Those Serving:

Jan 26th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins **Song Leader**: Darren Parks

Ushers/Monitors: Joe Elrod, Elmer Burns **Communion**: Camaron Lancaster, Tom Becker, Rodney Ramsey, Fred Arnett,

Ethan Davis, Jason Cuzzen

Reading and Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Door Greeters:

Evening Worship:

Communion: Connor Lancaster
Reading & Prayer: Dave Parks
Closing Prayer: Clint Perkins
Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Feb 2nd

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Clay Perkins

Ushers/Monitors: Jesse Barnhart, Richard

Davis

Communion: Lew Wilson, Tom Becker, Karson Elrod, Ethan Davis, Richard Lee

Davis, Elmer Burns

Reading and Prayer: Dave Parks **Closing Prayer**: Caleb Parsley

Door Greeters: Richard Lee Davis Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Melvin Truax

Reading & Prayer: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Caleb Parsley

Prayer: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Church Sign: February– Ramsey's, March--Darren Parks

Worship Coordinators: February – Darren Parks, March-Hal Powell

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God's Providence By Steve Higginbotham

Typically, when the doctrine of God's providence is discussed, a handful of well-known Scriptures are used to illustrate his protective care and blessings. For example, we frequently reference Joseph (Genesis 50:19-20), Esther (Esther 4:14), and Onesimus (Philemon 15), but rarely have we referenced the following passage I want you to consider.

When Israel crossed the Jordan to take possession of the "promised land," the nations in Canaan took up arms against them and did what they could to destroy them. The Philistines, Amalekites, Moabites, and others were constantly at war with Israel. They continually sought out ways to destroy Israel and exploit any weakness they could find. (Numbers 30:16).

With their environment understood, consider one of the commands God gave Israel. God commanded all the men in Israel to travel to Jerusalem three times a year to worship (Deuteronomy 16:16). Have you ever considered how vulnerable that would have left Israel? With all the men gone from all the villages, Israel's enemies could have easily overrun these cities and villages occupied only by women and children? Three times a year, Israel made themselves vulnerable to their enemies who wanted to destroy them. Yet, there is not a single example of which I am aware, of any raid by Israel's enemies during these times when the men were gone from their cities.

The question that begs to be asked is, "Why not?" Why didn't Israel's enemies take advantage of this vulnerability? The Bible gives us the answer. God said, "Three times a year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the God of Israel. For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the Lord your God three times in the year" (Exodus 34:23-24).

Did you see that? The reason Israel didn't suffer during a period of extreme vulnerability is because of God's providence and protection. He promised that the enemies of Israel would not covet Israel's land when the men were on their pilgrimage three times a year. Don't you find that interesting? Doesn't that impress you with the power of God and the control he wields in the affairs of men?

Next time you feel overwhelmed and defeated, you need to remember that you serve a powerful God who answers prayer and promises to work on our behalf for our good.

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NEWS & NOTES



Upcoming Events

**Upcoming Meetings posted in the auditorium.

This Thursday! WINTER TRAINING SERIES 7:00-8:00PM.

Last Thursday of Winter Training Series!

January 26th @ 4pm there will be a 2020 Events Planning Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Schedule of Services Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting: 6:00
p.m. First Sunday of the
month only
Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00

- *If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin via email, please let Darren Parks or email to: office@deweyavechurchofchrist.org
- *The church is offering valet parking to any in need.
- * Any updates for the bulletin, please drop off in box by office door or contact: Terri Parks (304) 299-1650, terrinazelrod@hotmail.com.

Prayer List

- *Buzz Williams has had a rough week. He needs to avoid going out in public and groups of people at this time.
- *Cheryl Talkington had open heart surgery in Columbus on Wednesday and should be able to come home this week.
- *Madeline McFadden fell this week.
- *Many battling the flu and/or other viruses.
- *Donnis Trader continues to have treatments and is home and is doing some better.

Ruth Eddy, Lorraine Dutton, Louise Perkins, Pat Hays, Gerald Burns, Bob Crawford, Bob Bradford, John Rockhold, Cheryl Talkington, Dick Hall, Sue Clark, Evelyn Hall, Betty Bills, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Jeff Fitcher, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Madeline McFadden, Seth Dennis.



Radio and TV Programs

Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM

Gospel Broadcasting Network: Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV

Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

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