

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

September 14, 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

In the World, Not of the World

What do we know about early Christians after the completion of the New Testament in the first century? A document called, *The Letter to Diognetus* was written around 121-180 A.D. It is uncertain as to who wrote it, but interestingly reveals some problems early Christians faced and their powerful example in response.

"Christians cannot be distinguished from the rest of the human race by country or language or customs. They do not live in cities of their own; they do not use a peculiar form of speech; they do not follow an eccentric manner of life.

They live in their own countries, but only as aliens. They have a share in everything as citizens, and endure everything as foreigners. Every foreign land is their fatherland, and yet for them every fatherland is a foreign land. They marry, like everyone else, and they beget children, but they do not cast out their offspring. They share their board with each other, but not their marriage bed.

It is true that they are 'in the flesh,' but they do not live 'according to the flesh.' They busy themselves on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven. They obey the established laws, but in their own lives they go far beyond what the law requires.

They love all men, and by all men are persecuted. They are unknown, and still they are condemned; they are put to death, and yet they are brought to life. They are poor, and yet they make many rich; they are completely destitute, and yet they enjoy complete abundance. They are dishonored, and in their dishonor are glorified; they are defamed, and are vindicated. They are reviled, and yet they bless; when they are affronted, they still pay due respect. When they do good, they are punished as evil doers; undergoing punishment, they rejoice because they are brought to life. They are treated by the Jews as foreigners and enemies, and are hunted down by the Greeks and all the time those who hate them find it impossible to justify their enmity."

In the first few centuries after the church was established, Christians faced a lot of persecution and hostility. Their response towards these injustices and overall way of life is not only admirable, but something for us to remember and imitate in an increasingly anti-Christian culture today.

References: Bruce Shelley, *ALL THE SAINTS ADORE THEE, Insight From Christian Classics*, p. 22, Zondervan, 1988

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

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Worship Schedule

Sep— Lew Wilson

Oct— Clay Perkins

Sept 14

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Connor Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Reading: Noah Mote

Communion: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Connor Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

Wednesday Sep 17

Announce/Pray: Connor Lancaster

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Sept 21

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clint Perkins

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Reading: Desmond Parks

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clint Perkins

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday Sep 24

Announce/Pray: Clint Perkins

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Upcoming Events

*Sept 21 Birthday/Anniversary celebration after PM Worship

*Youth Event at Sunrise Sept 26-27 with Lonnie Jones. See Carlos if you'd like to go.

*The elders have decided to have the shingles replaced on the building. Work will begin the week of Sept 29th and will take approx. 5 days to complete.

*October 18th is the fall camp at WVCYC 10am-7pm

Birthdays/Annivers this week

Sep 14— Cody Mercer

Sep 16- Gary & Frannie Weekley M/M

Sep 16- Darren Parks

Sep 19— Noah Molina

Sep 21— Sam Yoho

Sep 24— Gerald Burns

Sep 25— Pam Burns

Sep 25— Caraline Lancaster

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PRAYER LIST

*Jennifer Schneider suffered a broken ankle and torn ligaments last week from a fall. She had surgery and now faces a 10 week recovery.

*Fay Williams will have a biopsy on Sept 25th.

*Melvin Truax is battling heart issues and will have an upcoming cat scan Sept 17th.

*Dave Parks had a heart catheterization on Friday and got good results.

*Sandra Binegar had a permanent pacemaker put in last week.

*Chris Jones' mother Barbara Jones is battling congestive heart failure.

*Bill Dutton will have upcoming back surgery on Oct. 18th.

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Patrick Whittaker Family, 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.