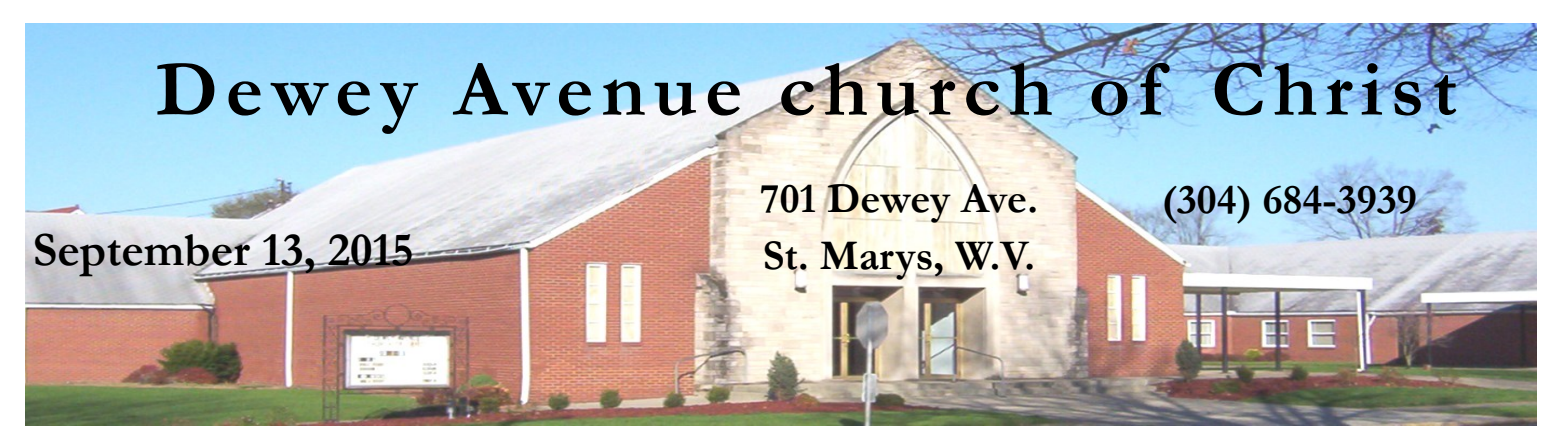


Morning Sermon:

Guilt & Repentance

Evening Sermon:

Jesus in Revelation 1



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Just Your Interpretation?
 By Joe Slater

I always smile (at least on the inside) when some-one asks me, "What does the church of Christ believe about such-and-such?" Usually my reply is something like this: "I don't know what the church believes about it, but let's see what the Bible says."

I understand what folks are asking - they're used to the idea of a church having a creed or confession of faith that spells out its "official position" on various issues. But the question arises: If you need a creed to "interpret" the Bible, what makes you think you can understand the creed? Will you need another document to "interpret" the creed? And another to interpret the interpretation of the creed? Where does this end?

The whole idea of "interpreting" the Bible is troublesome. If, by "interpret," we mean to determine the teaching of a passage, then of course we must do so. Jesus severely criticized those who failed to use Scripture and sound reasoning to arrive at truthful conclusions (see Matthew 22:29-32).

But many understand "interpret" to mean putting your own slant on a text to suit your personal agenda. A common assertion, "That's just your interpretation," betrays such thinking. It assumes that there are as many interpretations as there are people, and that any particular interpretation is as valid as any other. Therefore, we cannot know for certain what the truth is, nor can we say that any particular interpretation is right or wrong.

Is there such a thing as the "right" interpretation? Paul affirmed that people who read what he wrote can understand (Ephesians 3:4). That isn't to say there aren't "some things hard to understand" (2 Peter 3:16). However, by using the Scriptures with sound reasoning, we can reach reliable conclusions. Peter did not say that those difficult things admit of a dozen interpretations; in fact, he warned that "those who are untaught and unstable twist (those hard passages) to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" (2 Peter 3:16).

Indeed, wrong interpretations are destructive to our spiritual well being! Let us stand boldly with the word of God, "handling aright the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

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NEWS AND NOTES:

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

September 15th: Ladies lap quilting at 9:30a.m.

Gospel Meetings: Many upcoming meetings listed on the back bulletin.

Congratulations!

Hal & Carmen Powell welcomed a new grandbaby, Avery Hunter Powell 6lbs 130z on Sept. 4.

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the nice birthday cards for my 89th birthday.

Christian Love,
Betty Wilson

Please keep the Boley and Boyles Families in your prayers with the loss of their daughter Kristin Boley this week.

Memory Verses

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ~ Matthew 11:28



You will show me the path of life; in

Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. ~ Psalms 16:11

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



*Betty Jo Hinton was to moved to CareHaven on Friday.

*Myles Manning is at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Please continue to

keep him and the Manning family in your prayers.

*Lyles Dearth Jr. had his second liver transplant in Pittsburgh last Thursday. He continues to have complications and is currently still in ICU.

Remember those on our prayer list: Terry Hubner, Betty Jo Hinton, Pat Duer, Dick Hall, Lyle Dearth Jr., Charlotte Wilson, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Geraldine Stewart, Anthony Butcher, Dana Dalrymple, 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 September 13th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clint Perkins

Song Leader: Wirt Cook

Ushers: Jesse Barnhart, Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Dave Parks, Dave Lancaster, Melvin Truax, Elmer Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Cole Butcher

Reading and Prayer: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Kyle Lancaster

Door Greeters: Judy & Clint Perkins, Camaron Lancaster & Ashton Hess

Evening Worship:

Communion: Kevin Mercer

Prayer: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Craig Dutton

Wednesday:

Song leader: Craig Dutton

Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

THOSE SERVING September 20th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Eric Croasmun

Ushers: Elmer Burns, Tom Becker

Communion: Craig Dutton, Connor Lancaster, Gerald Burns, Dave Williamson, Buzz Williams, Ethan Davis

Reading and Prayer: Kevin Mercer

Closing Prayer: Clint Perkins

Door Greeters: Randy Fluharty Family, Rodney & Debbie Ramsey

Evening Worship:

Communion: Dave Lancaster

Prayer: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

Wednesday:

Song leader: Eric Croasmun

Prayer: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

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

