

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

April 27, 2025

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

Hal Powell

Lew Wilson

Deacons:

Joe Elrod

Brian Mercer

Darren Parks

Clay Perkins

Minister:

Dale Parsley

Youth Minister:

Carlos Molina

Man's Heart, God's Choice

by Dale Parsley

While waiting between the ascension of Christ and the establishment of the church in Acts 1–2, Peter revealed to the small group of disciples that another apostle must be selected to take the place of Judas. The qualifications were based on: (1) being a disciple of Jesus, (2) accompanying the other disciples from the beginning of the baptism of John to Jesus' ascension into Heaven (Acts 1:21–22), and (3) being an eyewitness to the resurrection of Jesus (verse 22).

Even though the apostles proposed two candidates, it was God who chose. In their prayer, they revealed another qualification that is often overlooked. Acts 1:24 says, "You, O Lord, who knows the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen." Notice that God's selection of Matthias was not just based on external qualifications, but on the condition of his heart.

Consider another example. When God rejected Saul as king, He sent Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel. All that Samuel knew was that one of Jesse's sons would be the next king. The one who most looked the part was Eliab. In fact, Samuel said of him, "Surely the LORD'S Anointed is before Him" (verse 6). However, "The LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart'" (1 Samuel 16:7–8). Out of Jesse's eight sons, the next king was the youngest, who wasn't even invited to the selection meeting—David, a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22).

Examining the heart is essential in service to God. Before a man serves as a deacon, he must first ask, "Why do I want to be a deacon?" If his heart is not right, bad things could occur down the road. Before a man serves as an elder, he must first consider the reason he wants to be an elder. If his heart isn't right, he could be consumed with pride like Diotrephes, rejecting the authority of God (3 John 9–10). If a man wants to devote his life to preaching, that's great—but why? If his heart is in the wrong place, he could become the type of preacher Paul warns about, one who scratches itching ears, telling people what they want to hear (2 Timothy 4:3–4).

A great lesson for all of us who hold some kind of position in the church: beyond the specific qualifications, make sure the heart is right. If it is, then we are God's choice to serve in His Kingdom.

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)

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Worship Schedule

Apr— Lew Wilson

May— Clay Perkins

April 27

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Usher/Monitor: Ethan Davis

Reading: Noah Molina

Speaker: Carlos Molina

Communion: Larry Butcher

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Speaker: Dale Parsley

Communion: Larry Butcher

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

Wednesday Apr 30

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

May 4

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clint Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Reading: Noah Molina

Speaker: Dale Parsley

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clint Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Speaker: Dale Parsley

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Wednesday May 7

Announce/Pray: Clint Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Upcoming Events

April 27— Birthday/Anniv after PM Service

May 3— Spring Cleaning @ building 8:30am

May 5— Elders/Deacons meeting 6pm

May 18— Church, eat, Church, honoring Graduates

Vacation Bible School June 1-4

Youth Events

*Lads to Leaders Conference in Altoona, PA May 23-25

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week

May 3— Michael Butcher

New Address

This is Kathy Stevens. Dad and mom would like this announcement put in the bulletin. Also, please start mailing them the bulletin.

To our church family,
Thank you for our Pre-Anniversary Celebration and for all your love and kindness through the years. We love you and we will miss you.

Our new address is:

6401 Winchester Blvd.

Apt. 208

Canal Winchester, OH. 43110

Phone: 1-614-321-4649

If you are ever in our area, stop and see us.

Love,

Glenn and Gala

PRAYER LIST

*Becky Hinton's husband John suffered a heart attack and is in Camden Clark.

*Lisa Westbrook-Smith has been placed on hospice care. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

*Lorraine Dutton was able to come to Bible Study last Wednesday.

*Karson Elrod will have upcoming surgery on his left hand to increase mobility on the 29th.

*Aviah Lancaster suffered a fall last week and had to have surgery on her teeth and will face 2 more surgeries. She is the daughter of Kyle & Sarah.

Denny Davis Family, Barbara Carl Family, Larry Truax Family, Jim Grove, Shirley Hearn, Angie Parsley, Karson Elrod, Kirk Timmons, John Hinton, Donna Collins, Don Collins, Ruth Ann Keith, Carlos Molina, James Bennett, Fay Williams, Jim McFarland, Shirley Hearn, Marlin Runnion, Gerald & Janice Burns, Betty Timmons, Shirley Grubbs, Jane Ann Becker, Bill & Lorraine Dutton, Gail & Sandy Mote, John Rockhold, Zach Lamp, Carolyn Rule & Lisa Westbrook Smith.

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