Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

November 26, 2023

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

Schedule of Services

BLACK FRIDAY

By Bill Brandstatter

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

<u>Deacons</u>:

Joe Elrod

Brian Mercer

Darren Parks

Clay Perkins

Minister:

Dale Parsley

Youth Minister:

Carlos Molina

I have been seeing ads recently for "Black Friday." This used to be the day after Thanksgiving when retailers lure customers with all kinds of special incentives. Now "Black Friday" comes earlier and lasts longer. People line up to get the special "door buster" savings. They will flock to stores and spend large amounts of money just to take part in the euphoria of "Black Friday."

A long time ago there was a "Black Friday" that was even more significant. In Mark's gospel account we read: "Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour" (Mk. 15:33). For three hours, the earth was dark. This was a dark day because Jesus was being crucified. We know it was Friday because Mark adds "Now when evening had come because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath" (Mk. 15:42). Since the Sabbath fell on Saturday, we know this dark day was on a Friday.

What made this "Black Friday" so special? It was special because of the price that was paid. Jesus paid the price for the sins of all mankind. Peter described it this way: "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sin, might live for right-eousness—by whose stripes you were healed" (1 Pet. 2:24). There was another special purchase made on this day. Paul told the elders at Ephesus about this purchase. He said, "Shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). Our salvation and the church of our Lord are worth more than all of Solomon's riches.

It was special too, because of the people who were there. The crowd of people who wanted Him crucified was there (Mk. 15:13). Simon the Cyrenian was there (Mk. 15:21). The soldiers who led Him away to the cross were standing there mocking Him (Mk. 15:16). The chief priests were mocking Him also (Mk. 15:31). The reason Jesus died was for those that were there and for those who were not there. Jesus stated in Luke 23:34, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." He was willing to forgive them while they were crucifying Him.

Have you participated in the events of the "Black Friday" of Jesus' life? Are you saved by His blood (Matt. 26:28; Rev. 1:5)? Have you put Him on in baptism and taken part in all that His death purchased (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27)? What did or does that "Black Friday" mean to you?

Source: Bulletindigest.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

Worship Schedule

Nov- Lew Wilson
Dec- Clay Perkins

Nov 26

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Hal Powell
Song Leader: Darren Parks
Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis
Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker
Communion: Dave Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Hal Powell Song Leader: Darren Parks Communion: Dave Lancaster Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

Wednesday Nov 29

Announce/Prayer: Hal Powell Song Leader: Karson Elrod Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

Door Greeters:

Dec 3

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster
Song Leader: Jodi Mote
Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis
Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis
Communion: Carlos Molina
Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote
Communion: Carlos Molina
Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday Dec 6

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster Song Leader: Karson Lancaster Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Upcoming Events

- *Dewey Avenue will host the traveling youth group this evening at 5pm followed by a meal in the fellowship room. The Birthday/Anniversary Dinner will be celebrated at the same time in the fellowship room. The church will provide pizza, please bring a side dish/dessert.
- *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.
- *There will a holiday gathering for the young adults at the Molina's house on Dec. 10 at 1pm. \$10 gift exchange. RSVP to Carlos or Jamie
- *The youth Christmas party will be held Dec. 17 after evening services. Please bring a \$10 or less exchange gift.
- * Ladies Christmas Outing on the Valley Gem Dec. 9 @ 5pm. Tickets are \$50.

Please RSVP no later than Nov. 24th to Jamie.

* Dale will be taking pictures to update the church directory, please see Dale for quick pictures after a.m. services.

PRAYER LIST:

- *Don Archer is recovering from having a pacemaker put in.
- *Melvin Truax has been under the weather with a respiratory issue.
- *Zack Lamp is suffering from kidney stones and heart issues.
- *Fred Wilson suffered a stroke and will be moved to rehab.
- *Bill Dutton will have a scan on Nov 29th.
- *Gala Stewart started a series of shots on her knee.
- *Fay Williams had a stent put in and removed some stones.

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Kirk Timmons, Amber Bullman, LeAnn Shultz, 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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Door Greeters: