

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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**May the Lord give
strength to His
people!
May the Lord bless
His people with
peace.**

Psalms 29:11

In Our Prayers

Elders:

Jim Galloway
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John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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**Growing
Together
in Faith**

Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Linda Camp, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Paula Franklin, Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Len Haid, Gilbert Hardman, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Tammy Kerns, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Helen Miller, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed & Lois Porter, Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, June Schultz, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends

Mark Berry, Kelly Boyce, Michelle Dailey, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Jeff Fitcher, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Judy Hall, Breck Hesselrode, Ray Hoover (Cody Hoover's dad), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill), David Pointer (Friend of Emma Hershman), Roger Riddle (Ron Riddle's brother), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Pam Vincent (Sister of Margaret Dawkins), Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams

Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.

We update our Prayer List periodically, removing names if we have not received

New Prayer Requests this week...

- ◆ Jasmine Fitcher, & Carol Hargrove - on the front line
- ◆ All of those on the front-line
- ◆ Lindsay French- Patrick Rine's niece
- ◆ Debby Nesselroad- had outpatient surgery on Thursday.
- ◆ Randy Dean- Mark Dean's brother in ICU at Camden Clark
- ◆ Chennie Jonas- Cousin of Sandy Hughes, Charlotte Deem & Rosemary Merrill
- ◆ Elvis Galbreath- had emergency gall-bladder surgery Thursday.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of June Pugh. June was former member at Camden Avenue, was married to Roy Pugh, and the sister-in-law of Phyllis Johnson. There was a private family service.

Thank You

♥ Thank you for the cards, prayers, and cards during my illness. Bill Lemley

Announcements

Worship Services will be held on Facebook Live

Sunday morning at 9:30am

Sunday evening at 6pm

Wednesday evening at 7pm

**There will be singing and a Bible study
conducted via Facebook Live.**

CAMDEN AVENUE BIBLE BOWL- October 3, Hebrews & James. 6th grade and under Hebrews only.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The book of the month for May is 1 & 2 Timothy. Read and then call the office to sign up.

CONTRIBUTION- Can be mailed or dropped off at the church.

SECRET SISTERS- You can drop off a note or gift to your secret sister at the church building. She will be contacted that there is an item waiting for her at the building.

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS- Please remember to send a picture to the office for a future bulletin.



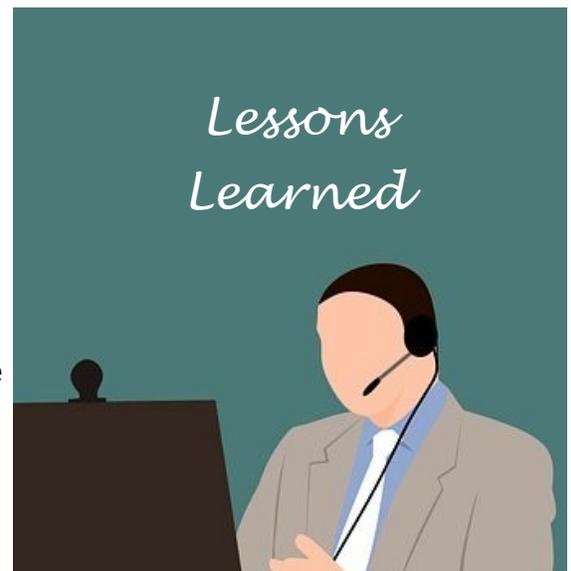
Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What I have learned from the Covid-19 Pandemic?

