

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

March 8, 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 1)

PACIFISM

By Dale Parsley

Can a Christian participate in or support war? That's a loaded question that doesn't have a simple answer. Throughout history, Christians have held primarily three different views. One of those views is pacifism, which is the general idea of refraining from participation in, or support of, war or even any physical violence to settle disputes. Even among pacifists, there are varying degrees. Perhaps many of us would agree with some aspects of this view.

When the Civil War started in 1861, notable preachers like Alexander Campbell, Tolbert Fanning, Moses Lard, J. W. McGarvey, Benjamin Franklin, and David Lipscomb urged Christians to stay out of the war. "J. W. McGarvey, for example, was one of several ministers who wrote to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, requesting conscientious objector status for Christians in the South. 'I would rather ten thousand times be killed for refusing to fight,' McGarvey wrote, 'than to fall in battle, or come home victorious with the blood of my brethren on my hands.' He asked Christians to consider what the apostles would have done if six had lived in the North and six in the South. 'Would they, like the hosts of sectarian preachers on both sides, be urging their brethren to war?'" (Allen 85).

In regard to the Civil War, these early preachers make a valid argument. Does God approve of a Christian looking down the barrel of a gun and killing what could be another Christian because of the disagreements that existed between the North and South?

Pacifists rightly point out that Christians are to "love their enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). We are to be peacemakers (Matt. 5:9) and are not to seek vengeance on others who do us wrong (Rom. 12:17-21). Walking away or "turning the other cheek" is their response in any potentially hostile conflict (Matt. 5:39).

All of these principles are solid biblical truths that Christians must live by. With that said, there are still a number of problems with the concept of absolute pacifism as it applies not only to personal conflict but to national conflict as well. Next week's article will consider just that.

Works Cited:

C. Leonard Allen, *Distant Voices: Discovering a Forgotten Past for a Changing Church*, ACU Press, 1993.

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

Worship Schedule

Mar– Clay Perkins

Apr– Darren Parks

March 8

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Usher/Moniltor: Don Archer

Reading: Jaxon Elrod

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

Wednesday Mar 11

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Karson Elrod

March 15

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Usher/Moniltor: Ethan Davis

Reading: Noah Molina

Communion: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday Mar 18

Announce/Pray: Camaron L

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Upcoming Events

*Tonight! 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

*Mar 9 MNM@ Barlow Vincent

*Mar 29 Traveling Youth Group @ Camden Ave

Upcoming Birthdays/Annivers

Mar 9– Jamie Molina

Mar 10– Lisa Wilson

Mar 10– Amber Perkins

Mar 15– Nathan Booth

Mar 15– Adam Burns

Mar 16– Noah Mote

Mar 16– Issac Molina

Mar 19– Meredith Bradford

Mar 20– Tom Meeks

PRAYER LIST

*Please keep Emmalynne Good-night and family in your prayers as she lost her father Tom. His memorial service was yesterday.

*Please keep Ashely Penisi in your prayers (friend of the Parsley family and others in the congregation). She underwent brain surgery last week and is recovering.

*Keep Daryan Perkins grandfather Phil Markle in your prayers as he has a bladder biopsy upcoming.

*Tina Keith had heart surgery and is home recovering.

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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