

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

December 17, 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

Who or What is Shaping Us?

By Bart Warren

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

This time of year emphasizes just how special it is to be with family. Gathering around a table to enjoy food and fellowship is so uniquely powerful that it is difficult to describe adequately.

In our digital age, with an emphasis on screens rather than faces, it is easy to lose sight of just how our minds and hearts are being shaped and transformed. Samuel James, a writer who has spent a great deal of time researching and thinking about the proper use of technology, has offered the following warning:

Digital technology (social media) gives a public platform to many people who would otherwise not have it. But this blessing comes at a cost. Because of the Web's disembodied nature, things like evidence, reasoning, and expertise have become marginalized. Instead, the idea of truthfulness has devolved into a question of individual narratives. "My story is my truth" is one of the key mantras of the digital age. Traditional authority structures have given way to an ephemeral "equality" that means the random blogger is as powerful as the veteran preacher, or the anonymous Twitter account can demand deference merely with a powerful story. On the Web, we all have the power to "define" our reality, no matter how far that supposed reality may be from objective truth.

The disembodied, narrative-based culture of the Web requires Christians to know and remind each other regularly what is really true. This is a big reason why we must continue to gather together in church. Being physically together as we sing, pray, and hear truth powerfully recalibrates our sense of reality to be more in line with eternity. God's story does not destroy our story—it transforms it, interprets it, and gives it meaning and purpose beyond "likes."

This holiday season, as we are blessed to gather with friends and family, let us be reminded of a few important matters:

1. As good as it is to gather with family around a dinner table, it is vital to gather with our church family around the Lord's table.
2. While we all may have unique experiences, there remains only one objective truth that all must submit to and acknowledge.
3. What we read and watch (and even how we read and watch it) molds and transforms us—let us make sure that we are being formed into the image of Jesus the Christ!

Source: bulletindigest.com

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

Dec— Clay Perkins

Jan—Darren Parks

Dec 17

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Communion: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Communion: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Wednesday Dec 20

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Door Greeters:

Dec 24

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Usher/Monitor: Jesse Barnhart

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

Wednesday Dec 27

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

Door Greeters:

Upcoming Events

*The youth Christmas party will be held today after evening service. Please bring a \$10 or less exchange gift.

* Dale will be taking pictures to update the church directory, please see Dale for quick pictures after a.m. services and also make sure you have filled out the information sheet and writing in your birthday(s)/ Anniversary.

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

PRAYER LIST:

*Gail Mote suffered a fall and broke his hip. He had surgery and is recovering.

*Gary Nichols received good news on his tests.

*Tom Meeks underwent a second knee replacement this past week and is home recovering.

Brenda Lancaster Family, Gala Stewart, Fred Wilson, Don Archer, Kirk Timmons, Amber Bullman, LeAnn Shultz, Don Collins, James Bennett, Evelyn Hall, 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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