

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

August 24, 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

Darren Parks

Deacons:

Joe Elrod

Camaron

Lancaster

Brian Mercer

Jodi Mote

Clay Perkins

Clint Perkins

Minister:

Dale Parsley

Youth Minister:

Carlos Molina

A CONVENIENT TIME

In **Acts 24:24 – 25**, we read of Paul's bold message to Felix, governor of the Roman province of Judea, and his wife Drusilla. Paul, having been accused by the Jews in Jerusalem of causing problems and encouraging strife among the people, was arrested by the Roman authorities and eventually imprisoned by them in the provincial capital of Caesarea. While awaiting trial for these false charges, Paul used every opportunity to teach and preach the gospel to whoever would hear. On this particular occasion, Felix decided to hear Paul speak. As was his character, Paul used this opportunity to preach a strong, scriptural sermon to the governor and his wife.

His message was evidently effective, for it caused Felix to be fearful and apprehensive. It says in **v. 25** that Felix became **"afraid."** (*KJV: It says he "trembled."*)

Paul's strong, pointed gospel message struck a chord in the heart of the governor. This ruler apparently stood convicted of his past sinful actions and was now contemplating what he must do about them. Would he accept the challenge and change his life by following the teachings of the gospel or would he just ignore the obvious truth and choose to do nothing?

In **v. 25** of the text, we can see that, sadly, he chose to take the latter course – the "path of least resistance." He responds to Paul's message by telling him to: **"Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."** Felix decided that it was too hard to change, too difficult to commit his life to Christ. He made the decision that many of us do – he wanted what was **"convenient"** for him. This same word as used in **v. 25** is translated from the Greek word **Kairos** which means: "an occasion, i.e. set or proper time: ...opportunity, (convenient, due) season." (1) The dictionary defines "convenient" as: "easy to do, use, or get to; handy." (2) When we want what is "convenient", we want what is easy.

Convenience usually involves something that offers little chance of challenge, struggle, or sacrifice.

Yet, Christianity is not convenient! It is not easy! It was never meant to be something that is, as some people say: "Easy come, easy go." It requires that we commit everything – our whole self – to serving God. Jesus explains this well in **Luke 14:33**; **"...whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."**

Let us not do what is convenient, rather let us do what is right in the sight of God! When we do what we think is right, easy, and convenient in our own sight that only leads to other problems and ultimately to eternal condemnation, **"...the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12)**. True, being a Christian, at times, can be very difficult and challenging. It can be a daily struggle! However, we are promised strength for the journey (**Isaiah 40:31**) and at the end of our life, a great reward. If we stay faithful to the end, we will, as our Savior says in **Matthew 19:29**, **"...inherit eternal life."** (1) James Strong, *A Concise Dictionary Of The Words In The Greek Testament, in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance Of The Bible* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1990), 39. Used by permission. All rights reserved. (2) Michael Agnes, ed., *Webster's New Dictionary* (Cleveland, Ohio: Wiley Publishing Inc., 2003), 146. **Author:** Erik Smith, www.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 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

Aug 31

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Reading: Noah Mote

Communion: Larry Butcher

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Communion: Larry Butcher

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday Sep 3

Announce/Pray: Dave Parks

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Noah Mote

Upcoming Events

*Today is our Friends an Family Day!
It will be a Church,eat,Church to celebrate Aug b-day & anniversaries as well. Our PM service will start after our meal at approx. 12:30-12:45pm.

Birthdays/Annivers this week

Aug 26— Dale & Angie Parsley M/M

Aug 26— Wrenley Lancaster

Aug 31— Grayson Schneider

Aug 31— Adam & Casey Burns M/M

Sep 1— Larry & Delores Butcher M/M

Sep 2— Angie Parsley

Sep 3— Lew & Lisa Wilson M/M

Sep 3- Richard Lee & Marci Davis M/M

Sep 5— Pat Nichols

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PRAYER LIST

*Our condolences go out to the Jim McFarland family and Lisa Wilson on the passing of her father on Tuesday.

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

*Dale Parsley's mother Retta is out of the hospital and is improving while battling liver issues.

*Dave Parks will have a upcoming heart catheterization in the near future.

*Sandra Binegar is on new medication for her heart issues.

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Chris Smith Family, 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.