

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

February 15, 2026

701 Dewey Avenue
St. Marys, WV 26170

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

Wherefore and Therefore; "What-for" and "There-for"

By Dan Jenkins

Sometimes we struggle to find the greatest benefit from reading the Bible and understanding what is being said. It may be because we are reading it too fast and not noticing the impact of individual words being used. An illustration can be found in slowing down and asking why the words "wherefore" and "therefore" are found and why they are there.

The word "therefore" is found 1,355 times in the NKJV of the Bible. The older King James Version often uses the word "wherefore" instead of the word "therefore." Slow down as you read and after you read the word ask, "What is the word therefore 'there-for'?" What is its meaning? God has made a statement and then has drawn a conclusion based on what He just said or is about to say. The same is true of the translation of the word "wherefore." When you see it, ask yourself, "What-for" is this word here? Why is God using this word, and what is He trying to say?"

This way of clearly studying the Bible can be seen in the way Jesus uses the word when discussing the great care God gives to the birds. He then adds, "Therefore do not fear, for you are of more value than sparrows" ([Luke 12:7](#)). Jesus used the word "therefore" 92 times in His teachings, and Paul uses the word nearly 150 times in his writings. As you read the Bible and come across these words, take time to look at the context where they are found. Read the verses before these words and the words after them and focus on why God chose to use them. This simple way of reading the Bible will deeply enhance your appreciation for truth.

The fact that these words are used emphasizes the truth that our relationship to God is not based on emotions. There is a Divine reason God chose to use them. For example, God did not just arbitrarily give the Sabbath command as some ritual action for the Jews to do. He told them, "Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt... therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day" ([Deut. 5:15](#)).

Paul used the word five times in reference to the use of tongues in 1 Corinthians 11. Slow down as you read and ask each time, "Why is this word 'there-for'?" God gives commands for us to obey, but often shows why He wants us to keep them by using the word "therefore." Paul's writings show this again and again.

Finally, remember that Christianity, properly understood, is so logical. I understand we walk by faith and sometimes do not fully comprehend why God says what He does, but notice the use of these words. Slow down as you read and appreciate His truths and the basis on which it is given. Remember "there-for" and "what-for."

Source: Pblcoc.org

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

Feb– Lew Wilson

Mar– Clay Perkins

Feb 15

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Usher/Moniltor: Ethan Davis

Reading: Noah Molina

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Evening Worship: PM Sing

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday Feb 18

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Feb 22

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Usher/Moniltor: Jesse Barnhart

Reading: Noah Mote

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Evening Worship: PM Sing

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Wednesday Feb 25

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Upcoming Events

*Tomorrow! Monday Night Merge
@ Dewey Ave

*Mar 1 VBS Meeting after AM

*Mar 8 Family Game night in fellowship room after PM Worship

*Mar 9 Elders Deacons Meeting @ 6pm

*Mar 13 Wheeling Nailers Hockey. Sign-up in back of auditorium. \$22 per person.

*Mar 28 Spring Clothing Giveaway

Youth Events

*Lads 2 Leaders meeting after AM Service today!

*Feb 16 Monday Night Merge @ Dewey Ave

*Feb 20-22 CYC in Pigeon Forge

*Feb 23 MNM @ 36th St.

*Mar 2 MNM @ Rockport

*Mar 9 MNM@ Barlow Vincent

Congratulations!

To Sherry Taylor on her baptism into Christ last Sunday evening!

Upcoming Birthdays/Annivers

Feb 16– Max Grose

Feb 19– Dave Parks

Feb 19– Aviah Mercer

Feb 21– Emma Booth

Feb 23– Jennifer Collins

Feb 25– Dave Lancaster

Feb 26– Rhanda Archer

Feb 27– Betty Timmons

PRAYER LIST

*Delores Butcher had successful surgery on her kidney stones and is home and doing well.

*Angie Parsley will have upcoming tests for her digestive issues.

*Keep Daryan Perkins grandfather Phil Markle in your prayers as he has a bladder biopsy on the 25th.

Chris Casto, Judy Lough, Blye Grove, Retta Parsley, Jane Ann Becker, Jim Grove, Fay Williams, Gerald & Janice Burns, Betty Timmons, Shirley Grubbs, Bill & Lorraine Dutton, Gail & Sandy Mote, & John Rockhold.

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