

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

May 28, 2023

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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

FREEDOM AND FAITHFULNESS

By Dale Parsley

Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." (Ministry127.com)

In a similar way, just as the freedom of a country can rapidly fade, so it is with being faithful to God.

After the children of Israel drove out the Canaanites and settled into the promised land, the people, "served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel...(10) And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel. (11) And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. (12) And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. (13) They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. (14) So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies" (Judges 2:7, 10-14).

Several observations can be made from this text:

1. A nation, church, family or even school is just one generation away from falling away. Modern history is filled with examples of these various institutions that once started by faithful men, eventually departed from God's Word.

2. The process of apostasy often starts with not knowing God. Being ignorant of God's commands as well as God's actions, they failed to see the presence and goodness of God in their lives. Likewise, a failure to see God's daily blessings often leads to being consumed with selfishness, causing conflict with others and provoking the LORD to jealousy (James 4:1-5).

3. When God is rejected, He is replaced by idols. For Israel, He was replaced by Baal and Asherah. Idols that were worshiped by sexual immorality and child sacrifice. Likewise today, when God is rejected, man forms his own religion (Romans 1:20-25), making idols of sexual immorality and coveting (Colossians 3:5).

4. God has a right to punish those who reject Him. For Israel, their punishment came from their covenant violation of Him. Yet His punishment serves more as a discipline for their own good. Even though the punishment for the nation of Israel was unique due to their covenant they had with God, the LORD still has the right to punish in any way He sees fit, temporarily or eternally.

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

May– Darren Parks

June– Hal Powell

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

June 4

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Usher/Monitor: Clay Perkins

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Wednesday June 7

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Door Greeters: Clay Perkins,
Joe Elrod

Upcoming Events

*VBS June 4-7 “Champions of Faith” 6-8pm All ages

*If any members have old pictures of them participating in sports, we would like to borrow them for VBS. Please see Lisa Wilson.

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

*Congrats to our 4 graduates for 2023!

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

Carrie Perkins from WCC

Andrew Grose from MHS

Evan Doehring from SMHS

PRAYER LIST:

*Condolences to the family of Linda Turner, who passed away last Saturday.

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

*Debbie Ramsey received good news from her bloodwork and Rodney had a doctors visit on Friday.

Linda Turner Family, Ethan Cain Family, Gala Stewart, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Betty Timmons, Baby Lancaster, Jane Ann Becker, 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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