

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

January 15, 2023

701 Dewey Avenue
St. Marys, WV (304) 684-3939

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

Leadership:

Elders:

Dave Lancaster

Dave Parks

Hal Powell

Melvin Truax

Lew Wilson

Deacons:

Richard Lee Davis

Joe Elrod

Brian Mercer

Darren Parks

Clay Perkins

Minister:

Dale Parsley

Youth Minister:

Carlos Molina

What Are You Thankful For? By Dan Jenkins

Let me ask you, what are you truly thankful for? As strange as it may seem, the answer you give is likely the very opposite of the answer Paul would give. Read his words, then read them again, slowly. "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake" ([2 Cor. 12:10](#)).

How can anyone take pleasure in infirmities? The word signifies the opposite of strength, it signifies weakness and the inability to produce results. If this seems strange, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in reproaches? The word indicates insult, contempt, and harsh treatment. So many of us can hardly go without words of encouragement from others. If this seems strange that Paul would find pleasure in this, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in needs? We are living in a time when the cost of what we consider necessities is almost overwhelming. Paul took pleasure in those times when the necessities of life were scarce. If this seems strange to you, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in persecutions? Compare in the previous chapter his list of all he had suffered and compare it to what we have to endure. Paul took pleasure in those periods in his life where his enemies pushed so hard against him. If this seems strange to you, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in distresses? This word is best defined as being pressed on every side so severely that it appears there is no escape. If this seems strange to you that Paul would find pleasure in this, keep reading.

To understand Paul's "Thanksgiving List," read the rest of the verse. "For when I am weak, then I am strong." Pay special attention to the words "when" and "then," for they point to the same time. It is not that "after" I am weak and look back on a situation that I became strong. At the time of his greatest weakness, he had his greatest strength.

When life is easier and we have so many good things for which we can be thankful, we can so easily forget how good circumstances can make us forget about living close to God. However, when circumstances are not "pleasant," we sense our need for God and turn to Him. He is there, because when we draw near to Him, He draws near to us.

James says that such times when trials come, we should count it *all joy*. *He then gives the reason, and it is the same one Paul gives. The results of such trials strengthen us and bring us to spiritual maturity ([James 1:4](#)). It might be a good time to look at our lists and see that the best times in our lives is when we are having trials!*

R a d i o a n d T V P r o g r a m s

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

Worship Schedule

Jan— Darren Parks

Jan 15

Morning Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Wednesday Jan 18

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Jan 22

Morning Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Communion: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

Wednesday Jan 25

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Upcoming Events:

* Elders and Deacons meeting
Jan 22nd after PM Service.

YOUTH EVENTS

*Check out the new Dewey Ave

Youth Group Facebook page@

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/142546485320)

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*CYC Conference Feb 24-26 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Please put the \$35 registration fee in the offering basket if you're going.

*We will host the traveling youth group here at Dewey Jan 29th.

If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin via email, send request to: office@deweyavechurchofchrist.org

Any updates for the bulletin, please contact: Terri Parks (304) 299-1650 or terrinazerod@hotmail.com

PRAYER LIST:

*Fay Williams had a biopsy on her nose in Morgantown last week.

*Lorraine Dutton went to the kidney doctor on Monday.

*Preston Lawhon will have heart surgery on Jan 20 in Cleveland.

*Gerald & Jan Burns both had doctor's appointments on Monday.

*Dan Kessinger will be leaving for Kenya end of Jan thru Feb 10th. There is a letter with detailed information in foyer if you'd like to help.

*Gala Stewart started a series of shots to relieve pain in her legs last Monday.

*Charlotte Wilson Family, Robin Porter Family, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Mary Hoff, Jane Ann Becker, Larry Truax, Lorraine Dutton, Gerald Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Betty Wilson, Gail Mote, Sandy Mote, John Rockhold, Evelyn Hall, Colleen Kiestler, Cecil Cline, Madeline McFadden, Diane Shingler, Lisa Westbrook Smith, and Carolyn Rule.