

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

June 14, 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

Make No Provision for the Flesh

By David Sproule

Do you ever plan ahead? Most folks when they go on vacation will plan ahead. Before most folks have surgery, they will plan ahead. Even when most folks go to the grocery store, they will plan ahead. Putting our minds to events—to consider as many aspects of those events in advance—is an essential life skill. But not all advanced planning is good.

In [Romans 13:14](#), Christians are given two instructions, which is actually one instruction with two contrasting sides. Let's start with the second part, where God commands (with a present middle imperative), "Make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts." The Greek word for "provision" is *pronoia*, which is a compound word with the prefix *pro*, meaning "before," and the verb *noeo*, "to think." The expression in this verse literally means, "give no forethought to" those things of the flesh.

The challenge that the devil throws in the path of every Christian (and non-Christian, as well) is "the flesh." "The lust of the flesh" is in his arsenal at every turn ([1 John 2:16](#)), in order that we might "fulfill its desires." It is impossible for us to "live according to the flesh" and "live according to the Spirit" at the same time ([Rom. 8:1-14](#)), but this is much more than just the actions that we take. In [Romans 13:14](#), God calls upon us to not even let our thoughts wonder over into the arena of the flesh. By letting our minds dwell upon the passions and desires of this world, we are, in essence, planning ahead (and giving forethought) to how we might fulfill those carnal cravings. But the Lord knows that if we cut off the thoughts "before" we can "think" them that we cannot then sin against Him. Thus, we must "have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" ([Gal. 5:24](#)). Have you done that? Or are you still letting those passions and desires live in your heart?

The first part of this instruction in [Romans 13:14](#) states, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Place this in contrast with the second part of the verse. Rather than think on the things of the flesh, God expects me to make a determined choice to think the way Christ thought ([Phil. 2:5-8](#)) and to live the way Christ lived ([1 Pet. 2:21](#)). I must clothe myself with the Lord—not just on the outside (as we might sometimes picture clothing), but on the very deepest parts of the inside of my heart. How do I do that?

I must bathe myself in His word ([Psa. 119](#)). I must not allow myself to be conformed to the fleshly lusts of this world ([1 Pet. 2:9](#)). I must love what He loves, want what He wants, hate what He hates, etc. Rather than allowing my heart to plan ahead to fulfill fleshly desires, I need to find joy in planning ahead to fulfill godly desires and make provision for Him!

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

June— Connor Lancaster

July— Lew Wilson

June 14

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Don Collins

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Reading: Lane Perkins

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Wednesday June 17

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

June 21

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Reading: Desmond Parks

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Wednesday June 24

Announce/Pray: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Karson Elrod

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Upcoming Events

Elders/Deacons Meeting July 5th
after PM service

Summer Series—The Book of Ephesians IN CHRIST

June 17— Dave Deagel- Peace Through Him

June 24— Rick Tincer- Unity Through Him

July 1— Greg Yost - New Person in Him

July 8— John Board- Imitating Him

July 15— Kyle Lancaster- Walking in Him

July 22— Andy Robison- The Family By Him

July 29— Dan Kessinger-Solders For Him

Youth Events

The Elders have decided to help fund kids who attend Dewey Ave who want to attend a week of Church camp at either OVCYC or WVCYC. The Church will cover \$100 per camper for one week of camp.

June 14- OVCYC Senior Week

June 21— OVCYC Intermediate

June 28— OVCYC Junior Week

June 28— WVCYC Senior Week

Upcoming Birthdays/Annivers

June 20— Jerry & Debbie Boyce M/M

June 21— Elmer Burns

June 23— Amori Mercer

June 24— Miranda Elrod

June 24— Carlos & Jamie Molina M/M

PRAYER LIST

*Fay Williams will have her stitches removed from her recent surgery.

*Jane Ann Becker is dealing with health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

*Keep Lew & Lisa Wilson's youngest granddaughter Emily in your prayers as she recovers from a broken leg.

Fay Williams, Jesse Barnhart, Stephanie Franzen, Ruth Ann Keith, Randy McCoy, Shirley Hearn, Cindy Nichols, John Hinton, Retta Parsley, Jane Ann Becker, Gerald & Janice Burns, Betty Timmons, Shirley Grubbs, Bill & Lorraine Dutton, & John Rockhold.

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office@deweyavenuechurchofchrist.org.

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