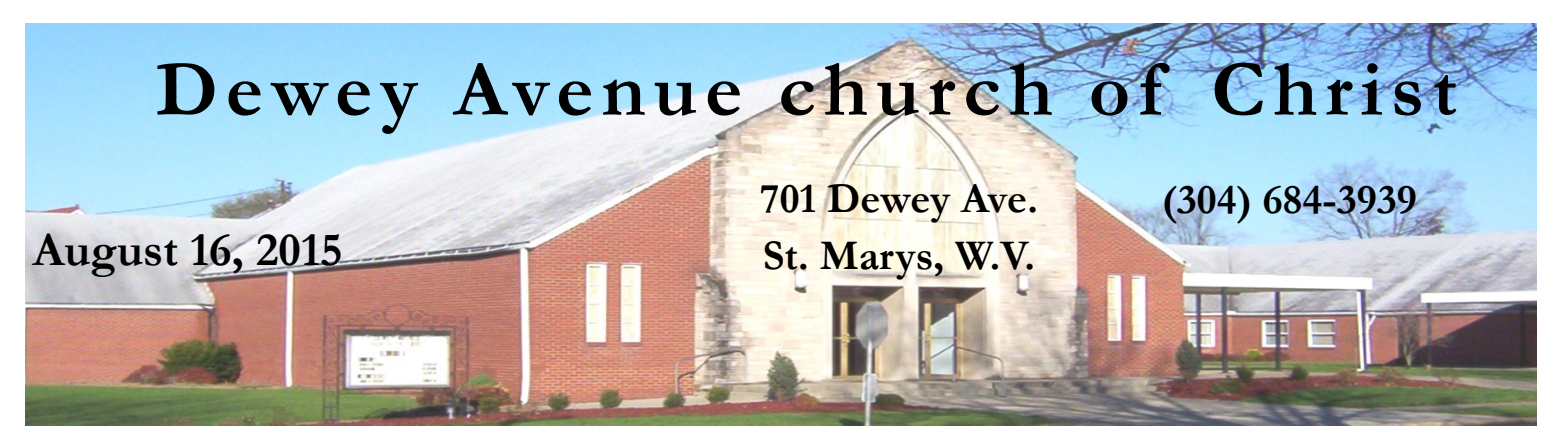


Morning Sermon:

What if Jesus had never been born?

Evening Sermon:



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AFTER LIFE AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

By Dale Parsley

The number one song for the past 2 weeks on Billboard.com is “Can’t Feel My Face.” A love song not about a girl, but cocaine! One verse states, “And I know she’ll be the death of me, at least we’ll both be numb. And she’ll always get the best of me, the worst is yet to come. But at least we’ll both be beautiful and stay forever young...” Some sad and troubling lyrics in celebrating the person who makes an idol out of a drug. This song as well as many others, serves as an example which seem to indicate that the upcoming predominant moral code in America is that of, “live it up.” Ultimately, this moral code is influenced from the idea that either there is no such thing as life after death, or even if there is, you’re not going to get in trouble for the evils you commit.

What if there was no life after death? In a sense, once our lives on earth are over, we would never know the difference. The atheist will not be waiting for us on the side yelling, “See I told you so!” In times past the belief of no after life or no accountability for one’s actions is told by Ancient Greek historian Thucydides: “[W]hen the mortal plague came to Athens, people committed every shameful crime and eagerly snatched at every lustful pleasure because they believed that life was short and they would never have to pay the penalty.” (Barclay, p. 155) In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul is correcting the false belief of no life after death that some Christians had adopted. He notes in verse 32 “...If the dead do not rise, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.’” William Barclay rightly notes, “Take away the thought of a life to come and this life loses its values. Take away the idea that this life is a preparation for a greater life to follow and the bonds of honor and morality are loosened...the fact remains that the man who believes that this is the only world tends to live as if the things of this world are all that matter.” (p. 155)

The truth is there is a life after this one where all of humanity will be held accountable for their actions (2 Corinthians 5:10). The eyewitnesses to the resurrection of Christ verify this (1 Cor. 15:1-8) and those who have “done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation” (John 5:29).

As a Christian, life is not about “living it up” now because when this life is over, so is the fun; rather, when this life ends, the reward in Christ and eternal joy begins.

References:William Barclay, The Letters to the Corinthians, Revised Edition, The Westminster Press, 1975



NEWS AND NOTES:

Prayer Meeting: Every Sunday at 6:00pm in the fellowship room.

August 30th: Birthday/Anniversary Dinner following evening services. Everyone is welcome!

September 5th: There will be a fishing tournament/cookout for all ages at the home of Clay and Rhonda Perkins (700 Greene St., Newport, OH) Beginning with dinner at 4:30 and fishing from 5:30-7:00, followed by an award presentation. If possible bring your own pole and bait. Please see the foyer to sign up and see a list of award categories.

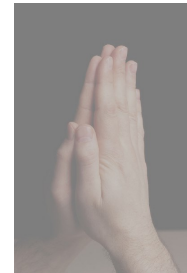
Congratulations!!

Eric Croasmun for graduating with his Masters this weekend!!

*Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of
the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sin-
ners, Nor sits in the seat of the
scornful;
But his delight is in the law of
the Lord,
And in His law he me-
diates day and night.
~Psalms 1:1-2*



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



*Remember in prayer the many that are traveling.

*Betty Jo Hinton is in Camden Clark Hospital at this time.

*Dana Dalrymple is fighting cancer, send cards to:

6460 Mount Carmel Ridge Rd.
Saint Marys, WV 26170

Remember those on our prayer list: Terry Hubner, Ruth Eddy, Betty Jo Hinton, Pat Duerr, Lyle Dearth Jr., Pat Hays, Charlotte Wilson, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Geraldine Stewart, Anthony Butcher, Myles Manning, Janie Judge, & 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 August 16th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Craig Dutton

Ushers: Richard Lee Davis, Ethan Davis

Communion: Camaron Lancaster, Lew Wilson, Jesse Barnhart, Elmer Burns, Bill Dutton, Richard Davis

Reading and Prayer: Kevin Mercer

Closing Prayer: John Rockhold

Door Greeters: Melvin & Sue Truax, Eric Croasmun & Emily Null

Evening Worship:

Communion: Brian Mercer

Prayer: Gerald Burns

Closing Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song leader: Craig Dutton

Prayer: Tom Becker

Closing Prayer: Eric Croasmun

THOSE SERVING August 23rd:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Craig Dutton

Song Leader: Eric Croasmun

Ushers: Melvin Truax, Glenn Stewart

Communion: Larry Butcher, Clint Perkins, Gerald Burns, Buzz Williams, Hal Powell, Ethan Davis

Reading and Prayer: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Door Greeters: Buzz & Faye Williams, Elmer & Pam Burns

Evening Worship:

Communion: Thomas Kessinger

Prayer: D.J. Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Kevin Mercer

Wednesday:

Song leader: Eric Croasmun

Prayer: Kyle Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

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

