

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

June 15, 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

Camaron

Lancaster

Brian Mercer

Jodi Mote

Darren Parks

Clay Perkins

Clint Perkins

Minister:

Dale Parsley

Youth Minister:

Carlos Molina

A Religion of Sadness?

by Dan Jenkins

Christianity was never designed to be a religion of sadness. The words “joy” and “rejoice” are found more than 400 times in the Bible. How could any relationship with God be anything other than the most marvelous experience one could have on this earth? When Paul described the fruit of the Spirit working in our lives, the second word he used was “joy.” Life with Him can never be a life of despair and gloom.

There is joy associated for those who teach others. There is great joy for those who teach. When Jesus told His disciples that the fields were ready to be reaped, He said that both those who sow and those who reap shall rejoice together ([John 4:36](#)). The psalmist said that those who sow shall without doubt come rejoicing ([Psa. 126:5-6](#)).

There is joy for those who are taught about Jesus. On the day of Pentecost, there were 3,000 who received the word with joy ([Acts 2:41](#)). When Philip preached in Samaria, “There was great joy in that city” ([Acts 8:8](#)). The Ethiopian “...went on his way rejoicing” ([Acts 8:39](#)). The man who found the treasure of the kingdom, “...for joy over it goes and sells all he had and buys the field” ([Matt. 13:44](#)). Think about your own experience. Has there ever been any day surpassing the day your sins were forgiven?

There is joy in the midst of trials as a Christian. When adversity comes into our lives, God tells us to “...count it all joy when you fall into various trials” ([Jas. 1:3](#)). How can this be? God gives the answer in the verses that follow. It is the trials in our lives which make us “...perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” Notice also that God said, “count it all joy”! We must not focus on the trials of adversity but on the results of them.

Jesus used some amazing words to describe our response when we are hated by others for His sake. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy” ([Luke 6:23](#)). He does not see such times of adversity as a time to weep but as a time to rejoice. But, even more than just a time for joy—a time to leap for joy!

There is immeasurable joy awaiting us at the end of our lives. As Paul journeyed to Jerusalem for the final time, he passed through many cities. In every one of them there were prophets who foretold the chains and tribulations which he would face when he arrived. Such did not deter his resolve, for he longed to “...finish my race with joy” ([Acts 20:24](#)). It was this same joy which Jesus spoke of when His disciples were rejoicing that they had the power to cast out demons. He said, “Do not rejoice in this ... but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven” ([Luke 10:20](#)).

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say rejoice.”

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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: www.gbntv.org & Youtube

In Search of the Lord's Way: 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15,
8:00—Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg

Parkersburg;

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Worship Schedule

June— Darren Parks

July— Camaron Lancaster

June 15

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Usher/Monitor: Ethan Davis

Reading: Desmond Parks

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

Wednesday June 18

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Noah Mote

June 22

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Reading: Noah Molina

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Jodi Mote

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Jodi Mote

Wednesday June 18

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Desmond Parks

Upcoming Events

Messages from the Minor Prophets

June 18: Dan Kessinger –

The Character of God (Nahum 1:2-3)

June 25: Skip Andrews –

Questioning God (Habakkuk)

July 2: John Keith –

The Story of Jonah

July 9: Terry Jones –

The Unwanted Prophet (Amos 7:10-17)

July 16: Bill Deen –

What does God Require? (Micah 6:8)

July 23: Andy Robison –

The Heart of Repentance (Joel 2:12-13)

July 30: Kyle Lancaster

The Message from Obadiah

Youth Events

*OVCYC Senior Week 6/15-6/20

*OVCYC Intermediate 6/22-6/27

*OVCYC Junior Week 6/29-7/3

*WVCYC Senior Week 6/29-7/5

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week

June 20— Jerry & Debbie Boyce M/M

June 21— Elmer Burns

June 23— Amori Mercer

June 24— Miranda Elrod

June 28— Casey Burns

PRAYER LIST

*Kirk Timmons is in a brace hoping to avoid surgery for his back after suffering a fall and was able to be here Wed.

*Jane Ann Becker will have upcoming biopsy & treatments for spots on her liver.

*Gerald Burns is in Encompass room 241 recovering from his fall but is struggling. Please pray for Gerald & Janice.

*Please keep Gary & Pat Nichols in your prayers as they battle health issues and travel to Cleveland.

*Marlin Runnion has been moved to Ellison Assisted in Marietta.

*Stephanie Franzen had her 4th surgery for breast cancer and is battling fatigue.

Pat Bills, Carla Summers, Lisa Westbrook-Smith Family, Gary Nichols, Sandra Binagar, Aviah Lancaster, Jay D. Smith, Jim Grove, Shirley Hearn, Angie Parsley, Kirk Timmons, John Hinton, Ruth Ann Keith, Carlos Molina, Teresa Frisone, 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.

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