

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

October 22, 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

Greater Than Our Desires

By Dale Parsley

Imagine living in the first century and not being able to walk? A time when there was no Social Security Disability or any government assistance, meant that it would be nearly impossible for the average man to find a line of work similar to a desk job like today. As a result, one's life was a struggle just to survive.

This was the life of the lame man in Acts 3:1-10. With no job, he relied on others to carry him around to beg for money. It was in the city of Jerusalem, and people were entering the Temple area during a time of prayer. The lame man laid at the gates in hopes to receive a gift for his next meal. As Peter walked by he said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk" (verse 6). I'm his shoes, which is better: receiving enough money every day for the rest of your life to eat, or being given the ability to walk?

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

Another account of a lame being healed is found in Mark 2:1-12. Jesus is teaching in a house and because it is so crowded his friends remove the roof and lower him down in a bed at Jesus' feet. The first thing Jesus said was, "Son, your sins are forgiven you" (verse 5). Causing some to complain since only God can forgive sins, Jesus said in response, "Which is easier to say... 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise take up your bed and walk? (10) But that you may know that the Son of Man has the power on earth to forgive sins...(11) 'arise take up your bed, and go to your house.' (12) Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God..." (verses 9-12).

Both desires each man had were not wrong. Yet that desire in the moment was not their greatest need. The first man desired money. Instead, he was given the ability to walk. Can we honestly put a price tag on that? The second man desired to be healed, but also received something greater, the forgiveness of sins. It's a blessing to walk, but to live each day lost in sin is crippling.

From these two men, we should ask, what is it we currently desire? Is it something forbidden as in James 4:1-4? Is it something that could lead us away from God? (See 1 Timothy 6:10; 1 John 2:15-17). Is it greater than something God has already blessed us with? Is it greater than something God has already promised His children? (1 Peter 1:3-4). Is it something we could live without and still be faithful?

It doesn't always occur in our time, nor do we always see it in the moment, but God gives us greater gifts than what we desire in the moment.

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 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 Perkins

Oct 29

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Usher/Monitor: Brian Mercer

Communion: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday Nov 1

Announce/Prayer: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

Door Greeters: Larry & Delores
Butcher

Upcoming Events

*This evening after PM Worship will be awards to honor those who participated in the Lads to Leaders in 2023.

*Oct 28th at 1pm, there will be a potluck luncheon for Lloyd & Shirley Westbrook at the Newport Elementary School. Please your favorite side dish or dessert.

*Next Sunday, Oct 29th, the church contribution will go to Potter Children's Home.

*Next Sunday is Friends and Family Day! After AM service, there will be a meal in the fellowship room followed by PM Worship shortly after.

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

PRAYER LIST:

*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 suffered a fall and broke both arms last week.

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, Zack Lamp, Madeline McFadden, Larry Truax, and Carolyn Rule.

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