

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

July 20, 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

4 Different Accounts of the Gospels

Sometimes individuals ask as to why we have four different accounts of the life of Jesus. Why did God not simply reveal in one book all that Jesus did? One of the reasons is that each of the gospels has a different audience and a different purpose as they write.

Luke's audience was Theophilus, whom he addresses as "most excellent."

This was a special term used in the first century to give honor to nobility within the government. Both Festus and Felix are addressed in this way ([Acts 23:26; 24:3; 26:25](#)). Why did Luke write this gospel? Read his opening words. There were many (obviously, not just Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) who were trying to write what they remembered about Jesus, but Luke says that he had a "...perfect understanding of all things from the very first..." and he was writing to give to Theophilus a precise account in the exact order it happened ([Luke 1:1, 4](#)).

Why is John so different from the other gospel accounts? Because his purpose is not to focus on chronology, but he selects seven miracles to accomplish his purpose. "Truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" ([John 20:30-31](#)).

Now focus on John's opening paragraph. There is no mention of Jesus' birth, the shepherds, the wise men or Herod. John wanted his readers to be fully convinced that Jesus is the Christ. He goes back to the beginning, to the time before there was the heavens and the earth. Jesus was there. The Word was there; He was with God (Deity), and the Word was Deity. The rest of this book is designed to magnify the Word so that everyone might be fully convinced that Jesus is God.

In that paragraph Jesus is introduced as the One in who was life (1:4). Adam, the first life was created through Jesus ("without Him nothing was made that was made"), but He is even more. His is not just physical life, He is the One through whom all who believe may have eternal, spiritual life (20:31).

But He is even more. He was "...the light of men" (1:4). The world into which He came and this Light "shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (1:5).

He is even more. He is "the true light which gives light to every man" (1:9). He is the "...only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (1:14). While Moses gave the law, "...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (1:17).

As you read your Bible, slow down! Look carefully at every book, every chapter, every paragraph, every sentence, every word! There are heavenly treasures in every word!

-Dan Jenkins, churchofchristarticles.com

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, Parkersburg; 8:00—Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg

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Worship Schedule

July— Camaron Lancaster

Aug— Connor Lancaster

July 20

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Usher/Monitor: Jesse Barnhart

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Reading: Desmond Parks

Communion: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Communion: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Wednesday July 23

Announce/Pray: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

July 27

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis

Usher/Monitor: Ethan Davis

Reading: Noah Mote

Communion: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

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Upcoming Events

*Today is our June/July Birthday/ Anniversary celebration and will be a Church/eat/Church. Everyone is invited to stay for our meal following AM Worship. PM Worship will start at approx. 12-45-1pm.

*Clothing Giveaway 8/2 8:30am-1:30pm

Wed Summer Series

July 23: Andy Robison –

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

July 30: Kyle Lancaster

The Message from Obadiah

Youth Events

*WVCYC All Age Week 7/20-7/25

*WVCYC Singing Week 7/27-8/1

Birthdays/Annivers this week

July 21– Judy Lough

July 22– Ruth Ann Keith

July 23– Mason Elrod

July 27– Gary Nichols

July 28– Hannah Parsley

July 29– **Glenn & Gala Stewart 75th Anniversary!** If you'd like to send them a card, their address is:

6401 Winchester Blvd. Apt. 208 Canal Winchester, OH. 43110 Phone: 1-614-321-4649

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office@deweyavechurchofchrist.org*

*Any updates for the bulletin, please email to:
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PRAYER LIST

*Our condolences go out to the Marlin Runion Family on his passing last Sunday 7/6. His funeral was Wednesday.

*Gary Nichols is in the CVU unit trying to get his heart back in rhythm and keeping the fluid off. Keep him in your prayers.

*Larry Butcher's leg slightly improving & Delores Butcher is feeling a little better as well.

*Joe Elrod's brother Mark has been placed on hospice care in Pensacola, Florida. Please keep the Elrod's in your prayers.

*Gerald Burns continues to recover at home.

*Bill Dutton has been struggling with pain.

*Stephanie Franzen is making good progress in her recovery from breast cancer.

Dale Parsley, Darlene Thomas Family, Roger Truax Family, Adam Strimer Family, Jane Ann Becker, Bruce Becker, Cindy Slingluff, Stephanie Franzen, Ashton & Baby Lancaster, Carla Summers, Gary Nichols, Sandra Binegar, Aviah Lancaster, Jim Grove, Shirley Hearn, Angie Parsley, Kirk Timmons, John Hinton, Carlos Molina, Teresa Frisone, James Bennett, Fay Williams, Jim McFarland, Gerald & Janice Burns, Betty Timmons, Shirley Grubbs, Bill & Lorraine Dutton, Gail & Sandy Mote, John Rockhold, Zach Lamp, Jeremy Rhodes & Carolyn Rule.

Message from the Elders

The elders have decided to give \$500 each to Michael Jones of the Pennsboro congregation and Peter Ray Cole as they embark on separate missions to Kenya over the next month. Please keep them in your prayers.