

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

November 12, 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

By What Authority?

By Dale Parsley

Listen carefully to the word of Jesus, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. (14) For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:13-14). The idea that more people will be lost than saved is heartbreaking and perhaps offensive to some. This is not God's fault but the choice of each individual. Jesus would never have told us to "enter by the narrow gate" if we first didn't have a choice.

One reason why people will leave this world unprepared is because of the authority they follow. God's Word is the authority on what to believe and how to live. The Bible is identified as words that are able to build us up and give us an inheritance (Acts 20:32). Indeed, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16). However, some, knowingly or unknowingly, appeal to other standards of authority. Consider from Matthew 7, several of these false standards:

1. The Majority are not an Authority (7:13-14): The basis of one's eternal destiny is not whether or not he is liked or disliked by society. What's right or wrong is not determined by the greater number of people who accept or reject something. Sin is still sin, regardless of who believes it. The media and others may demonize Christians for believing that drunkenness, adultery and homosexuality are wrong, but these controversial issues were settled over 2,000 years ago (see 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

2. Men are not an Authority. Jesus warned, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Just because a man is funny, nice, educated or has a natural gift of speaking and writing, does not guarantee everything he believes is from God. Thus, the need for a committee of men to vote on what a group of churches believes each year is irrelevant. The same could be said for Creed books, Catechisms and Manuals (Galatians 1:6-9).

3. Feelings are not an authority. Jesus taught, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (22) On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' (23) And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness'" (Matthew 7:21-23). This is one of the saddest passages in all of Scripture. On Judgment Day, some will believe they are saved, but will depart from Jesus lost. In other words, these individuals felt that they were saved but weren't. Just because we feel we are right or feel that something is wrong, does not mean it is right or wrong in God's eyes. Just because we felt we "got saved" does not mean we actually did all of what God said to be saved. It is our obedience to the words of Jesus that gives us eternal life (John 6:68; Hebrews 5:9).

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

Nov– Lew Wilson

Dec– Clay Perkins

Nov 12

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Communion: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday Nov 15

Announce/Prayer: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Door Greeters:

Nov 19

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Communion: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Wednesday Nov 22

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Door Greeters:

Upcoming Events

*Dewey Avenue will host the traveling youth group on Nov 26th at 5pm. More details to come.

*The elders have decided to donate \$5,000 to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Efforts.

*Birthday/Anniversary Dinner will be Nov 26th after PM Service.

*The youth are collecting items to make baskets for the shut-ins. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium for items to bring in. Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Dec 3 after AM service.

*If you are interested in attending the CYC conference in Feb 23-25, please let Carlos know as soon as possible.

PRAYER LIST:

*John Rockhold is back at Eagle Point after being in Camden Clark.

*Cecil Cline is feeling much better.

*Joyce Barnhart is ill with bronchitis.

Sally Danielson Family, Amber Bullman, LeAnn Shultz, Betty Wilson Family, 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, Bill Dutton, Gerald & Jan Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Gail Mote, Sandy Mote, John Rockhold, Cecil Cline, Zack Lamp, Madeline McFadden, Larry Truax, and Carolyn Rule.

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