Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

July 16, 2023

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Schedule of Services

Letters in the Sand Washed Away

By Dan Jenkins

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

Pat Boone was not the only singer who recorded it, but he was the one whose version soared to the greatest heights in the late 50s. He sang about how he and his loved one wrote "Love Letters in the Sand" and how his heart was broken as the incoming tide washed those letters away. Think about this for a moment, and you can see there are many things in our life we need to have washed out.

Sometimes we need to wash away the anger in our lives. Anger itself is not sinful. It is a godly quality. The psalmist said, "God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psa. 7:11). However, he also said, "Be angry and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah" (Psa. 2:12). Jesus is the One we long to be exactly as He was. "He looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their heart" (Mark 3:6). So, the next time you see evil, or when someone has wronged you, do not engrave their words in stone within your heart. We are commanded, "Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath" (Eph. 4:26). Let the waves of *agape* love wash away your anger.

Write your "list" of past accomplishments in the sand and let them be washed away. Human nature is to look at oneself and think about what he/she has personally accomplished. Paul did not keep a list of all those he had baptized so that he might tell others about it (1 Cor. 1:16-17). Serve Him every day but avoid the pitfall of pride of glorying about how brightly our lights have been shining. Paul had done so much, but when He looked inward, He said, "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal…" (Phil. 3:13-14, ESV). Jesus said, "When you have done all those things commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). Let the waves of humility wash away past accomplishments.

Finally, write the sins of the past in the sand. Far too many Christians, even knowing they are forgiven, carry the guilt of past sins and this discourages them. You can never forget past wrongs, but you can let them be overshadowed by the remembrance of that time when God forgave them. He forgives the ungodly when they are baptized, but He forgives the godly when they acknowledge their sins. We should be thankful that He has said, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Get rid of the burden of guilt, write those wrongs in the sand and let His blood wash them away.

Source: churchofChristarticles.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

Worship Schedule

July— Lew Wilson Aug— Clay Perkins

July 16

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L Song Leader: Caleb Parsley Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker Communion: Dave Parks Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L Song Leader: Caleb Parsley Communion: Dave Parks Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod Wednesday July 19

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L Song Leader: Caleb Parsley Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Door Greeters:

July 23

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Hal Powell
Song Leader: Connor Lancaster
Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns
Usher/Monitor: Don Archer
Communion: Darren Parks
Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Hal Powell Song Leader: Connor Lancaster Communion: Darren Parks Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

Wednesday July 26

Announce/Prayer: Hal Powell Song Leader: Connor Lancaster Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Door Greeters:

Upcoming Events

Summer Series

Study from Psalms

July 19 Greg Yost

July 26 Terry Townsend

WVCYC @ Mountain

Junior Week: July 16-21

All-Age Week: July 23-28

Singing Emphasis Week: July 30-August 4

*Birthday/Anniversary Dinner tonight after evening service

* Baby shower for Camaron and Ashton Lancaster in the fellowship room July 30th at 3pm. They are registered at Walmart & Amazon.

*Clothing Giveaway August 12th in the Fellowship Room

*On July 30th, the church contribution will go to Potter Children's Home

PRAYER LIST:

*Richard Lee Davis had surgery last Tuesday and is home recovering. He will have staples removed Monday and catheter later on in the week.

*Beth Hess, Carmen Powell's sister, is in Wingate on hospice care.

*Charlie Elder, brother of Carmen, had a heart catheterization and went to Cleveland for further testing.

*Joe Yeager has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic cancer. Please keep Joe and Anita in your prayers.

*Larry Truax is improving and is in rehabilitation.

*Connie Binegar's sister had to have an emergency appendectomy and is recovering.

Gerald Bills Family, Arthur Cox Family, Nancy Holpp Family, Gala Stewart, Evelyn Hall, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Betty Timmons, Ashton & 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, Cecil Cline, Madeline McFadden, Diane Shingler, Lisa Westbrook Smith, and Carolyn Rule.

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