

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

December 10, 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

Giving and Receiving By Joe Chester

“What are you getting for Christmas?” “What do you want for Christmas?”

How many times have you heard these questions lately? Christmas shopping is in full swing. For the next two weeks many gifts will be given and received. Which do you enjoy the most – giving or receiving? Unfortunately, for many people, the truthful answer to that question conflicts with the answer they know they should give. Honestly, receiving gifts, especially the one(s) we’ve always wanted, brings a lot of pleasure and happiness. But there’s no honor in receiving gifts (however, there can be dishonor in the way we act when we don’t get the gifts we’d hoped for).

Several years ago, Calvin Coolidge, our 30th president, said, “No person has ever been honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.” Can you think of an award or honor given to someone that received the greatest or most gifts? There may be, but nothing comes to my mind. On the other hand, there are numerous honors and rewards for those who excel at giving to an individual. Oscars and Emmys are given to the person who contributed the most to the music and entertainment industry. Athletics have their Most Valuable Player awards. Universities, governments, and even zoos have buildings named after major contributors.

This probably doesn’t surprise you at all. No doubt you have heard many times the statement of Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). The best known verse in the Bible honors God for what He gave, not for what He received (John 3:16). What does surprise many people is that when God honors giving, it has nothing to do with the amount of the gift. Generation after generation honors the poor widow who, even though it wasn’t much, gave all she had (Luke 21:2). The Macedonians are also esteemed for their giving, even though poverty stricken themselves (2 Cor. 8:1-5). In contrast, very little is said about those receiving the gifts. What do you know about the poor saints in Jerusalem other than they were famine stricken and very poor? About the only thing we know about how to receive gifts is to do so with gratitude and in a way that glorifies God. Perhaps we need to work a little harder at becoming a generous giver, and spend less time hoping and dreaming about all the things we might receive. That’s hard to do, especially at this time of the year, but by doing so, we will become a little bit more like the God we love and serve. Givers truly are more blessed than receivers.

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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 10

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 Dec 13

Announce/Prayer: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Door Greeters:

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:

Upcoming Events

*There will a holiday gathering for the young adults at the Molina's house today 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.

* 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.

*Thank you to all who helped with the holiday baskets!

PRAYER LIST:

*Ruth Eddy is back at the Heritage.

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

*Gary Nichols is going in for testing on his lungs and is requesting prayers.

*Bill Dutton had a body scan on Nov 29th and is awaiting results.

*Fay Williams had a stent put in and had stones removed.

*Kenny Lancaster's wife Brenda passed away last Monday. Please keep Kenny and the family in your prayers.

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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