

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

August 31, 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

GREATER THAN SOLOMON

By Dale Parsley

King Solomon is one of the most accomplished men this world has ever known. He ruled more territory than any other Israelite king (1 Kings 4:21). His intelligence and wisdom exceeded that of any man of his day (1 Kings 3:12). People from all over the world came to learn from him (1 Kings 10:1-7). He had over 700 wives and 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:3). Each year he received about 25 tons of gold (1 Kings 10:14) and was regularly given silver, gold, garments, myrrh, spices, horses, and mules (1 Kings 10:24-25). If all of Solomon's wealth and assets were calculated in today's currency, he would be the only trillionaire! He was the man most men dreamed of being, and the man most women desired to marry.

In contrast, Jesus was no earthly king or ruler (John 6:1-16; 18:36-37). He never received a formal education or degree. He never married and lived a morally pure life of celibacy (Hebrews 4:15). The only times someone prestigious or powerful came to hear Him were to argue with Him (Matthew 21-22) or to condemn Him with cowardice during His arrest and trials (Matthew 26:57-58; Luke 23:6-12; John 18-19).

By today's standards, Jesus would have been considered a traveling, homeless man. He received some support from His followers (Luke 8:1-3) and often stayed in their homes (Mark 1:29-31; Luke 10:38-42). At other times, however, He had nowhere to lay His head (Matthew 8:20). By invitation, He ate with tax collectors and sinners (Matthew 9:9-13), yet often had to go into a field and pluck heads of grain to eat (Matthew 12:1).

In spite of all this, Jesus said of Himself, "Behold, something greater than Solomon is here" (Luke 11:31). How is Jesus' life greater than Solomon's?

Jesus lived a sinless life (2 Corinthians 5:21). Solomon's sins were numerous. Solomon lived for himself. In Ecclesiastes 1:16-2:17, he describes his life of wealth, wisdom, and pleasure by using the word "I" 38 times! Almost everything Solomon did was driven by selfishness. By contrast, Jesus—though He had the power to perform miracles and the opportunity to bow down to the Devil and gain worldly glory (Matthew 4:1-10)—refused. Instead, the Son of God went about doing good and serving others (Acts 10:38; Matthew 20:28).

Solomon's life was one of regret. He spent much of his life seeking purpose and meaning. In spite of his impressive résumé, he admitted that he hated his life, "because what is done under the sun... is vanity and a striving after wind" (Ecclesiastes 2:17). Jesus, however, had no regrets. His life was filled with meaningful purpose (John 6:38).

Solomon's legacy left several generations in Jerusalem with wealth and material prosperity. Jesus' legacy gave the entire world the opportunity for salvation from sin (1 Timothy 1:15) and the promise of an eternal home with the Father (John 14:1-6).

Solomon died in need of a Savior. Jesus died to save him (John 1:29). Solomon's bones are still in the ground. Jesus' tomb is empty! Solomon was just a man. Jesus is God (John 1:1).

Both of their lives show us that the things we often think will bring lasting happiness, do not. We can gain the whole world, but if we do not have God, we have nothing.

R a d i o a n d T V P r o g r a m s

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Worship Schedule

Aug— Connor Lancaster

Sep— Lew Wilson

Aug 31

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Reading: Noah Mote

Communion: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Communion: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday Sep 3

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Noah Mote

Sept 7

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis

Reading: Karson Elrod

Communion: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Communion: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday Sep 10

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Upcoming Events

*Today we welcome Bill Haywood from Tri City School of Preaching in East Tennessee. He will be teaching AM Bible Class and speaking this morning. Welcome Bill!

*Sept 8 Elders/Deacons Meeting @ 6pm.

*Sept 19- Church Campout @Doddridge Co Park

Birthdays/Annivers this week

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

Sep 7— Pam Butcher

Sep 9— Becky Mercer

Sep 9— Ethan Davis

Sep 12— Hadley McKean

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PRAYER LIST

*Melvin Truax is battling heart issues and will have an upcoming cat scan.

*Dave Parks will have a upcoming heart catheterization on Sept 12.

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

*Chris Jones' mother Barbara Jones was in Camden Clark last week battling congestive heart failure.

*Bill Dutton will have upcoming back surgery this coming month.

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Jim McFarland Family, Retta Parsley, Chris Smith Family, Gary Nichols Family, Larry & Delores Butcher, Mark Elrod Family, Marlin Runnion 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.