

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

June 22, 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

It Is Not a Ritual, It Is a Path to Holiness

By Dan Jenkins

Because it happens every week, it is easy for the partaking of the Lord's Supper to become somewhat of a religious ritual and we fail to understand the part it plays in our spiritual growth. The abuse of this feast in Corinth brought dire consequences. "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep" ([1 Cor. 11:30](#)). If one does not remember Jesus and discern His body as he partakes of the bread and cup, he eats and drinks damnation to his soul.

In the New Testament we remember Him, but in the Old Testament they remembered their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. From the time the Sabbath was given until the close of the Old Testament, there was not a weekly assembly, but a time when the Jews, their families, their Gentile neighbors, and even their animals stopped all activity and spent that day thinking about God delivering them from bondage. Tragically, by the time of the New Testament, it had become a day which involved the precise distance one could walk on that day, whether it was sinful to walk through a field of grain and eat the wheat in that field as they walked. It had become a day where one could water his donkey and help his ox get out of a ditch, but the Messiah was forbidden to heal on that day. It was so ritualistic that keeping the rites of that day became a symbol of righteousness!

The failure to keep that day holy by remembering their deliverance from Egypt was a primary reason for the Babylonian captivity that lasted seven decades. God described it this way: "Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned My holy things...and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them" ([Ezek. 22:26](#)). The sabbath was holy and so is the Lord's supper.

So, what happens to us as we remember, not the sabbath, but the Lord in His feast? Peter described those who were failing to add the "Christian Graces" to their faith when he says, "For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten he was cleansed from his old sins" ([2 Pet. 1:9](#)). The Lord's Supper is a weekly reminder of how He purged us from our sins and delivered us from the bondage of sin. It is a time we examine ourselves as we visit the cross. The Lord wanted Israel to remember deliverance from the bondage of Egypt every week and gave them a memorial day to ensure their spiritual growth. The Lord wants us to remember our deliverance from the bondage of sin every week and has given us a memorial feast to ensure our spiritual growth.

As you eat the bread and drink of the cup, never let it become a ritual. But let it be that time when you commune with Him around His table and visit the cross of our salvation.

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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 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

June 29

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster
Song Leader: Darren Parks
Usher/Monitor: Joe Elrod
Usher/Monitor: Don Archer
Reading: Lane Perkins
Communion: Larry Butcher
Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster
Song Leader: Darren Parks
Communion: Larry Butcher
Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Wednesday July 2

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster
Song Leader: Darren Parks
Closing Prayer: Karson Elrod

Upcoming Events

Messages from the Minor Prophets

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 Intermediate 6/22-6/27

*OVCYC Junior Week 6/29-7/3

*WVCYC Senior Week 6/29-7/5

Birthdays/Annivers this week

June 23— Amori Mercer

June 24— Miranda Elrod

June 28— Casey Burns

June 29— Gerald & Janice Burns M/M

June 30— Carson Parsley

July 5— Emily Lancaster

PRAYER LIST

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

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

Jane Ann Becker, Bruce Becker, Stephanie Franzen, Pat Bills, Carla Summers, Lisa Westbrook-Smith Family, Gary Nichols, Sandra Binegar, 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, Bill & Lorraine Dutton, Gail & Sandy Mote, John Rockhold, Zach Lamp, & Carolyn Rule.

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