

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

July 12, 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

When Our Heroes Fail

By Dan Jenkins

Satan uses so many “tools” as he seeks to discourage our devotion to Christ. Faith can far more easily thwart the attacks the god of this world makes against us if we would heed the words of Paul. The great apostle said, “We are not ignorant of his devices,” but if we are ignorant Satan takes advantage of us ([2 Cor. 2:11](#)). The English Standard Version translates the words, “We would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.”

As we walk with the Lord, we can make a mistake by placing other Christians on a high pedestal, and they become a visible hero of faith. Perhaps you have done this, for so many look at others and they become a model of what we want to be some day. However, what do you do when that person changes, or you get to know him better and he/she no longer stands on that pedestal of admiration where you placed them?

This problem confronted early Christians. In Paul’s letters to Timothy, he mentioned men who were respected who lost their faith. In his first letter to the young preacher, Paul speaks of Hymenaeus and Alexander who had rejected the faith and suffered shipwreck. Paul had dealt with them. While we use the term “withdrawing fellowship” Paul used a stronger phrase to describe this action. He says he had “delivered them to Satan,” hoping that doing this would help them to see they had blasphemed God by their actions ([1 Tim. 1:20](#)—see these same words used in Paul’s instruction about withdrawing from an unfaithful Christian in [1 Corinthians 5:4-5](#)).

We do not know the details of these men’s actions, but in the second letter to Timothy, Paul mentions Hymenaeus again. This evil man who had been given to Satan in the first letter evidently was still impacting the church. He was teaching a false doctrine which was spreading like cancer, and there were those who followed him ([2 Tim. 2:17-18](#)). He had overturned the faith of those followers.

Paul then reminded Timothy of the fact that personal “heroes of faith” can harm the faith of those in the church—one thing has not changed. It is so important that we look at this unchangeable truth when leading brethren leave the faith. Consider what he says and never tie your faith to people you admire. Failure to understand this gives Satan an advantage over you.

What is that unchangeable truth? Paul says, “Nevertheless the foundation of God stands” ([2 Tim. 2:20](#)). Men we foolishly place on high pedestals may disappoint us, but nothing really has changed! Paul closes by mentioning two great foundational truths. God knows those who are His, and we must not follow others into their sin. Put your faith in God and tie your faith to Him. There is only One real hero!

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

July— Lew Wilson

Aug— Clay Perkins

July 12

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Reading: Lane Perkins

Communion: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Camaron Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Communion: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday July 15

Announce/Pray: Camaron Lancaster

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Desmond Parks

July 19

Morning Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Usher/Monitor: Jesse Barnhart

Reading: Jaxon Elrod

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Evening Worship:

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Wednesday July 22

Announce/Pray: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Karson Elrod

Upcoming Events

*July 19th Birthday/Anniv celebration after PM for June & July

*August 8 Fall Clothing Giveaway

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.

July 12— WVCYC Junior Week

July 19— WVCYC All Ages

July 26— WVCYC Sing Week

July 26— MOVTYG @ Barlow Vicent

Upcoming Birthdays/Annivers

July 13— Joe Elrod

July 15— Terri Parks

July 15— Derek Perkins

July 16— Camaron & Ashton Lancaster

July 21— Judy Lough

July 22— Ruth Ann Keith

July 23— Mason Elrod

PRAYER LIST

*Betty Timmons is at Cedar Grove Assisted Living battling B Cell lymphoma. Please keep her in your prayers.

*Delores Butcher has more testing coming soon.

*Larry Butcher's heart is in AFIB and will have a cardioversion on Monday.

*Angie Parsley had tests last week and will have more tests in near future.

Pat Nicholds, Emily Shaw, Fay Williams, Stephanie Franzen, Ruth Ann Keith, Randy McCoy, Shirley Hearn, Cindy Nichols, John Hinton, Jane Ann Becker, Gerald & Janice Burns, Betty Timmons, Shirley Grubbs, Bill & Lorraine Dutton, & John Rockhold.

Summer Series—The Book of Ephesians IN CHRIST

July 15— Kyle Lancaster- Walking in Him

July 22— Andy Robison- The Family By Him

July 29— Dan Kessinger-Soldiers For Him

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If you would like to be added to the One Call list for phone updates, please contact Camaron Lancaster.