

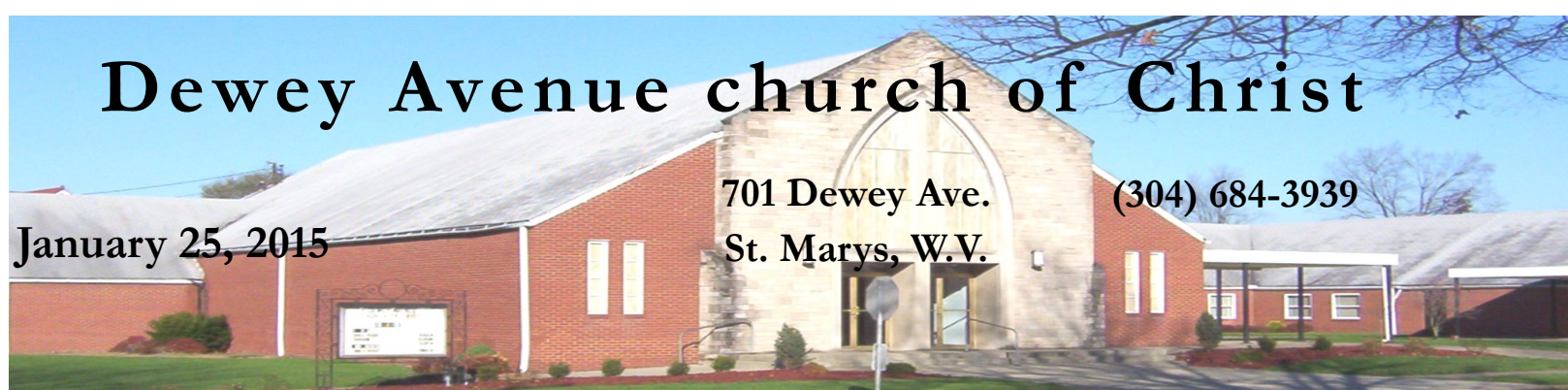
Morning Sermon:

Purpose In Mind: Think Heaven!

Colossians 3:1-4

Evening Sermon:

Devotional



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Cut to the Heart

By Dale Parsley

How do we respond when were convicted of sin from God's Word? Poet and noted song writer John Newton once wrote,

In evil long I took delight, Unawed by shame or fear, Till a new object struck my sight, And stopp'd my wild career:

I saw One hanging on a Tree In agonies and blood, Who fix'd His languid eyes on me. As near His Cross I stood.

Sure never till my latest breath, Can I forget that look: It seem'd to charge me with His death, Though not a word He spoke:

My conscience felt and own'd the guilt, And plunged me in despair: I saw my sins His Blood had spilt, And help'd to nail Him there.

Alas! I knew not what I did! But now my tears are vain: Where shall my trembling soul be hid? For I the Lord have slain!

,A second look He gave, which said,' I freely all forgive; This blood is for thy ransom paid; I die that thou may'st live.'"

Thus, while His death my sin display sIn all its blackest hue, Such is the mystery of grace, It seals my pardon too.

With pleasing grief, and mournful joy, My spirit now if fill'd, That I should such a life destroy, Yet live by Him I kill'd!

In Acts 2, Peter and the apostles preached the good news of Jesus Christ: revealing that Jesus died and resurrected, fulfilling the promises predicted in the Old Testament (verses 24-32); and thereby declaring Him to be Lord and Christ (verse 36). The response from many was, "Now when they heard this they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brothers what shall we do?'" (verse 37). Gospel preaching had "cut their hearts," in that they were convicted of their wrong in realizing what they had done and were filled with a sharp pain in mind (a form of guilt) which led to their obedience in receiving the forgiveness of sins in Christ (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27).

Sadly, not every time when someone is "cut to the heart," is it a positive thing. In Acts 7, when Stephen gave his long sermon on how the Jews in his day were no different than the rebellious Jews in the past, verses 54, 56-57 says, "when they heard these things, they were **cut to the heart**, and they gnashed on him with their teeth... Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord and cast him out of the city and stoned him." These individuals were also **cut to the heart** when they were convicted of their sins, but instead responded in violence rather than obedience.

How do we respond when convicted of sin? Newton's poem is a great example of both conviction and accountability for our sins. Hopefully leading us to a change of life and not a retaliation towards truth.



NEWS AND NOTES:

Prayer Meeting: Sunday, 6:00 PM

Doers of the Word: January 26

James 1:22 *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* I once heard that one of the biggest components in a Christian's growth comes from serving others. In other words, it's not just hearing and learning God's Word but doing it as well. Tomorrow night at **7:00**, we will be meeting here at the building and starting a new program called *"Doers of the Word."* This is a great opportunity as a congregation to reach out and serve people we know both in the congregation and our community. Whether it be a visit, a phone call, a card, a gift, a chore, etc. what we do each month will depend upon the needs of those we know. I hope you can be here tomorrow as we seek to glorify God and make a difference in the lives of others. – Dale P.

Wednesday Night Bible: lesson.....the Bible and mental health issues.

It's A BOY! Congrats to Dale and Angie Parsley expecting in early July.

Feb. 8th: Visitor packet meeting after evening services.

Feb 13th: Youth game and devotional night at the home of Darren & Terri Parks at 6:00pm.

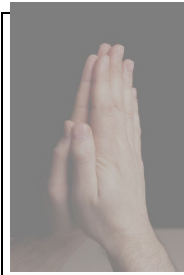
Feb. 22 Soup Outreach/Morning Potluck: We will need canning jars for this event. Please bring in any canning jars throughout the month of Feb. and/or any fabric that we can place on the jars.

Birthday additions: Please add to calendars the following birthdays: Richard Lee Davis-April 9; Marcie Davis-May 8

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****Have updates or bulletin announcements please contact Terri Parks 304-299-1650 or at terrinazelrod@hotmail.com**

Please silence your mobile device to not disturb worship services. Thank You

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



Many are out with sickness this week, continue to keep them all in your prayers.

Geraldine Stewart was taken to Marietta Memorial this week. She has a brain bleed and is in ICU.

Barbara Eddy is in Marietta Memorial recovering from eternal bleeding.

Remember those on our prayer list:

Robert Noland, Ronnie Fyre, Janie Judge, Kenny Lancaster, Jodi Mote, Gary Maston, Jane Becker, Fay Williams, Dick Dutton, Marie Newland, Shirley West, Bob and Geraldine Stewart, Ruby Bennett, Barbara Eddy, Michelle Hunt, Madeline McFadden. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling and our military.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Morning:

Bible Class: 9:30

Worship: 10:30

Evening:

Prayer Meeting: 6:00

Worship: 6:30

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7:00

THOSE SERVING January 25th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Criag Dutton

Song Leader: Buzz Williams

Ushers: Bill Dutton, Glenn Stewart

Communion: Dave Lancaster, Hal Powell, Rodney Ramsey, Dave Williamson, Richard Lee Davis, Ethan Davis

Reading and Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Door Greeters: Gerald and Jan Burns, Bill Dutton Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Kevin Mercer

Prayer: John Rockhold

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

Wednesday:

Song leader: Buzz Williams

Prayer: Kyle Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

THOSE SERVING February 1st:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Buzz Williams

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Ushers: Jesse Barnhart, Glenn Stewart

Communion: Hal Powell, Thomas Kessinger, Bill Dutton, Cole Butcher, Ed Wilson, Stephen Hays

Reading and Prayer: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Door Greeters: Darren Parks Family, Dave Lancaster Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Glenn Stewart

Prayer: Kyle Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday:

Song leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Eric Croasmun

Radio and TV Programs

Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRR 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

