

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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**ANY TIME IS A  
GOOD TIME  
TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT  
GOD'S WORD**

**"For whatever things were written before  
were written for our learning,  
that we through the patience and comfort of the  
Scriptures might have hope."**

**Romans 15:4**

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# In Our Prayers

**Our church family in need of prayers**

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Paula Franklin, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Donna McConnell, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Peg Phillips, Betty Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Ruth Wells

**Prayers requested for family and friends**

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Mark Berry, Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Clarence Deloach, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Beth Ferguson, Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Ernie & Peggy Guererro (friends of Charlotte Deem), Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Blaine Hescht, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Tom Little (Mark's uncle), Roger Oliver (friend of Clayton Huber), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), John Rockhold III, Michele Scherer, Gina Seller's (Co-worker of Susan Anderson), Candice Shaffer (Sandy Keller's niece), Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Jay Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Marv Williams, Susan Williams. Missy Wilson & Norma Wilson (friends of Cindy Huxley)

**Please let the office know of any changes or updates to the prayers list.**

**Updates to the prayer list this week:**

- Kay Mills in the hospital recovering from surgery.
- Barbara Cramlet had knee replacement surgery Friday.
- Lois Nulter is in the hospital.

# Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mike Wade on the passing of his sister Pat Connell. Her funeral was held in Tupelo, Mississippi.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Beulah Martin. Her services were held last week.

# *Announcements*

**MOWING CREW-** Team 3 is signed up to mow this week. Team 3 is Kody Hoover, Kevin Inman, Kyle Inman, Kody Inman, and Jon Hescht.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-**

- **Meeting today** after AM Bible class by door 6.
- Mark your calendar for VBS July 10, 2021.
- If you would like to donate to purchase t-shirts for all of the children attending please give your donation to the office.

**MOV LECTURES-** Rebuild, Renew, Revive. June 23-25 held at Ohio Valley University. Times and Speakers are listed on the bulletin board.

**COMBINED ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS, MENS MEETING-** June 27 at 4pm in the M.P. Room.

**COME AND GO RETIRMENT CELEBRATION-** In honor of Tom Butterfield on Sunday, June 27 at the Barlow Vincent church of Christ fellowship hall from 2-4pm. Due to the nature of Tom's unexpected retirement, a money tree and card basket will be available for anyone wishing to donate. \*If you would like to send a card but are unable to make the celebration it can be left in the basket on the counter in the front foyer. If you would like to donate to the money tree see Rick Stanley.

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES-** Wednesday, Clint Rowand from Barrackville, WV will be speaking on Renew your Values. Mark Tonkery will be speaking in Barrackville on their sermon series this Wednesday.

**END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR GET-TOGETHER-** TODAY after evening services end of school year hot dog roast outside on the church lawn. All are invited to come. Hot dogs, buns, hot dog sauce, onions and condiments will be provided. Bring food items to go with hot dogs, hot dog roasting forks, and drinks. Also bring your bag chairs. Questions see Jeff Taberner.

**DEVOTIONAL-** June 26th at 5pm outside on the church lawn. All ages are welcome. Boys bring chips or sides, girls bring drinks. Also bring your bag chairs. Questions see Kyle Inman.

**KINGS ISLAND TRIP-** August 9. With a group of 15 the price for tickets will be \$35.50 per person. There are also wrist bands available for each person, for all day drinks \$11.50, and All day food \$29.99. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the front foyer. See Doug Wells with any questions.

# *Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery*

## **Value of Church Camp**

By Mark T. Tonkery

When I first heard about church camp, it was from the children in Bible class talking about it after they had returned from a fun week of camp. As soon as Bible class let out, I would then beg my parents to go to camp; I begged my parents for a couple of years before they allowed my sister and I to attend West Virginia Christian Youth Camp (WVCYC).

My first year to go to camp was 1987, it was also my first time to attend a weeklong, overnight camp. The camp was then located in Richie County, West Virginia at the 4-H camp. It was scary at first being away from home and not knowing many of the people other than a couple kids from Bible class. This did not last long, by supper time the fear had worn off and I was making friends.

