt and ripped jeans. Who wants anything to do with that guy? He doesn't know how to follow our rules! Someone struggling to untangle herself from the world says something inappropriate by accident. We write her off for that right? Lost cause, even though she quickly said a sincere "sorry" afterward. Might I suggest the commands of God were given to actually HELP PEOPLE? That's the point – to help people for this life and the next! If we don't realize that there are times for mercy we're going to end up doing the same thing the Pharisees did: turn a command that was meant for our good into a heavy burden. People trying to act like the Savior won't do that. His burden is light.

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:30

Youth News

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Today at Little Hocking. The bus will be leaving at 4:30. See Jeff Taberner if you plan on riding the bus.

NORTH END YOUTH RALLY

March 13-14 with Ben Hayes. See the bulletin board for more information.

MONDAY NIGHT MERGE

Monday nights beginning February 3rd at 7pm.

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February 28-March 1

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

April 9-12

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Minute of Meditation by Mark Tonkery

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln went into the general store business with another fellow and it failed? Lincoln ended up \$1,100 in debt, he could have pleaded divided responsibility and found a legal loophole of escape but that wasn't Lincoln's way. Instead, he went to his creditors and promised to pay them every dollar with interest, if they would just give him some time. Then for the next 14 years Lincoln scraped and saved and paid back debts that were not all his. Even when he was a member of congress, he sent part of his salary home to pay off the last remnants of that old general store debt.

He went the extra mile. You know when you're dishonest you'll always get caught but when you insist on being honest even though you've got to go the extra mile to do it, you will have a clear conscience. I am Mark T. Tonkery and this has been a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome!

Serving In Worship

Sunday, February 2

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman
 PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Clayton Huber
 Close - Dylan Muncy
 6:00 PM - Kevin Cochran
 Close - Levi Wells

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ken Barnes
 PM - Mike Wade

COMMUNION

AM - Stan Inman
 PM - Ron Riddle
 Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade
 2 - Paul Saunders
 3 - Dennis Keller

PM

1. Barbara Cramlet & Nina Cheuvront
 2. Brandon & Calle Sheppard
 5. Leonard & Susan Haid
 6. Kevin & Amanda Cochran

NOT ANOTHER HOLIDAY DINNER



Facts and Figures

January 19, 2020

AM Service.....270
 Bible Study.....178
 PM Service.....188
 Wednesday.....201
 Contribution.....\$6841.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

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

Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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

"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.

February 2

"The Lord's Resurrection"



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Daily Bible Reading

January 27: Mt. 18:1-14, Ex. 6-7
 January 28: Mt. 18:15-35, Ex. 8-9
 January 29: Mt. 19, Ex. 10-12
 January 30: Mt. 20:1-16, Ex. 13-14
 January 31: Mt. 20:17-34, Ex. 15-16
 February 1: Mt. 21:1-27, Ex. 17-19
 February 2: Mt. 21:28-46, Ex. 20-21