

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

February 25, 2024

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

Independent But Connected

Gospel preacher Curtis Cates (1941-2013) once wrote about an event that happened in his life:

“In a recent gospel meeting, this writer was privileged to meet a dentist and his wife who informed him of an inquiry they had made of the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation several decades ago. This couple was very active in a mainline denominational church when they began to notice the increasingly pronounced move toward socialism, especially in the directives and guidelines sent down from the church’s headquarters.

Having become disenchanted by the modernistic, anti- American, pro-socialistic thrusts of their denomination and by the National Council of Churches, of which their church was a member and major supporter, they wrote Director J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I., Washington, D.C., asking, ‘Which church in America, if any, is likely to be the least infiltrated and permeated by such unpatriotic influences?’

Mr. Hoover promptly responded by letter, saying that since the churches of Christ are completely autonomous— possessing no organization larger than the local church, thus no hierarchy to send directives down to the local congregation—there would be little likelihood of more than one or a few congregations ever coming under such influence.

The dentist and his wife investigated the undenominational church of Christ, against which they had earlier been quite prejudiced. They came to appreciate the restoration principle (i.e., the return to the pure teaching of the New Testament and thereby restoring the primitive church, which Christ built nearly two thousand years ago) and obeyed the gospel plan of salvation, as set forth in the Acts of Apostles.

Director Hoover’s insight into the organization of the church of Christ will always be appreciated by these fine Christians and by their children.” (J Edgar Hoover and the Church of Christ, [Bulletindigest.com](http://bulletindigest.com))

One unique thing about us is that we don’t have any board, committee, headquarters or hierarchy of men above us, telling us what to believe, how much money we should pay them, or appointing us a preacher. While one individual or congregation may plead with other individuals from another congregation to change if they are committing a sin by appealing to the teachings of Scripture, they still do not have any authority to remove their leadership or seize their building if the other congregation refuses to change.

Why? Nowhere is there a command or example of this in the Scriptures. Instead, each congregation was appointed elders (Acts 14:23), to oversee and shepherd (Acts 20:25-32; 1 Peter 5:1-5); and beyond them was no regional or national leadership. Jesus is the only one above them who is the head or leader over every congregation (Ephesians 1:21-23).

In other words, churches of Christ are independent or autonomous. Yet also connected because the very basis of our unity is not any extra-Biblical hierarchy, but the word of God; our authority and creed.

-Dale Parsley

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 25

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Communion: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

Wednesday Feb 28

Announce/Prayer: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

Door Greeters: Clay Perkins, Joe Elrod

March 3

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Usher/Monitor: Jesse Barnhart

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday March 6

Announce/Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Door Greeters:

Upcoming Events

* Thursday morning Bible Study: Starting March 7 at 10:00 in the fellowship room.

There will be a baby shower (boy) for Ariel Butcher on March 17 at 1pm at the Jim Spence Center. They are registered at Amazon.

Youth Events

*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

25th— Dave Lancaster

26-th— Rhanda Archer

27th— Betty Timmons

*Congrats to Tom and Cheryl Becker on the birth of their new grandson Callan Lieber.

Congrats to Ashley and Mark!

Thanks so much to the Dewey Avenue Church of Christ, as well as members of the congregation, for all your care and support during Mom's recent passing. We appreciated the many cards, phone calls/texts and flowers. The Ladies Group did an excellent job of preparing a delicious meal for our family and friends. We appreciated everyone who came to visitation and attended Mom's service. And we truly appreciate the church and all individuals who made donations to the WV School of Preaching in Mom's memory. All these acts of kindness would have meant so much to Mom, and they mean so much to us too.

Mike Eddy & Joyce Hubner

PRAYER LIST:

*LeAnn Shultz is home after being Allegheny Hospital with complications from pulmonary hypertension.

*Shirley Hearn is having health difficulties and is needing prayers.

*Judy Lough was able to be Wednesday Bible Study.

*Marlin Runnion has been recovering in Belmont Health Care Center and was scheduled to come home yesterday.

Aaron Byrd, Gary Nichols, Gala Stewart, Judy Lough, 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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