Camp was a wonderful place, from the people, the fun activities, and the Bible lessons; to me it was heaven on earth. The teachers at church camp helped me to study the Bible for myself and were never afraid to answer my questions with Bible answers. Each year of camp the Bible lessons and teachers helped stretch my mind and helped me to grow in Christ.

It has been over 34 years since I first attended WVCYC as a camper. In that time, I have worked with at least six different church camps, and I have served in almost every role at camp there is, such as a janitor, fire builder, counselor, dish washer, Bible Class teacher, speaker, assistant director, and director.

Since coming to Camden Ave. I am once again working with WVCYC and this year I will be filling the role of assistant director for All Age Week.

Church camp is an effective tool in the spiritual development of young people. Very few places in our day and time are influenced with the Christ centered teachings and spiritual influences as church camp. As I look at my life, I am a better and stronger Christian because of the Biblical teaching and influence that took place at church camp. I believe it will be a blessing and benefit to your children as well. We are blessed to have two choices for our children to go to camp in our area and I encourage each family to consider sending your children to one or both of the following camps:

## **Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp**

Saturday, June 19: Junior Day (Ages 8-11) at Camp Hervida Waterford, Ohio.

Wednesday, June 16 to Friday, June 19: Senior Days (Ages 13-19) at OVU Campus.

***Camp Forms are available on the Bulletin Board in the Foyer by the Secretary's office.***

## **West Virginia Christian Youth Camp, Pennsboro, WV**

Sunday, June 20 to Friday, June 25: Young Adult Week

Sunday, July 4 to Friday, July 9: Senior Week (Ages 14-18)

Sunday, July 11 to Friday, July 16: Intermediate Week (Ages 11 -14)

Sunday, July 18 to Friday, July 23: Junior Week (Ages 7-11)

Sunday, July 25 to Friday, July 30: All Age Week (Ages 8-18)

Sunday, August 1 to Friday, August 6: Singing Week (Ages 12-18)

***You can only register for camp at <https://www.wvcyc.com/2021.html>***

***Let Mark know if you have questions, or your child would like to attend WVCYC All Age week  
[preachertonk@cacoc.net](mailto:preachertonk@cacoc.net)***



# Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

## Better Service for God

Scripture Reading: Psalms 40:1-5

I \_\_\_\_\_ patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And \_\_\_\_\_ my cry.  
He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my \_\_\_\_\_  
upon a \_\_\_\_\_, And established my \_\_\_\_\_. He has put a new song in my  
\_\_\_\_\_ — Praise to our \_\_\_\_\_; Many will \_\_\_\_\_ it and  
\_\_\_\_\_, And will \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ is that man who  
makes the Lord his \_\_\_\_\_, And does not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, nor such as  
turn aside to \_\_\_\_\_. Many, Lord my God, are Your wonderful \_\_\_\_\_  
Which You have done; And Your \_\_\_\_\_ toward us cannot be recounted to You in  
\_\_\_\_\_; If I would \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of them, They are more  
than can be \_\_\_\_\_. Psalms 40:1-5

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

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

P.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Helps in Handling Bereavement

Scripture Reading: John 11:21-26

# *Doug's Discussion*

## God Can Toss the Devil Into a Van



Much to my 8-year-old's delight we bought a trampoline the other day. Barely. When I went to move the box to my car I found out that trampolines are heavy. I could barely slide it. So of course, I had to request help to put in the car . . . and I half expected four store associates to show up to do the cart to car lift. Nope – it was just one guy. I asked him – “ready to move a three-hundred-pound trampoline?” (That's what it felt like to me anyway). He said: “no problem, I've done it before.” Then the guy proceeds to grip the box with one hand and he tosses it into the van. Okay then . . .

Preachers don't do a lot of physical fighting but if for some reason I had to fight a guy like that how would I go about it? Do you think it would be a good idea to march up to him and challenge him to a boxing match? Hmm . . . I'm picturing him laughing and then picking me up with one hand and tossing me into my van. No, the honorable head-on approach would never work. All the advantages are on his side. The only chance I would have would be to be sneaky. I would have to ambush him in some way in a moment he least expects it. Okay, I would never do that, that's true. But if I did I would be acting like someone I really don't want to imitate.

