

# Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

September 10, 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

## Growing in Our Faith:

By Dale Parsley

"Take your vitamins and drink your milk," were things I heard as a child that kids needed to do in order to grow. Even though proper nutrition helps, physical growth is a natural process. The same cannot be said when it comes to one's faith and spiritual growth. How does a Christian grow?

In Acts 2, those who responded in faith with repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins in being added to the church (verses 38, 47), reveal a pattern for growth in verse 42, "they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Consider some key words from this verse:

### ***"Continued steadfastly"***

They developed a habit, a routine. The word in the Greek means "to persist in adherence to a thing" (Mounce, E-Sword). If a person wants to be an elite marathon runner, he must train on a daily basis. He cannot run every so often when he feels like it, taking weeks or months off at a time. Likewise, growing in one's faith requires a consistent effort.

### ***"Apostles doctrine"***

They listened and adhered to the teaching of the apostles. Our knowledge of Christ does not stop at the moment of following Jesus. Learning from Jesus and His word is something God's child does for the rest of his life (2 Peter 3:18).

### ***"Fellowship"***

This word has several meanings such as communion, partnership and participation. All these words communicate the idea of being together. Regardless of what they were doing, the early church spent time together. Being around other Christians can give encouragement (Acts 28:15), prevent us from being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 10:24-25); Keeps us accountable with our struggles (James 5:16), and helps us stay faithful (James 5:19-20).

### ***"Breaking of Bread"***

This is speaking of the Lord's Supper that the early church participated in on Sunday's (Acts 20:7). The Lord's Supper is a time of reflection on one's own sins and the forgiveness His sacrifice gives us. This was also the time to assemble for worship (Acts 20:7-11).

### ***"Prayers"***

Their devotion to prayer is seen in praying before big decisions (Acts 1:24), after being arrested, released and warned not to preach Christ (Acts 4:23-35), selecting deacons (Acts 6:1-6), on behalf for Peter who had been arrested and sentenced to death (Acts 12:12), before they sent out missionaries (Acts 13:1-3), and while in prison (Acts 16:25).

"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation (3) if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good" (1 Peter 2:2-3).

## 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

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### Sept 10

#### Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

#### Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

### Wednesday Sept 13

Announce/Prayer: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Door Greeters: Shirley Hearn, Kirk Timmons

### Sept 17

#### Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

#### Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

### Wednesday Sept 20

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Desmond Parks

Door Greeters: Noah Molina, Carlos Molina

## Upcoming Events

\*Worship service at the Heritage at 2pm today

\*Birthday/Anniversary celebration will be the 4th Sunday in Sept.

\* Clint Rowand from Barrackville will be here next Sunday evening to preach and then afterward talk to all teachers about the new teaching curriculum that the elders have chosen. All teachers and potential teachers are encouraged to attend.

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

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

\*Carrie Perkins college address is: Carrie Perkins

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\*Thank you to Larry Butcher and Lew Wilson for their efforts in helping get the small auditorium back in working order.

## PRAYER LIST:

\*Don Collins is having issues with a heart valve and will have a check-up soon.

\*Fay Williams is awaiting on test results, please keep her in your prayers.

\*Gary & Pat Nichols are under the weather with covid and are requesting prayers.

\*Mary Amy Kessinger has been under the weather last week.

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Ruth Ann Keith, James Bennett, Evelyn Hall, Gala Stewart, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Betty Timmons, Jane Ann Becker, 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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