Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

October 15, 2023

701 Dewey Avenue St. Marys, WV (304) 684-3939

Schedule of Services

He Also Ran to Meet the Prodigal

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

When we read the story of the prodigal son, we are so impressed that the father ran to meet him and immediately gave him such blessings. Have you considered that when Jesus lived on this earth, He showed the same kind of love for the wayward? He was Immanuel, God with us, and to see Him was to see the Father (John 14:9).

Those in the first century had their own ideas about those who would be part of the kingdom. When Jesus talked about how it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for those who trusted riches to enter into the kingdom, His disciples asked, "Who then can be saved" (Matt. 19:25)? The disciples had the rich at the top of their list, but Jesus' list was so different. He came to seek and save the lost, but like the father of the prodigal understood, prodigals would be part of the kingdom.

When He chose His apostles, He chose ignorant and unlearned fishermen (Acts 4:13). He chose a tax collector—the most despised occupation among the Jews (Luke 5:27). He chose a Zealot—a Jewish "terrorist" (Luke 6:15). He surrounded Himself with men whom He knew would all forsake Him in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:31, 56). Why? Because His heart was like the heart of the father of the prodigal. The prodigal turned completely away from the father and these apostles all fled from Jesus at His darkest hour. Yet, He longed for their return. He never rebuked them for this after His resurrection. He did not rebuke, He received. We must never overlook the message He gave to the women at the tomb, "Go tell My disciples to meet Me in Galilee" (Matt. 28:7).

Look at His life and see how He treated people so differently. He received and defended the woman taken in adultery (<u>John 8:3-11</u>). He accepted the thief on the cross, who at first blasphemed Him, and gave Him entrance that same hour to Paradise (<u>Matt. 27:43-44</u>; <u>Luke 23:43</u>). That thief had mocked Jesus by saying that Jesus was worthy of death and questioned that even God would not accept Jesus—yet Jesus, like the father of the prodigal, received Him.

Read the story of His life. He exemplified the heart of God who had said, "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at My word" (Isa. 66:2). Jesus was like His Father and always "ran" to prodigals who sought Him.

Can I add one other person to those who Jesus so readily received when they sought Him? We sometimes overlook this person in the list of those whom He received. You already know that person. That person is you! Think about this.

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

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Worship Schedule

Oct- Hal Powell

Nov-Lew Wilson

Oct 15

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L Song Leader: Clay Perkins Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker Usher/Monitor: Hal Powell Communion: Brian Mercer Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L Song Leader: Clay Perkins Communion: Brian Mercer Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

Wednesday Oct 18

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

Door Greeters: Noah Molina, Don

Collins Oct 22

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks
Song Leader: Connor Lancaster
Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax
Usher/Monitor: Hal Powell
Communion: Lew Wilson
Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Darren Parks Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Lew Wilson Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Wednesday Oct 25

Announce/Prayer: Darren Parks Song Leader: Connor Lancaster Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Door Greeters: Joe Elrod, Clay Per-

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Upcoming Events

*WVCYC Fall Camp: October 21, 10am-8pm (11yrs and up) *On October 29th, 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.

Traveling Youth Group at Camden Ave on October 29th at 6pm.

PRAYER LIST:

*John Rockhold had a pacemaker installed last week.

*Larry Truax is struggling and is having more tests run.

*Fay Williams will have more upcoming biopsies.

*Sandy Mote is in rehab recovering from surgery.

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

*Don Collins will have upcoming surgery in the near future.

Don Collins, James Bennett, Evelyn Hall, Gala Stewart, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Betty Timmons, Kathy Lancaster, 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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