The coronavirus which started in China last fall and now has spread to over four million people, causing over 284,732 deaths worldwide (as of the writing of this article). This pandemic is still not over, and the effects will be felt for a long time. But as we deal with this virus, I wanted to share some things I have learned and observed so far:

- Covid-19 is like sin. Covid-19 has quickly spread around the globe, and although not everyone gets this virus dies, it has caused many deaths and has disrupted many lives. It reminds me a lot like sin, yet sin is far more dangerous. Rom. 3:23 states, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Remember, Rom. 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death...”. Everyone who sins dies the second death if one does not repent (Lk. 13:3,5).
- Covid-19 reminds us we can evangelize the world. It was about eight months ago, and no one ever heard about the coronavirus or Covid-19, now almost the entire world knows about it. Just think if we took the gospel of Jesus as seriously as we have taken the message about the Covid-19, we could reach the whole world with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Remember Jesus tells us to “go into the entire world...” (Mk. 16:15), Covid-19 reminds us that a message can be spread throughout the world, in a relatively short time, what about the gospel of Jesus?
- Covid-19 has taught us to connect with people in different ways. Eight months ago, I would never have believed that I would be learning how to preach and teach over the internet. Now for the past few weeks, many Christians have assembled around their computers and cell phones, listening to God’s word preached. This situation reminds us of Jesus’ teaching in Jn. 4:24, “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- Covid-19 has taught me to appreciate what I have, because you never know when it will be taken away. Now, I am not just talking about toilet paper, or eating at a restaurant, although that might apply. But for the past few weeks, we have been prevented from assembling with the Saints. This is a freedom we have in this country, but many Christians throughout history, and even in many countries in our world today do not have this freedom. Many Christians are persecuted, imprisoned, or even put to death for assembling in the name of Christ. May we realize what a blessing we have when we can gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ and not take it for granted. When we can meet may we make the most of it and appreciate what God has allowed us to have.

These are just a few things that I have learned, I am sure there will be many more lessons that will be learned as this pandemic continues. It is so easy, to be frustrated, and be discouraged during this time, but let us not give into despair. May we look at this situation and ask, “What can we learn from this?” Let us use this pandemic as a learning time and most important use it to draw closer to the Lord. Think about it!



Today's Sermons on Facebook Live:

AM Sermon by Mark T. Tonkery

Preacher's care for the church, teach the sisters.

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:9-15

PM Sermon by Doug Wells

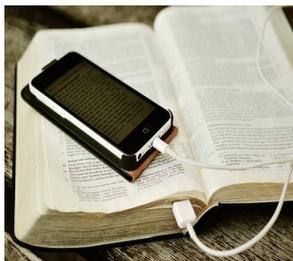
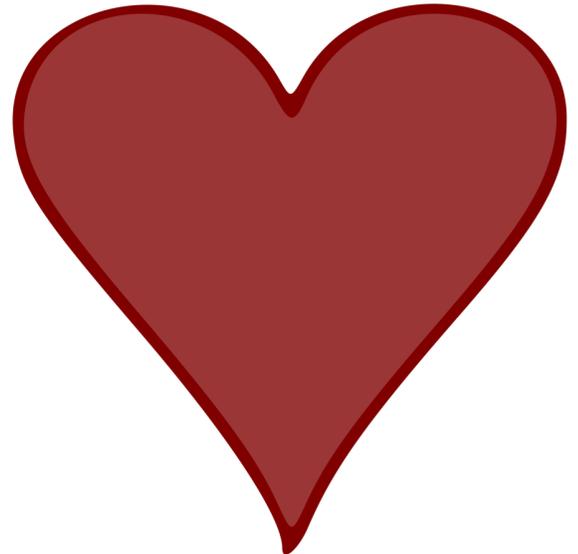
When Sorrow is a Good Thing

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:8-10



Ten Ways to Love

- ◇ Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
- ◇ Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
- ◇ Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
- ◇ Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
- ◇ Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
- ◇ Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
- ◇ Enjoy without complaining. (Philippians 2:14)
- ◇ Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
- ◇ Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
- ◇ Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:2)



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24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK.

BROCHURES ARE IN THE FOYERS.

