

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

February 11, 2024

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St. Marys, WV (304) 684-3939

Measuring Our Love for God

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

While there is definitely an emotional component to love, true love is not merely emotion. True love is also a decision. It is a deliberate act of the will. The Bible reveals some measuring sticks by which we can determine whether or not our love for God is as deep as it could be.

Our love for God is measured by how much we love each other. “But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?” (1 John 3:17). “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20). “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.” (1 John 5:1-2). One may proclaim loudly and proudly that he loves God, but if his actions toward other Christians do not show that he seeks their well-being, then he really doesn’t love God like he thinks he does.

Our love for God is measured by how much we hate sin. “Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” (1 John 2:15). If we are totally captivated by the things of this world, then we really do not love God like we may think. The real measure, however, of how much we hate sin is not our disgust at the sins of others, but rather our level of disgust at the sin we find in ourselves! The exhortation of Psalm 97:10 is simple, but profound in its application: “Hate evil, you who love the LORD!”

Our love for God is measured by whether or not we obey God. “But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.” (1 John 2:5). “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3). Here is where some who profess to love God actually prove that they do not.

I once studied the Bible with a man who simply refused to accept that he needed to be baptized in order to be saved (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). At one point we read John 14:15, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” The gentleman avowed his belief in what Jesus said. We coupled that passage with Mark 16:16, where Jesus said, “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved.” It was there that he balked. I posed this question to him, “If Jesus wants you to be baptized and you refuse, then according to John 14:15, do you really love Jesus?” Tragically, he never accepted the implications of his rejection of Jesus’ instructions.

Do you love God?

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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

Feb— Hal Powell

March— Lew Wilson

Feb 11

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Usher/Monitor: Clay Perkins

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Wednesday Feb 14

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Door Greeters: Kirk Timmons, Clay Perkins

Feb 18

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Clay Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Usher/Monitor: Brian Mercer

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Wednesday Feb 21

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Door Greeters: Kirk Timmons, Clay Perkins

Upcoming Events

*VBS meeting today after AM Worship (VBS starts June 2)

*Feb 18 Soup Outreach and Church—eat— Church *(Please bring quart jars)

*Feb 19 Monday Night Merge at DEWEY AVENUE

*The 2024 Birthday/ Anniversary calendar is on the table in the back of the auditorium .

Youth Events

*Feb 12 Monday Night Merge @ Barlow Vincent

*CYC conference in Pigeon Forge Feb 23-25.

* Feb 26 MNM @ Camden Ave

*Mar 4 MNM@ Rockport

*Mar 11 MNM @ Lubeck

Birthday & Anniversary this week

11th— Clint Perkins

14th— Glenn Stewart

16th— Max Grose

PRAYER LIST:

*Shirley Hearn is having health difficulties and waiting on test results. Needing prayers.

*Richard Davis had a successful surgery on Tuesday and is home recovering.

*Zack Lamp is recovering at home. He will go back to the hospital Monday for another attempt to get his heart back in rhythm.

*Dan Kessinger is in Kenya on a mission trip.

Ruth Eddy Family, Thelma Moore Family, Tom Meeks, Aaron Byrd, Gary Nichols, Gala Stewart, Bill Elrod, Judy Lough, Fred Wilson, Kirk Timmons, Rhonda Perkins, James Bennett, Evelyn Hall, Fay Williams, Betty Timmons, Jane Ann Becker, Jeremy Rhodes, Dave St. Peter, Lorraine Dutton, Bill Dutton, Gerald & Janice Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Gail Mote, Sandy Mote, John Rockhold, Cecil Cline, Zack Lamp, Madeline McFadden, Larry Truax, and Carolyn Rule.

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