Satan cannot beat God's people in a fair fight. All the advantages are on one side. As the Word reminds us, “the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). It's not that we are great, but God is – and He is our help. Unfortunately, for some reason, the devil still wants to fight. So how does it go about it? I think he's figured out that head on challenges don't work – so instead he “prowls around” (1 Peter 5:8). Perhaps you've seen a stalking lion, sneaking up on its prey. The lion typically tries to catch the victim unaware. So then, may I suggest keeping your eyes open and remaining vigilant? If you belong to God the devil can't beat you head on. But that won't stop him from trying to sneak into your life little by little. He'll encourage seemingly small compromises. He'll encourage questioning God's Word. He'll encourage discord and division to separate you from the good influences in your life. Christian friends, the devil can't win unless you let him. So don't.

# Thank You

- ♥ I appreciate all the cards and kind words I received for my graduation. It really means a lot to me! Hannah Shears
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers sent for my mom while she was ill, and to everyone who has comforted me during my loss. In Christian Love, Dan Vaught.
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the condolences for Russ Alton's death. Thanks for the beautiful flowers, phone calls and food. I sure miss him. Patty Alton
- ♥ Thank you to Herb & Joyce Wright and all of those that helped with the congregational picnic. It was wonderful!



## **BIBLE CALL**

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**BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.**

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

## *Minute of Meditation by Doug Wells Heard on 910am WLTP*

I think the human need for a purpose is obvious. I'm told one of the ways the Nazi's used to torture people was to make them do pointless tasks like moving rocks from one pile to another pile, only to later make them move the rocks all back to where they were. The goal was despair - and that goal was often achieved.

And I fear that kind of despair is in our future if our nation turns away from God. We need purpose, but there is no purpose without our Lord. This is something the atheist community admits. Richard Dawkins said in the "universe we observe" there is "no purpose." The writer of the *Young Atheist's Handbook* says "Yes, of course I know that life is ultimately without meaning or purpose, but the trick is not to wake up every morning and feel that way."

That is the trick - to avoid despair while living a life that ultimately doesn't matter. While moving rocks from one pile to another, or you can turn to God and find all the meaning and purpose your heart desires.



## Serving In Worship June 20, 2021

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Jon Hescht

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Clayton Huber

Close - Ken Barnes

6:00 PM - Ron Riddle

Close - Ron Holleron

### SCRIPTURE

AM- Marion Goldsmith

PM - Paul Inman

### COMMUNION

AM - Kody Inman

PM - Kyle Inman



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### Service Times

#### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Class.....15 minutes after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

#### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

### Facts and Figures

June 6, 2021

Sunday AM Service.....224

Facebook AM Service Views.....185

Sunday Bible Class.....163

Sunday PM Service.....162

Facebook PM Service Views.....161

Wednesday PM Service.....165

Facebook Wed. PM Views.....175

Contribution.....\$8004.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....

## Fall & Winter Clothing Giveaway

We are still taking donations for the clothing rooms. If you would like to donate we could use clean, casual wear for fall & winter. We need clothes for children & adults. (no dressy or summer clothes please, since this event is for fall and winter clothing).

We are also taking fall & winter coats, socks, shoes and blankets. Thank you for all of your help. Chris & Terry Hofmann



## *Pantry Request*

Due to the Postal Food Drive being cancelled, each Care Group is being asked to bring in the following items and place them on the table in the pantry.

**Care Group 1-** Boxed Cereal

**Care Group 2-** Campbells Soup

**Care Group 3-** Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta

**Care Group 4-** No more baked beans needed, feel free to bring in the other items still needed.

**In Search of the  
Lord's Way**  
Sunday mornings  
at 7:30 on WTAP

**June 20**  
*"The Love of God"*

### Daily Bible Reading

**June 14:** Psalms 42-45

**June 15:** Psalms 46-50

**June 16:** Psalms 51-54

**June 17:** Psalms 55-58

**June 18:** Psalms 59-62

**June 19:** Psalms 63-66

**June 20:** Psalms 67-69

*"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."*