

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

June 29, 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

ELDERS

This may sound strange to the world, but consider this: if the institution of the church is greater than that of the government, then the office of an elder is greater than the office of the President.

Think about it: Governments rise and fall, but the church is eternal (Matthew 16:17–19). Governments pertain only to life on earth, but a Christian's citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20). Governments often persuade through force (Romans 13:1–7), but the gospel transforms the heart (Romans 6:17–18). A ceasefire between nations may stop violence but does not heal bitterness or hatred. In contrast, through Jesus, true forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace are possible (Matthew 6:12, 14; Matthew 5:21–26; Romans 12:18).

As a congregation, we have the serious yet privilege to consider some men for the office of an elder.

In recent sermons, we've studied what this office entails. According to Acts 20, three different terms refer to the same office: *elder* (v. 17), *overseer* or *bishop* (v. 28), and *shepherd* or *pastor* (v. 28).

The term **elder** implies both age and wisdom. While Scripture doesn't specify an exact age, a man must be mature enough that his children are believers (Titus 1:6). Biblical wisdom isn't just having knowledge—it's the ability to apply God's Word to life through experience and discernment.

The term **overseer** refers to one who watches over others. Hebrews 13:17 says they "watch out for your souls." Elders are entrusted with making decisions for the good of the congregation—not as micromanagers or dictators, but as those who serve under the authority of the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:1–6). This includes a willingness to speak to others about their soul. Especially if they're overtaken in a sin and need restored in a spirit of gentleness (Galatians 6:1).

The term **shepherd** or **pastor** originally referred to someone who cared for literal sheep. Like a good shepherd who is careful about what his flock consumes, pastors must guard against false teachings that can lead people away from Christ (Acts 20:28–32). They recognize that wolves may appear in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15). And when sheep wander, they pursue them (Luke 15:1–7).

Attached to this bulletin is a more detailed sheet describing the biblical qualifications of elders, along with a nomination form where you may suggest men who you believe are potentially qualified to serve.

Please prayerfully consider the Scriptures as you make your nominations. May God be the one who ultimately chooses any man to serve as an elder.

-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: 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;

Worship Schedule

June— Darren Parks

July— Camaron Lancaster

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

July 6

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Hal Powell

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Reading: Noah Molina

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday July 9

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Upcoming Events

Messages from the Minor Prophets

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

*OVCCYC Junior Week 6/29-7/3

*WVCYC Senior Week 6/29-7/5

*WVCYC Intermediate 7/6-7/11

*WVCYC Junior Week 7/13-7/18

Birthdays/Annivers this week

June 29— Gerald & Janice Burns M/M

June 30— Carson Parsley

July 5— Emily Lancaster

July 6— Ed Wilson

July 7— Brad & Pam Butcher M/M

July 8— Joe & Miranda Elrod M/M

July 8— Melvin & Sue Truax M/M

July 9— Carlos Molina

July 10— Victoria Booth

July 10— Clay & Rhonda Perkins M/M

Upcoming Events

*The Perkins Family would like to invite everyone to their property at Tower Road on Wed July 2 after evening service for Fireworks and food.

*Elders Deacons Meeting 7/14 6pm

*July 20th June/July Birthday/ Anniversary celebration

PRAYER LIST

*Carson Parsley is taking Lime Disease treatments after being bitten by a tick.

*Joe Elrod's brother Mark is in ICU in Florida and isn't well. Please keep the Elrod's in your prayers.

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

*Bill Dutton has been struggling with pain and requests prayers for he and Lorraine.

Adam Strimer Family, Jane Ann Becker, Bruce Becker, Cindy Slingluff, Stephanie Franzen, Ashton & Baby Lancaster, Carla Summers, Lisa Westbrook-Smith Family, Gary Nichols, Sandra Binegar, Aviah Lancaster, Jim Grove, Shirley Hearn, Angie Parsley, Kirk Timmons, John Hinton, Ruth Ann Keith, Carlos Molina, Teresa Frisone, James Bennett, Fay Williams, Jim McFarland, 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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