

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

July 30, 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

Are We Living in the Last Days?

By Dale Parsley

The answer to the title is yes. Hebrews 1:1-2, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but **in these last days** he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world." However, the meaning of "last days" is the entire Christian dispensation that began around 2,000 years ago.

There are some today who use the words, "last days" in reference to the idea that Jesus is soon to return within a few years or possibly tomorrow. My response is, "you might be right, but how do you know?" When God speaks of His return, He will come, "like a thief" (2 Peter 3:10). Jesus said that when He returns, no one will know (Matthew 24:36), and compares the surprise manner of His return with those in the days of Noah and the global flood (Matthew 24:37-39).

The "end of times" topic can be very confusing and controversial. For instance, some reference the phrase "you will hear of wars and rumors of wars" in Matthew 24:6, and apply to current events in reference to Jesus' return. The problem is in context, Jesus is not speaking of His return, but of the destruction of the Jewish nation, which was fulfilled approximately 35 years after His death in 70 A.D. This isn't the only passage that people misinterpret in relation to the second coming. There are many passages in both the Old Testament and book of Revelation that are interpreted literally, yet were written symbolically regarding judgments on nations or individuals. When misapplied to Christ's return, they reduce the Bible to a code-cracking book of conspiracies regarding future events. Even though symbolic passages in Scripture may be hard to understand, the approach of applying them to current and future events have been done by many for hundreds of years, with every prediction of Christ's return proven false.

Yes, we are living in the last days, but these days may continue for another week or a thousand years. Remember, the inability to predict our Lord's return does not mean it should have no influence in our lives. Even though Jesus did not return in the 1st century, God still commanded, "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! (13) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace" (2 Peter 3:11-14).

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

July– Lew Wilson

Aug– Clay Perkins

July 30

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

Wednesday July 26

Announce/Prayer: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Gerald Burns

Door Greeters:

August 6

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray:

Song Leader:

Usher/Monitor:

Usher/Monitor:

Communion:

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer:

Song Leader:

Communion:

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday Aug 9

Announce/Prayer:

Song Leader:

Closing Prayer:

Door Greeters:

Upcoming Events

WVCYC @ Mountain

Singing Emphasis Week: July 30-
August 4

Fall Camp : October 21, 10am-8pm
(11yrs and up)

***Baby shower for Camaron
and Ashton Lancaster in
the fellowship room July
30th at 3pm. They are reg-
istered at Walmart & Ama-
zon.**

***Clothing Giveaway August
5th in the Fellowship Room
8am-Noon**

***On October 28th, the
church contribution will go
to Potter Children's Home**

PRAYER LIST:

*Condolences to the Beth Hess
Family and Carmen Powell on the
loss of her sister.

*Richard Lee Davis is home recover-
ing from his recent surgery,

*Rodney Ramsey will be having sur-
gery on August 1st.

*James Bennett has an infection in
his leg.

Charlie Elder, Randy & Cindy
McCloy, Jerry Holpp Family, Joe
Yeager, Gala Stewart, Evelyn Hall,
Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Betty Tim-
mons, Ashton & Baby Lancaster,
Jane Ann Becker, 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,
Larry Truax, and Carolyn Rule.

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