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

Doug's Discussion

A Real God Can Defend Himself

A man named Gideon demolished an altar to Baal. As you can imagine Baal worshipers were not a huge fan of that action. People tend to take slights to their god very personally. Remember what happen when the Ephesians accused Paul of making life difficult for their idol? They shouted for two hours straight (see Acts 19:34)! I imagine some people felt the same kind of way toward Gideon when Baal's altar became a heap of junk. In fact, they were about to throw some rocks or launch some pointy things. But before they do Gideon's dad comes to Gideon's defense and says: "If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar" (Judges 6:31). This satisfies the people, who figure Baal is going to get him anyway, so why bother with him now?

Of course, we know that Baal really is not a god. Gideon didn't need to fear any giant divine goat looking thing hunting him down. But note this: the people didn't know that. And because they thought Baal was really a god their rage subsided when they considered that Baal was better able to deal with Gideon than they were. And now I want you to think about a time when someone slighted your God. Not some false pagan god, I'm talking about the real God. The maker of heaven and earth. Think about the time when someone said something that didn't sit well with you. Their statement contradicted scripture perhaps. Someone spoke of God with less reverence than what you know is due His name. The righteous anger begins to rise up. Ever happen to you? Did you really let this guy have it for his irreverent words or actions? Maybe. And I get it. Zeal for God's house consumes the holy among us.

I would like to make one suggestion that I think can and should temper our anger. I suggest that you know that our God really is God. He can defend Himself. I mean, really. He really can defend Himself. Other than having the ability to create or obliterate universes with a word God also has legions of angels at His command. I think the most appropriate emotional reaction to those who speak against God isn't anger. I think it's pity. These people have no idea who they're messing with. But they will . . . so I suggest pity. Anger is often based on fear – fear of losing what you think is true. But guess what? If you worship God as God you're right, and you have nothing to worry about. So teach who you can and always encourage people toward the truth. And if someone doesn't want to listen smile and move on. Our God . . . our real, alive, powerful God . . . can defend Himself.

GOD IS REAL, ALIVE & POWERFUL!

Life Can Be Tough

Jesus never promised us that everything would be perfect here on earth. He recognized that we would encounter trouble. But His instructions were to be of good cheer not to let it get us down.

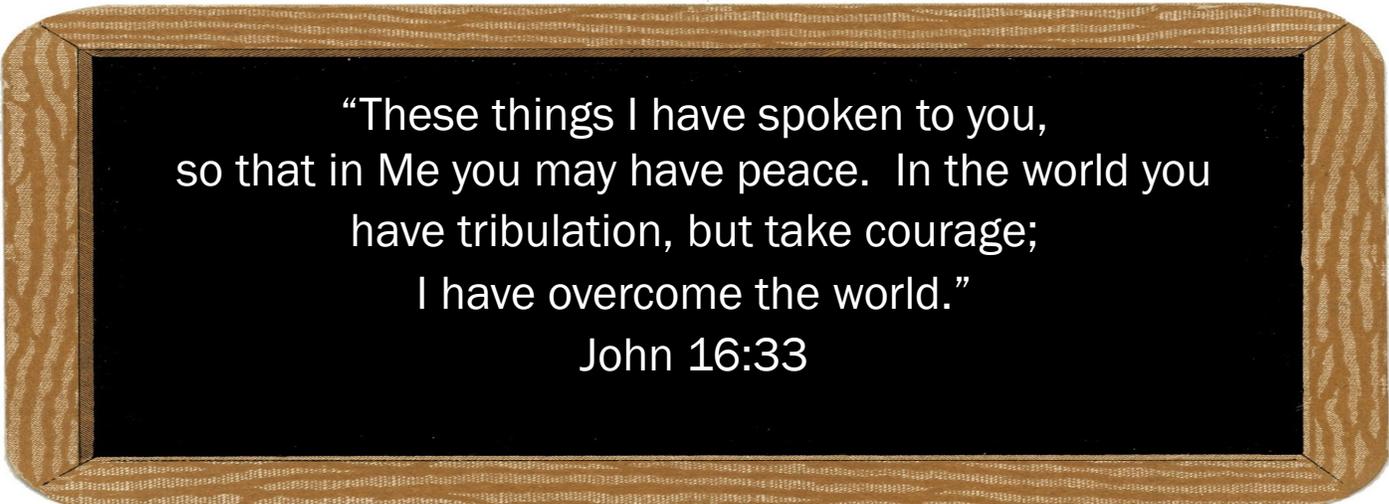
As we encounter difficulties in life, it will help us to remember the big picture. God is our Father and has a wonderful eternal plan for us. We are His children and He loves us. We are supposed to be learning to trust God and to obey Him. As we do every problem we ever face is an opportunity to walk in faith and please God. Every problem is an opportunity to overcome with God's help. How can we expect to receive the blessings promised to the victorious if we never have anything to overcome? What is the answer when we seem overwhelmed with trouble? Look to Jesus. He has already won the victory. He has overcome and defeated the world. In His is victory.

