

# Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

April 9, 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:

Joe Elrod

Brian Mercer

Darren Parks

Clay Perkins

### Minister:

Dale Parsley

### Youth Minister:

Carlos Molina

## Joy from the Resurrection

By Dale Parsley

An article in *Psychology Today* revealed that in 2008, 4,000 books were published on happiness, compared to only 50 in the year 2000. (Flora)

Since then, I'm sure that annual number is still a significant amount. Everyone wants to be happy. But where is happiness and joy found? Someone once wrote,

Not in unbelief, Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

Not in pleasure, Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone."

Not in money, Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

Not in position and fame, Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

Not in military glory, Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent because, he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Where then is real joy found? The answer is simple, in Christ alone. (Zuck, 186-187)

It's very easy to be deceived in thinking happiness is found in the things mentioned above. Especially when it comes to material wealth. Jim Loehr revealed, "Researchers have found almost no correlation between income levels and happiness. Between 1957 and 1990 income levels in the U.S. doubled. Yet at the same period, people's levels of happiness did not increase. In fact, reports of depression actually increased tenfold. Incidence of divorce, suicide, alcoholism and drug abuse also rose dramatically."

1 Corinthians 15 is the great chapter on the resurrection of Christ. Perhaps we could also call it the great chapter of joy. The fact that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead, has blessed Christians with: (1) the forgiveness of sins (verse 17), (2) a purpose in doing God's Work (verse 58), (3) motivation and encouragement to endure hardship and persecution, (4) hope in the life to come (verses 18-19), and (5) victory over death (verses 54-57).

Whatever our circumstances, no other person, regardless of degree or wisdom has accomplished more to bring humanity real, lasting joy, than Jesus. No other book can give us better news than the Bible. Do we want to be happy? Consider the joy Jesus brings because of His life, death and resurrection from the dead.

### **References:**

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Jim Loehr, *The Power of Full Engagement*, [www.ministry127.com/resources/illustration/joy-is-not-found-in-money](http://www.ministry127.com/resources/illustration/joy-is-not-found-in-money)

Roy Zuck, *The Speaker's Quote Book*, Kregel Publications, 1997

## 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

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## Worship Schedule

Apr– Clay Perkins

May– Richard Lee Davis

### April 9

#### Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Connor Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

#### Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Connor L

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

### Wednesday April 12

Announce/Prayer: Connor L

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

### April 16

#### Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Jesse Barnhart

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

#### Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

### Wednesday April 19

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Don Collins

## Upcoming Events

Senior Saints Day will be April 30th in the fellowship room.

## News

The elders have decided to send \$5,000 to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief to help with the recent weather disasters

## YOUTH EVENTS

\*Check out the new Dewey Ave Youth Group Facebook page@ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/142546485320>

\*Lads to Leaders classes will be held on Sundays from 3:30-5pm. Practice will be every Sunday 3:30-5pm except for April 9, and May 14th.

### \*Lads to Leaders Class

#### Schedule

April 16– Puppets, Mass Communication

April 23– Puppets, Song Leading

April 30– Good Samaritan (senior dinner) puppets– perform for senior dinner

May 7– Teach to Teach, Good Samaritan (flower beds) , puppets

May 21– Speech, Song Leading, Puppets

May 26– L2L conference

## PRAYER LIST:

\*Bill Dutton made it home and is doing better.

\*Lorraine Dutton was taken to the ER with oxygen issues.

\*Larry Barnhart has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and decided against treatments. His address is in the foyer.

\*Jane Ann Becker is undergoing changes in her chemo treatments.

\*Tom Becker is having upcoming tests on his heart.

\*Karly Shaw's son Parker is having eye surgery April 11th.

\*Tina Keith is struggling with vision loss from her recent stroke.

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Don Archer, Colleen Kiester Family, Gala Stewart, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Betty Timmons, Jay Mote, Baby Lancaster, Zack Lamp, Jane Ann Becker, Tom Becker, Larry Truax, Lorraine Dutton, Gerald & Jan Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Betty Wilson, Gail Mote, Sandy Mote, John Rockhold, Evelyn Hall, Cecil Cline, Madeline McFadden, Diane Shingler, Lisa Westbrook Smith, and Carolyn Rule.

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