

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

September 3, 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

The Apostles Minus Who?

By Dan Jenkins

The early history of the church that began on Pentecost at times looked so bleak. With all the apostles present it was so easy for the infant church to "...continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching" ([Acts 2:42](#)). However, it was not long until two of the leading apostles were arrested and brought before the Jewish officials who ordered them to stop preaching ([Acts 4:17-18](#)). Yet, they kept on preaching.

In the next chapter it appears that all the apostles are arrested by the Jews and imprisoned. How on earth could the early church survive without the apostles? For the church to flourish it must have leadership, yet the leadership had been taken away. It is remarkable that those men were freed overnight by an angel of the Lord, and they kept on preaching.

When persecution arose with Saul being in the forefront, the church was scattered, with no one remaining in Jerusalem, except the apostles. The Lord had made provision for the survival of the church by providing spiritual gifts to all the saints. With no apostles, it might have looked like the church was doomed, but those scattered abroad kept on preaching.

As time passed, another persecution arose in Jerusalem. Herod killed James, the brother of John, with the sword, and when the evil king saw how much joy it brought to the Jews, he seized Peter and set the date for him to be killed ([Acts 12:1-3](#)). How could the church survive without the leadership of two of the inner circle of apostles? That inner circle of Peter, James and John had experienced events none of the others had seen. The church met to pray and how heavy their hearts must have been. It is not hard to imagine what their hearts were saying. "Oh, No! James is dead, and in a week's time Peter will also be dead!" They were praying but none of them expected that an angel would free Peter from the sixteen soldiers who were guarding him.

However, there was another James to replace the one who had been slain. It was not the other apostle named James, the son of Alphaeus. It was James, the brother of Jesus. He is James who stepped into the leadership role in the rest of the book of Acts. He was the one who wrote the epistle of James.

Samuel said that the Lord raised up Moses and Aaron to lead Israel out of Egypt ([1 Sam. 12:6](#)). In the promised land the people cried out to God who raised up judges ([Judg. 2:16, 18; 3:9, 15](#)). The Lord raised up prophets in Babylon ([Jer. 29:15](#)). When "James" dies, God provides another "James." Now think of how in your lifetime you have seen older preachers and elders die and you worried, thinking the church could not survive. It always has survived and always will because God's nature is to raise a new "James" as they are needed.

Source: churchofChristarticles.com

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

Sep– Darren Parks

Sept 3

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Usher/Monitor: Hal Powell

Communion: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Jay Mote

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Communion: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Jay Mote

Wednesday Sept 6

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Noah Mote

Door Greeters: Carlos Molina

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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: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Dave Parks

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

Upcoming Events

*There are new Stop Signs making a 4-way stop at the intersection of Dewey and Sycamore. Please be aware and keep your eyes open as people get used to the new traffic pattern.

*The building is undergoing some plumbing work between the classroom hallway and the small auditorium. The bathrooms in the classroom hallway are closed until a cleaning restoration company and the plumbers finish the project.

*Next Sunday is the afternoon Worship service at the Heritage.

Congratulations to Camaron and Ashton Lancaster on the birth of their daughter Wrenley Ash on Aug 26th! She was 8lb 5oz and 21”.

Congratulations to Sam Yoho’s son Jeff, who was recently married on the 12th of August. He and his wife Caitlyn are doing well.

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

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

PRAYER LIST:

*Ruth Ann Keith suffered a broken ankle and is home recovering.

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

*James Bennett is still battling infection in his leg and is improving some.

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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