# Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

November 5, 2023

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

## Authentic Freedom!

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

"Freedom" is a powerful word, full of all sorts of meaning to different people. Some people think freedom refers to political liberty, such as we have in the United States under the constitution. Others think freedom means being able to do whatever one wants morally. Some even think freedom means doing whatever one wants, regardless of the rule of law.

However, authentic freedom is based on the word of God and the work of His Son Jesus Christ! In John 8:36, Jesus said, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." One becomes free indeed by knowing the truth (John 8:32; 17:17) and obeying the truth (Matt. 7:21-27). This authentic freedom Christ offers is composed of three facets:

- 1. Freedom from the burdens of life! In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says the sinner is "heavy laden." Jesus tells us to bring that burden to Him. Hebrews 12:1 says to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us." Jesus can free us from those weights, as well as the burden of false religion and traditions of men (Matt. 23:3-4).
- **2. Freedom from bondage to sin!** The Jews that Jesus was speaking to in John 8 were not only in bondage to the law and to the traditions of men, but they were also in bondage to sin (John 8:44). Christ not only could free them from the law (Col. 2:14), but also from the guilt of sin (Rom. 3:23-26).
- **3. Freedom from blindness!** Jesus could open their eyes to the truth, if they so desired (John 8:32). Once one recognizes the power and importance of God's word, he no longer has to worried about being fooled by the false doctrines of men (Eph. 4:14), if he will continue in the things God teaches in His word. Paul's mission to the Gentiles was to "open their eyes" (Acts 26:18).

So while we celebrate our political and social freedom on July 4th, let us also focus on and remember our spiritual freedom that comes only through Christ Jesus! He frees us from the burdens of life, from bondage to sin, and from blindness! Are you free indeed?

Matt Clifton, <u>bulletindigest.com</u>

#### 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 5

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis
Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Clint Perkins Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

**Evening Worship:** 

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote Communion: Clint Perkins Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday Nov 8
Announce/Prayer:

Song Leader: Karson Elrod Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Door Greeters:

#### 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:

## **Upcoming Events**

\*Dew y Avenue will host the traveling youth group at the end of the month. More details to come.

#### PRAYER LIST:

\*John Rockhold is in Camden Clark. Please keep him in your prayers.

\*Kathy Lancaster will have another six weeks of physical therapy on her foot.

\*Lorraine Dutton hasn't been well lately.

\*LeAnn Shultz was sent home with antibiotics after suffering from pneumonia.

\*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.

\*Cecil Cline is in Harmar Place and isn't well.

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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, 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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