

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

October 1, 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

GRACE AND THE CHURCH

By Dale Parsley

At the close of Acts 2, the last verse reads, "praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (verse 47). There are two ways we see God's grace when we consider this verse in reverse. Those saved were added to the church and had favor with the people, praising God. Let's break some of this verse down.

The Church is Saved by Grace: *"the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."*

To be saved means to be rescued. For instance, when the disciples were out at sea, a great storm arose. They said to Jesus, "Lord, save us! We are perishing" (Matthew 8:25). Notice how they pleaded with Jesus to rescue them from drowning. Likewise, just as Jesus saved them out at sea, He also saved them from their sins (Matthew 1:21). The consequences of sin is eternal death and separation from God (Ephesians 2:1-3). This is a death that has spread to all men because all have sinned (Romans 5:12). Those who have been saved from the power and punishment of sin have accepted His gift of salvation (Romans 6:23) through faith (Acts 8:26-31), repentance (Acts 2:38), confession (Acts 8:37) and baptism (Acts 22:16).

According to Acts 2:47, when a man is saved, he is added to the church. David Roper noted, "People often speak of church membership and salvation as two different things. Those who do so generally have in mind denominations. One can be saved and not be a part of any denomination, but one cannot be saved and not be part of the Lord's church...Whenever an individual 'joins' an organization, he does it. By fulfilling certain requirements, he earns the right to be part of that organization. However, an individual cannot earn the right to be part of the Lord's church. The church is the body of the saved. Since an individual cannot save himself, he cannot make himself a member of that body. The One who saves us through His grace makes us a part of the body." (101) In other words, the moment one is saved, God adds him to His church.

The Church is to Show Grace: *"having favor with all the people."*

In response to being a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), he is to have favor with all men. The word here for "favor" is the word *charis* in Greek. *It is most often translated as grace, but also carries the idea of a charm, beauty, kindness or graciousness in how one treats others. Being saved by grace, prompted them to show a character of grace towards the world. As Jesus said, Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

References:

David Roper, Acts 1-14, Truth for Today Commentary, Resource Publications, 101

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

Oct– Hal Powell

Nov– Lew Wilson

Oct 1

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Communion: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Communion: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Wednesday Oct 4th

Announce/Prayer: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Karson Elrod

Door Greeters: Rod &Debbie Ramsey

Oct 8

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Usher/Monitor: Clay Perkins

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Wednesday Oct 4th

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Door Greeters: Kirk Timmons, Ruth Ann Keith

Upcoming Events

*There will be a meeting after AM service for anyone who can help feed the football team this Thursday evening.

*Sign-ups for teachers is in the foyer. We will return to quarters starting in October.

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

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

*Oct 29th will be Friends and Family Day here at Dewey. After AM service, there will be a meal in the fellowship room followed by PM Worship at approx. 1pm.

PRAYER LIST:

*Gary Nichols was able to return home from the hospital after suffering from covid.

*Kathy Lancaster will be in a walking boot for several weeks.

*Sandy Mote is in rehab recovering from surgery.

*Lorraine Dutton had successful eye surgery last week.

*Bill Dutton will be going to the doctor in Pittsburgh on Oct 8.

Don Collins, James Bennett, Evelyn Hall, Gala Stewart, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Betty Timmons, Jane Ann Becker, Jeremy Rhodes, Dave St. Peter, Lorraine Dutton, Gerald & Jan Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Betty Wilson, Gail Mote, Sandy Mote, John Rockhold, Cecil Cline, Madeline McFadden, Larry Truax, and Carolyn Rule.

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