

Those Serving:

December 19

Morning Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Communion: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Wednesday Dec 22

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

December 26

Morning Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Wednesday Dec 22

Announce/Prayer: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Worship Coordinator: Dec: Hal Powell January: Clay Perkins

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December 19, 2021

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WHY IT'S MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE

Dale Parsley

Jesus once said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). At first reading, this may be sound counter-culture and contradicting; but consider why this is true:

1. *There is joy in bringing joy to others:* Seeing a child receive a gift, lifting a burden of debt for a struggling family, or giving food to one who is down and out, often brings people overwhelming joy and gratitude. Knowing we made a difference in the lives of others, gives us an inner joy and satisfying purpose.

2. *The likely absence of coveting:* Coveting or greediness is an unsatisfying desire for money, possessions, power and pleasure. A Christmas gift, or any gift by definition is something that was not earned and therefore undeserving. Being disappointed because we did not receive something we did not earn, hints of a greedy heart. In contrast, a person focused on giving to others, is more likely to be free from this desire (1 Timothy 6:9-10).

3. *The likely virtue of being content:* Content carries the idea of being satisfied. It is not that we don't ever want something, but we have learned to be satisfied without it (Philippians 4:11). Typically, a person more excited about giving than receiving, is probably satisfied with whatever he owns and is thankful for anything gift received.

4. *The blessing to have the ability to help others:* Paul commanded those who are rich, to be rich in good works, generous and sharing (1 Timothy 6:17-18). But who exactly is rich? Typically, it's the person who has more than "me." Yet compared to what the average person owned 2,000 years ago, as well as many parts of the world today, who's rich? What a blessing it is to have so much, that helping others requires little to no sacrifice. We're more apt to give out of an abundance than ever before!

5. *The blessing in not needing help from others:* Even though one shouldn't be too proud to accept help or receive a gift, we still don't want to be a burden on others. It's much better to be in a situation to give than to need.

6. *Serving is better than being served.* True greatness in the eyes of God is not Lording over others like a ruthless dictator, but serving others. Just as Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). The person who shares, serves. The person who gives, is great in the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 20:26-27).

This holiday season, which one are we more excited over: giving or receiving? It's not wrong to receive and enjoy a gift (1 Timothy 6:17), but it's better to be the one giving gifts.



Upcoming Events

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****NEW MONTHLY TEACHER SIGN UPS IN THE FOYER!! IN NEED OF TEACHERS!!**

Upcoming Gospel Meetings are posted on the back bulletin.

- A preliminary 2022 Birthday and Anniversary calendar is on the table in the back of the auditorium. Please check your birthday and anniversary to make sure they are correct. Please add or correct any information to the calendar so we can finalize and get them printed. Thank you!
- If you would like to be a worship coordinator and help organize the monthly schedule, please let one of the deacons know and we will get you added to the list. We currently only have 5.

** There are several thank you cards in the back of the auditorium for the goody baskets that we didn't have room to print but were read during announcements.*

Notes

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Sun Bible Class: 9:00 AM
Sun AM Worship: 10:00 AM
Sun PM Worship: 5:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

*Larry and Delores Butcher were involved in an auto accident last week. Larry was discharged from the hospital and is staying with Brad and Pam. Delores is being fitted for a neck brace and will remain in Camden Clark for a few more days. Please keep them in your prayers, but no calls or visitors for Delores at this time.

*Lorraine Dutton is scheduled for surgery on the 20th.

*Jim Bennett hopes to have surgery on his knee as soon as possible.

*Dale Parsley's mother is improving and was able to come home from the hospital but will remain on oxygen for awhile.

*John Rockhold will be at Belpre Landings for therapy for awhile. His address is:
Belpre Landings, Room 208, 1915 Hill St., Belpre, OH 45714

*Kathy Lancaster's mother was transferred to Rockland in Belpre for rehab. Her dad is doing better as well.

Gerald Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Sharon Baker, Brenda Davis, Neva Wright, Betty Wilson, Ruth Eddy, Bill & Lorraine Dutton, Fred Arnett, Tony Stewart, Sandy Mote, Jane Ann Becker, John Rockhold, Evelyn Hall, Colleen Kiestler, Cecil Cline, Madeline McFadden, Fran Kettren, Greg Williams, Lisa Westbrook Smith, Jessie Williamson.

If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin via email, please let Darren Parks or email to: office@deweyavechurchofchrist.org

Any updates for the bulletin, please drop off in box by office door or contact: Terri Parks (304) 299-1650, terrinez-rod@hotmail.com



Radio and TV Programs

Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM

Gospel Broadcasting Network: Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

In Search of the Lord's Way: 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg