

# Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

March 22, 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

## THE CHRISTIAN AND WAR (part 3)

### Principles from Scripture

*By Dale Parsley*

Can a Christian go to war? Can a Christian physically defend himself? Yes. But it also depends on the situation. The Bible does not forbid a Christian being a soldier. When soldiers came to John to ask him what they needed to do or repent of for the coming Kingdom, he never said they had to repent from being a soldier. Instead he said, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages" (Luke 3:14), implying they could continue being a soldier, but be a soldier that's accountable to the Law of God.

In Romans 13:1-7, Christians are called to obey the government (verse 1). Why? Because God designed the government to be a "servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer" (verse 4). The sword here is a weapon of self-defense against evil and punishment for evil. And so if a Christian can be a soldier, then a Christian soldier can also take life in some situations.

A Christian as a citizen is permitted to carry a weapon. In Luke 22, before Jesus is arrested, He told His disciples, "But now let the one who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword, let him sell his cloak and buy one" (Luke 22:36). Some have said this is a figurative sword. If that's the case, then is the money from selling one's garment figurative too? That idea doesn't fit the context. Jesus is contrasting what He told them to carry with them when He sent them out in what is commonly called the limited commission in Matthew 10:5-38. The point being is Jesus commanded the apostles to carry a sword, implying there are some situations where the sword is permitted to be used.

The difficulty is knowing which situations Christians are allowed to use a weapon. For instance, when Jesus was arrested, Peter pulled out his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Jesus' response was, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matthew 26:52). Notice that Jesus did not say, "it is wrong for you to carry or own a sword." Rather, in this instance, it was wrong to use the sword.

When can a Christian use the sword? That's the topic for our next article.

## 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](http://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

## Worship Schedule

Mar– Clay Perkins

Apr– Darren Parks

### March 22

#### Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Connor L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Usher/Moniltor: Jesse Barnhart

Reading: Noah Mote

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

#### Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Connor L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

### Wednesday Mar 25

Announce/Pray: Connor L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

### March 29

#### Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Usher/Moniltor: Don Archer

Reading: Desmond Parks

Communion: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

#### Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Communion: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

### Wednesday Mar 25

Announce/Pray: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Carlos Molina

## Upcoming Events

\*Mar 28 Spring Clothing Giveaway  
from 8am-2pm.

\*March 29 will be a Church, eat,  
Church to celebrate Feb & Mar  
birthday/anniversaries.

\*Elders Meeting April 6 @ 6pm

## Youth Events

\*Lads 2 Leaders practice after PM  
Worship

\*Mar 29 Traveling Youth Group @  
Camden Ave

## Upcoming Birthdays/Annivers

Mar 22– Pat Bills

Mar 22– Connie Binegar

Mar 24– Dale Parsley

Mar 25– Gala Stewart

Mar 27– Cheryl Talkington

Mar 28– Stephen Hays

Mar 29– Carmen Powell

Apr 2– Don Collins

Apr 3– Brody Booth

## PRAYER LIST

\*Please keep Shirley Hearn in your  
prayers as she is recovering at home  
from a broken hip.

\*Cindy Nichols, Pat's sister-in-law,  
had cancer removal surgery and is  
recovering.

\*Please keep Diane Shingler, her  
daughter LeAnn, and family in your  
thoughts and prayers over the pass-  
ing of LeAnn's husband Alan Shultz  
Jr. last week. Service at Ingram's  
Monday 1-4pm.

\*Joe Elrod will have an ablation on  
Wednesday.

\*Fay Williams has been dealing  
with illness.

\*Please keep Becky Hinton in your  
prayers as she undergoes a proce-  
dure on Monday.

\*Daryan Perkins grandfather Phil  
Markle will receive his bladder bi-  
opsy results on Wed.

\*Mandy Lamp had surgery on  
Thursday.

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Ashley Penisi, Tina Keith, Tom Good-  
night Family, Angie Parsley, Judy  
Lough, John Hinton, Jim & Blye  
Grove, Retta Parsley, Jane Ann Becker,  
Fay Williams, Gerald & Janice Burns,  
Betty Timmons, Shirley Grubbs, Bill &  
Lorraine Dutton, Gail & Sandy Mote, &  
John Rockhold.

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