How can we look to Jesus? It is mostly a matter of focus, what we choose to think on. What God says in His Word will set us free and give us peace. What the circumstances say is not the final word. So, go to God's Word. Cling to the promises. Speak them. Sing them. Shout them. Rejoice over them. And thank God for them.

Also, we need to develop a closer relationship with the Lord. That is His desire and it should be ours. All relationships are based on communication, so we must talk to the Lord to deepen our relationship with Him. Develop the habit of talking with Him about everything. We can speak freely to Him - after all He knows what we are thinking anyway.

As our focus intensifies no matter what we face, the Lord will be with us, and we can overcome because Jesus has already won the victory.

Taken from Bulletin Digest



“These things I have spoken to you,
so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you
have tribulation, but take courage;
I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33

Serving In Worship

Sunday, May 24

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner

Close - Todd Kirk

6:00 PM - Ryan Highman

Close - Jim Galloway

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ben Haught

PM - David Epler

COMMUNION

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Jimmy Galloway

Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1- Clayton Huber

2- Verna Huber

3- Josh Hall

PM

1. Ron & Peggy Riddle

2 Kelly & Sandy Sheppard

Doors 3 & 4 Unattended

3. Stan & Debi Inman

4. John & Karen Life

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study....15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Frugal Me?

Mary's fourth grade home-work assignment was to make sentences using the words in her spelling list, along with the definition. Coming across the word "frugal" in the list, she asked her father what it meant. He explained that being frugal means you saved something.

Her paper read:

Frugal: to save

Sentence: Maid Marion fell into a pit when she went walking in the woods so she yelled for someone to come get her out. She yelled "Frugal me, Frugal me!"

It's easy to see how a fourth grader could confuse the words, but while the word "frugal", and the idea of saving are closely related, they are miles apart when it comes to Christianity. The New Testament speaks often of our reconciliation with God as "salvation". Jesus himself said, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:1).

But God was far from frugal in His efforts to save us. Centuries of preparation, the sacrifice of His only Son, the heartache of being rejected, God's patience in waiting for us to respond - there was nothing frugal in any of it. Quite the contrary, God lavishly poured out all that He had in hopes of saving us. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Praise be to God both for His willingness to save us and His unwillingness to be frugal about it!

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Facts and Figures

May 10, 2020

Facebook Live AM Service Views.....231

Facebook Live PM Service Views.....194

Facebook Live Wed. Views.....204

Contribution.....\$41,697.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested Prayers....1

Placed Membership.....3

In Search of the
Lord's Way
each Sunday morning
at 7:30 on WTAP

May 17
"Faith Alone?"

Daily Bible Reading

May 18: John 4:1-26, 1 Kings 2-3

May 19: John 4:27-54, 1 Kings 4-5

May 20: John 5:1-18, 1 Kings 6-7

May 21: John 5:19-47, 1 Kings 8

May 22: John 6:1-24, 1 Kings 9

May 23: John 6:25-51, 1 Kings 10-11

May 24: John 6:52-71, 1 Kings 12-13