

Those Serving:

Sept 13

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis

Usher/Monitor: Melvin Truax

Communion: Gerald Burns

Reading and Prayer: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Sept 20

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Hal Powell

Reading and Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Church Sign: Sept: Darren Parks Oct: Dale Parsley

Worship Coordinator: Sept: Lew Wilson Oct: Clay Perkins

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Are We Living in the Last Days?

By Dale Parsley

The answer to the title is yes. Hebrews 1:1-2, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but *in these last days* he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world." However, the meaning of "last days" is the entire Christian dispensation that began around 2,000 years ago.

There are some today who use the words, "last days" in reference to the idea that Jesus is soon to return within a few years or possibly tomorrow. My response is, "you might be right, but how do you know?" When God speaks of His return, He will come, "like a thief" (2 Peter 3:10). Jesus said that when He returns, no one will know (Matthew 24:36), and compares the surprise manner of His return with those in the days of Noah and the global flood (Matthew 24:37-39).

The "end of times" topic can be very confusing and controversial. For instance, some reference the phrase "you will hear of wars and rumors of wars" in Matthew 24:6, and apply to current events in reference to Jesus' return. The major problem is in context, Jesus is not speaking of His return, but of the destruction of the Jewish nation, which was fulfilled approximately 35 years after His death in 70 A.D. This isn't the only passage that people misinterpret in relation to the second coming. There are many passages in both the Old Testament and book of Revelation that are interpreted literally, yet were written symbolically regarding judgments on nations or individuals. When misapplied to Christ's return, they reduce the Bible to a code-cracking book of conspiracies regarding future events. Even though symbolic passages in Scripture may be hard to understand, the approach of applying them to current and future events have been done by many "preachers" for hundreds of years, with every single prediction of Christ's return proven false.

Yes, we are living in the last days, but these days may continue for another week or a thousand years. Remember, the inability to predict our Lord's return does not mean it should have no influence on our lives. Even though Jesus did not return in the 1st century, God still commanded at that time, "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! (13) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace" (2 Peter 3:11-14).

N E W S & N O T E S



Upcoming Events

*WELCOME to Dewey Avenue!!

*If you need any help with any necessities during this health emergency, please contact the elders and deacons at the phone numbers on the front of the bulletin.

Secret Sisters have decided not to bring gifts into the building at this time. Please send cards or notes of encouragement to your secret sister in the mail.

* There are CD's for sale in the back of the auditorium from WVCYC that are a cappella singing. All proceeds go to WV Christian Youth Camp. A donation of \$20 is requested.

**Cole & Ariel Butcher invite you to celebrate their marriage Saturday, September 26th at 5pm at Garrison Lane Waverly, WV.*

*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, terrinalrod@hotmail.com.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Prayer List

*Johnny Binegar goes to Morgantown on the 16th to determine a course of action. Prayers are requested.

*Fred Arnett was unable to have his scheduled back surgery and is waiting on the surgeon.

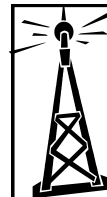
*Joyce Barnhart goes in for surgery on her arm this week to remove a melanoma.

*Terry Hubner is now home after his liver transplant.

* Buddy Williamson, cousin of Pay Hays, requests prayers for his upcoming heart surgery in Morgantown.

*Lloyd and Shirley Westbrook's daughter Lisa Smith is facing a 3rd brain surgery to remove a tumor.

Betty Wilson, Ruth Eddy, Bob Crawford, Mary Hoff, Judy Barnhart, Bill Dutton, Lorraine Dutton, John Rockhold, Cheryl Talkington, Donnis Trader, Dallas Parsley, Sue Clark, Evelyn Hall, Betty Bills, Colleen Kiestler, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, & Madeline McFadden, Terry Hubner, Kirk Timmons, Laura Childers, The family of Charles & Jane Hunt.



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: 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