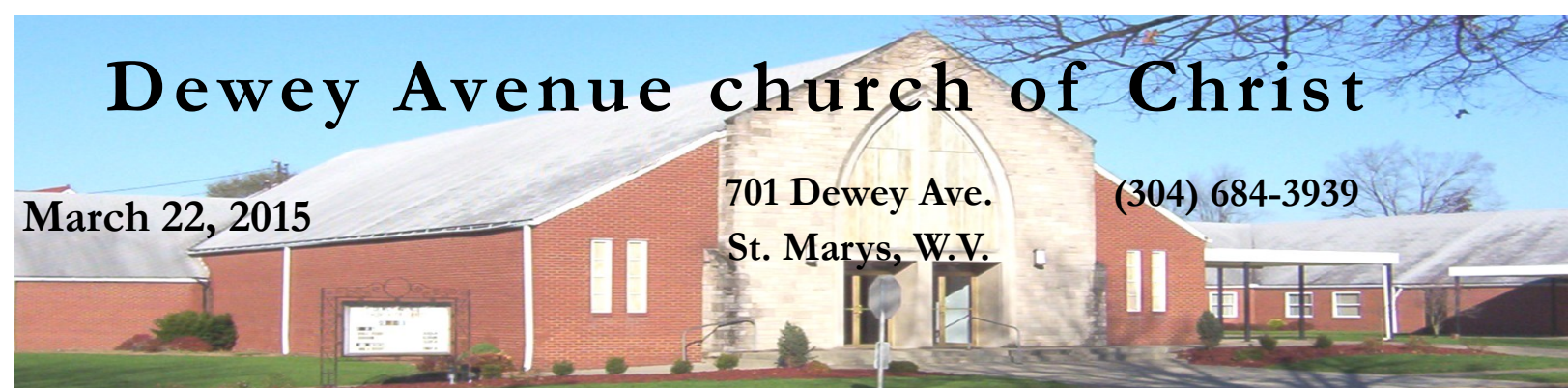


Morning Sermon:

Judas Iscariot

Evening Sermon:

Colossians 3:15



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How God can help with loneliness.

By Dale Parsley

Time Magazine published an article last week called, "Why Loneliness May Be the Next Big Public-Health Issue." The article notes that "Many social scientists say technology and housing trends are increasing the risk of loneliness. More Americans are living alone than ever before, and technology like texting and social media has made it easier to avoid forming substantive relationships in the flesh and blood. Yet research shows that relationships can improve health in a variety of ways, by helping us manage stress, improving the functioning of the immune system and giving meaning to people's lives." (Justin Worland, www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/why-loneliness-may-be-the-next-big-public-health-issue/ar-BBimlxw?ocid=HPCDHP)

Before God made Eve, he placed Adam in the garden and said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him" (**Genesis 2:18**). This however does not mean man cannot live alone (see **Matthew 19:4-12; 1 Corinthians 7:25-35**). Nor does not mean that man cannot enjoy life being alone.

Learning from Paul on being alone:

The apostle Paul lived celibate. He had a right to be married, but chose not to (**1 Corinthians 9:5**). Even though loneliness can be looked upon as a miserable condition, Paul was one who lived a life of joy and peace in Christ (**Philippians 4:4-9**). Consider several ways Paul lived alone but lived life to its fullest.

1. His Relationship with God: After years of being a fulltime missionary, an apostle who received revelation from God (**Ephesians 3:1-5**), he declared, "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death" (**Philippians 3:10**). Paul knew God through His word, communicating to him through prayer and through the experience of suffering for Him. His relationship with Christ was continual, increasing and meaningful!

2. His Focus on the Future: Paul was one who did not live in the past but wrote, "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (**Philippians 3:14**). He lived life not walking by sight, but by faith (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). His citizenship was in heaven, something for which he greatly desired to occur (**Philippians 3:20; 1:19-24**).



NEWS AND NOTES:

Prayer Meeting: 6:00pm in the fellowship room.

Wheeling Nailers Trip: On Saturday, March 28 @ 7:35pm please see Craig Dutton. Needs money turned in for tickets.

March 29th: Traveling Youth Devo at Hopewell Church of Christ, 6:00pm

March 31st: Senior Saints Day at Camden Ave Church of Christ. Sign up sheet in the back.

Spring Clean Up: Moved to April 15, please update your calendar.

Congratulations to Cole Butcher who was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Congratulations to Eric Butler who was baptized into Christ last week and his wife Bonnie was also restored!!

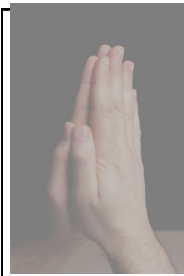
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3. His Work for God: Paul was always doing things for God. Whether it be studying, praying, spreading God's Word, serving others, training younger preachers, etc. His life could be summed as being "steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). It was through constantly being busy for God that he was also around other Christians who served with him. The book of Acts reveals that with the exception of being a prisoner of Rome, Paul generally was accompanied by at least one other individual on his missionary journeys. At times when he was alone, he relied on God for strength in overcoming mistreatment, persecution to continue in doing God's Will (2 Timothy 4:15-18).

We learn from Paul, that it's possible to live alone, but not live lonely.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



Anthony Butcher is out of the hospital at this time. He will be having a transplant within in the next couple months.

Geraldine Stewart is at Heartland.

Remember those on our prayer list:

The Stewart Family, Anthony Butcher, Robert Noland, Marie Newland, Janie Judge, Kenny Lancaster, Jodi Mote, Gary Maston, Jane Becker, Dick Dutton, Ronnie Frye, & 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 March 22nd:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Craig Dutton

Ushers: Bill Dutton, Darren Parks

Communion: Dave Parks, Clay Perkins, Elmer Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Randy Fluharty, DJ Kes-singer

Reading and Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Door Greeters: Kevin Mercer Family, Brian Mercer Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Darren Parks

Prayer: Larry Butcher

Closing Prayer: Wirt Cook

Wednesday:

Song leader: Craig Dutton

Prayer: Kevin Mercer

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

THOSE SERVING March 29th:

Announcements: Craig Dutton

Song Leader: Wirt Cook

Ushers: Elmer Burns, Ethan Davis

Communion: Hal Powell, Darren Parks, Buzz Williams, Lew Wilson, Brian Mercer, Melvin Truax

Reading and Prayer: Kevin Mercer

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Door Greeters: Darren Parks Family, Dale Parsley Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Melvin Truax

Prayer: Kyle Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday:

Song leader: Wirt Cook

Prayer: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

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

