

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

August 17, 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

Blessed Blessings

Sometimes the best way to define a word is to look at the word which stands in opposition to it. We use the words “blessed” or “blessing” so often and in so many ways that we lose track of their exact meaning. Take a moment and look at the words that are the opposite words—cursed and cursing.

Think of the emphasis the Bible gives to those who fail to find His favor and blessings and come under judgment. “The Lord is angry with the wicked every day” ([Psa. 7:11](#)). “Even his prayer is an abomination” ([Prov. 28:9](#)). “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” ([Heb. 10:31](#)). “A certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries” ([Heb. 10:27](#)). This is the opposite of being blessed by God and finding favor in His sight. A simple definition of the word “blessed” is that it means “happy.” But, that word is too “simple” to see how magnificently blessed it is when we find His blessed favor.

The words of the song, “Blessed Assurance,” were first published 150 years ago. The fact that is so often sung today is evidence of how so many have rejoiced in the fact that we live under His favor and find great hope in Him. It was written by Fanny J. Crosby, who was blind from six weeks old. Mrs. Crosby wrote at least 4,000 hymns, possibly 8,000.

The first stanza of “Blessed Assurance” describes how wonderful it is to be His child. “Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!” It then looks at specific ways we are blessed—“heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.” Read these phrases again and think soberly about how they express the blessing of having His favor.

The second stanza speaks of the perfect delight which we have when we submit to Him and His control of our lives. It looks upward to see the rapturous blessings of vision depicted as angels descending from heaven to bring them. Two specific blessings are mentioned—“echoes of mercy” and “whispers of love.”

The third stanza turns our hearts to the peace we have. “Perfect submission, all is at rest.” In Christ, we are “happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.”

Is there any wonder why the chorus speaks of this blessed assurance being our story and our song? We are “praising my Savior all the day long.”

There is so much depth in the meaning of songs which for centuries have stirred the hearts of others. They have become part of the “psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” today. Think of the words of these songs, and let them lift you upward toward heaven.

By 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

Aug— Connor Lancaster

Sep— Lew Wilson

Aug 17

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Usher/Monitor: Don Collins

Usher/Monitor: Hal Powell

Reading: Karson Elrod

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Evening Worship: PM Sing

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Wednesday Aug 20

Announce/Pray: Cameron L

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Karson Elrod

Aug 24

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Usher/Monitor: Brian Mercer

Reading: Desmond Parks

Communion: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Wednesday Aug 27

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Desmond Parks

Upcoming Events

*Aug 24th will be our Friends and Family Day! Please make plans to invite your friends and family to attend. It will be a Church, eat, Church to celebrate Aug b-day & anniversaries as well.

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week

Aug 18- Lorraine Dutton

Aug 18— Bill & Lorraine Dutton M/M

Aug 26— Dale & Angie Parsley M/M

Aug 26— Wrenley Lancaster

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Congratulations!

We are happy to announce that Ed Wilson was recently inducted into the Mid-Ohio Valley Sports Hall of Fame! Congrats Ed!

PRAYER LIST

*Melvin Truax will go for a follow-up on the 25th.

*Dale Parsley's mother Retta is hospitalized in Johnson City, Tennessee with liver issues.

*Dave Parks underwent a stress test last week and has an EKG in Athens tomorrow.

*Sandra Binegar had heart surgery on Tuesday and had a pace maker put in.

*JD Smith's mother, Chris, passed away last week and her funeral is today. Prayers to the Smith family at this time.

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Gary Nichols Family, Chris Jones, Larry & Delores Butcher, Mark Elrod Family, Marlin Runnion Family, Darlene Thomas Family, Roger Truax Family, Adam Strimer Family, Jane Ann Becker, Bruce Becker, Cindy Slingluff, Stephanie Franzen, Ashton & Baby Lancaster, Carla Summers, Sandra Binegar, Aviah Lancaster, Jim Grove, Shirley Hearn, Dale & 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.