

# Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

May 21, 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

## IN THE DAYS OF ELIJAH

By Dale Parsley

Some of the darkest times of Israelite history came during the days of Elijah. King Ahab, "did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him" (1 Kings 16:30). He married Jezebel, a pagan princess and instituted the worship of Baal and Asherah as the new state religion. A three year drought caused a famine and collapsed the economy. The faithful servants and prophets of God were forced into hiding in fear of their lives (1 Kings 18:3-6, 19:18). In spite of all of this, it was actually a time that God revealed His goodness to the people.

***The goodness of God is seen in the miracles of God's through the prophet Elijah. He saved the life of a gentile widow by miraculously providing her an endless jar of flour and oil for bread (1 Kings 17:14-16), as well as raising her son from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24).***

As God's primary spokesman or representative to the people, he exposed the foolishness and absurdity of Baal worship on Mount Carmel. One of the idols representing Baal was a bull. Ironically, for several hours the prophets of Baal cried out, danced, and even cut themselves in hopes their idol would miraculously send fire to consume a bull on the altar (1 Kings 18:26-29). Yet God's prophet after soaking everything in water, cried out to God and sent fire down from Heaven, devouring the bull, the altar itself and the water all around (1 Kings 18:38).

***The goodness of God can be seen in the discipline of God. God revealed Himself in the fulfillment of prophecy. Years ago, because of the Canaanites' wickedness and rejection of God, He collapsed the walls of Jericho, ensuring the Israelites first victory in the promised land. After Jericho's defeat, Joshua proclaimed a curse on the man who would ever rebuild the city, losing the life of his youngest and oldest sons (Joshua 6:26). Hundreds of years had passed, but in the days of Ahab, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt the city and lost his oldest and youngest sons (1 Kings 16:34).***

*God revealed Himself in three years of no rain (see 1 Kings 17:1, 18:1,41-45). Why would God do this? Baal was the storm god. He was the one whom the pagans worshiped for rain and in hopes of having a bountiful harvest. When God stopped the rain, the prophets and worshipers of Baal were powerless.*

***The goodness of God can be seen in the patience of God. The very fact that He still sent prophets and actions of discipline instead of immediate and complete destruction is an act of mercy, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Kings 18:37).***

No matter how dark and difficult times may come, if we look, the goodness of God will be seen.

## 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

May— Darren Parks

June— Hal Powell

### May 21

#### Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Usher/Monitor: Jesse Barnhart

Communion: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

#### Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

### Wednesday May 24

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Noah Mote

Door Greeters: Butcher's, Kirk Timmons

### May 28

#### Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Caleb Parsley

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Usher/Monitor: Hal Powell

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Gerald Burns

#### Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Gerald Burns

### Wednesday May 31

Announce/Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Desmond Parks

Door Greeters: Don Collins, Noah Molina

## Upcoming Events

\*VBS June 4-7 "Champions of Faith" 6-8pm All ages

\* Cookout for Carrie Perkins  
Sat May 27th to celebrate her graduation at Perkins residence. Please RVSP to 304-834-8246

### Summer Series

Study from Psalms

June 14 Rick Tincher

June 21 Todd Bradford

June 28 Terry Jones

July 5 Kyle Lancaster

July 12 Jordan Smith

July 19 Greg Yost

July 26 Terry Townsend

### \*Lads to Leaders Class Schedule

May 21— Speech, Song Leading, Puppets

May 26— L2L conference

### \*Congrats to our 4 graduates for 2023!

Adam Mercer graduated May 7th from WVU-P with an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration. Congrats!

Carrie Perkins from WCC

Andrew Grose from MHS

Evan Doehring from SMHS

## PRAYER LIST:

\*Noah Molina will be having an upcoming procedure on his esophagus on June 6.

\*Keep Debbie & Rodney Ramsey in your prayers as Debbie is having some difficulty.

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Gala Stewart, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Betty Timmons, Baby Lancaster, Jane Ann Becker, Linda Turner, Tom Becker, Tina Keith, Larry Truax, Bill & 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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