

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

January 8, 2023

701 Dewey Avenue
St. Marys, WV (304) 684-3939

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

Dave Parks

Hal Powell

Melvin Truax

Lew Wilson

Deacons:

Richard Lee Davis

Joe Elrod

Brian Mercer

Darren Parks

Clay Perkins

Minister:

Dale Parsley

Youth Minister:

Carlos Molina

LET NOT CHAOS REIGN IN OUR HEART

By Dale Parsley

Conflict and chaos is something we either directly or indirectly experience on a regular basis. Whether it be people complaining, threatening or criticizing on social media; or all the problems we watch daily on the local news. The relational issues people have at work, as well as the arguments and problems between husbands and wives, parents and children. Even things that are designed to be entertaining such as reality TV or sports, can have the worst of conflicts when tempers flare among fans, players and parents.

Everyone responds to conflict differently. From being completely avoidant to being verbally abusive or violent. While some seek peaceful solutions, others are only concerned with vengeance and dominance. Some admit when wrong, others are only focused on the wrongs of another.

The apostle wrote in Colossians 3:14-15, "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (15) And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, even in crazy, trying times? Yes. The word "rule" in verse 15, was "used to describe the umpire or referee who moderated and judged the athletic competitions that were so popular in the ancient world." (Renner 2) As one writer notes, "When detrimental emotions attempt to exert control over us or try to throw us into an emotional frenzy, we can stop it from happening by making the choice to let God's peace rise up from deep inside us like an umpire or referee to moderate our emotions. As we do, we will be kept under the control of that divine peace as it rules in our hearts. When this divine umpire called 'peace' steps into the game, it suddenly begins to call the shots and make all the decisions instead of fretfulness, anxiety and worry." (2)

How is this possible? Remember,

1. God is in control. In the end, He wins and all who follow Him (Philippians 2:9-11).
2. Crazy, chaotic events can serve a purpose (Romans 8:28). At the very least they can refine us, complete us and force us to grow closer to God, clinging to His wisdom (James 1:2-7).
3. One is not responsible for the actions of another, but for self (Romans 12:18)
4. Even the very worst that man can forcibly do to us results in our eternal gain (Philippians 1:19-21).
5. One day God will deal with the impenitent who have committed horrible injustices in this life (Romans 12:19-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. (2) In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told that I go to prepare a place for you? (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Reference: Rick Renner, Sparkling Gems from the Greek, pg. 2

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

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Worship Schedule

Jan– Darren Parks

Jan 8

Morning Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Usher/Monitor: Dave Parks

Usher/Monitor: Lew Wilson

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday Jan 11

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Jodi Mote

Closing Prayer: Lane Perkins

Jan 15

Morning Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Carlos Molina

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Wednesday Jan 18

Announce/Prayer: Camaron L

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Noah Molina

Upcoming Events:

YOUTH EVENTS

*Check out the new Dewey Ave

Youth Group Facebook page@

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/142546485320)

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*CYC Conference Feb 24-26 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Please put the \$35 registration fee in the offering basket if you're going.

*We will host the traveling youth group here at Dewey Jan 29th.

*There will be no traveling youth group event for December.

If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin via email, send request to: office@deweyavechurchofchrist.org

Any updates for the bulletin, please contact: Terri Parks (304) 299-1650 or terrinazerod@hotmail.com

PRAYER LIST:

*Betty Wilson is back at Stonerise in Belmont following a stint in the hospital.

*Rodney Ramsey will have heart surgery and possibly have a pacemaker put in.

*Bill and Lorraine Dutton went to the doctor Thursday for procedures.

*Preston Lawhon will have heart surgery on Jan 20 in Cleveland.

*Dan Kessinger will be leaving for Kenya end of Jan thru Feb 10th. There is a letter with detailed information in foyer if you'd like to help.

*Charlotte Wilson Family, Robin Porter Family, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Mary Hoff, Jane Ann Becker, Larry Truax, Lorraine Dutton, Gerald Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Neva Wright, Betty Wilson, Gail Mote, Sandy Mote, Jane Ann Becker, John Rockhold, Evelyn Hall, Colleen Kiestler, Bobbie Yost, Cecil Cline, Madeline McFadden, Diane Shingler, Lisa Westbrook Smith, Harold Barnhart, and Carolyn Rule.