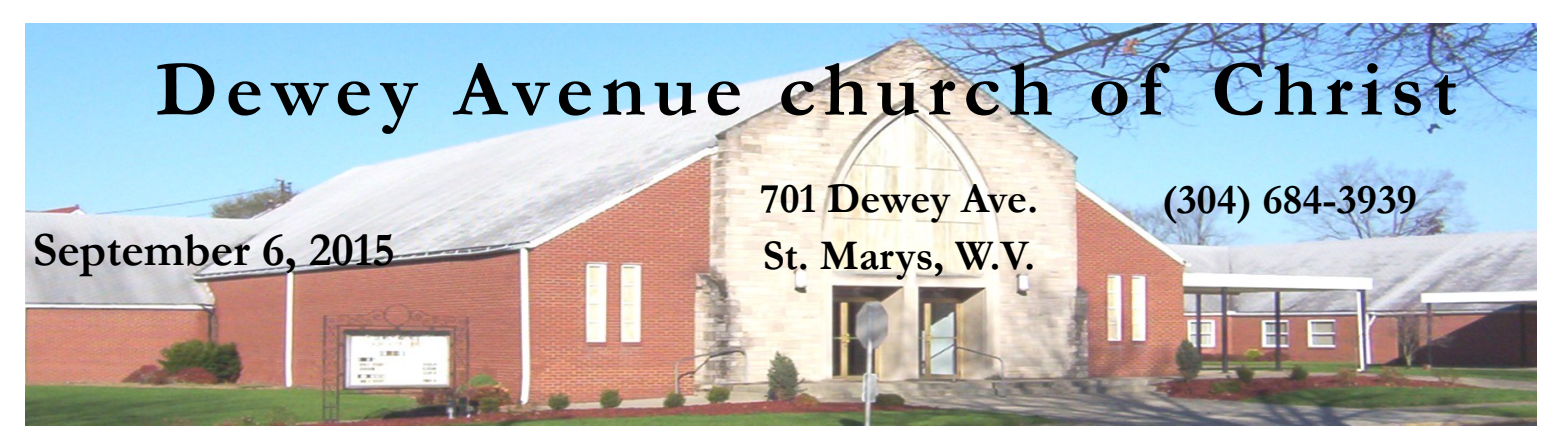


Morning Sermon:

“Gotta Have Faith?” Part 2

Evening Sermon:

Jesus in Revelation



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**The Right to Forgive Sins
by Dale Parsley**

Recently in the news, leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis said that Catholic Priests around the world will be able to forgive a woman who has had an abortion beginning this December. This new policy however does not change the Catholic Church doctrine, but only applies to the “Year of Mercy” a centuries old Catholic practice during which Catholics may receive special indulgences for their sins which starts on December 8 and goes to November 20, 2016. (www.cnn.com/2015/09/01/europe/pope-francis-abortion/)

Even though Christ is the head of His church and not some man (Ephesians 1:22-23); and every person who is a Christian is a priest (1 Peter 2:9), it makes me wonder if this gives the impression to some that abortion is the worst sin of all that cannot be forgiven.

Remember that:

1. Sin is sin. Is murder worse than lying? Here on earth? Yes. I’m sure we would rather be lied to than murdered. The earthly punishment and guilt of committing murder is worse than telling a lie. However, murder is a sin and so is lying and both sins equally separate us from God (Romans 3:23; 6:23); and deserve eternal punishment (Revelation 21:8; James 2:9-12). Abortion in other words is not the unpardonable sin. Nowhere in Scripture is the sin of murder less forgivable than any other sin. Before Paul became a Christian, he had Christians murdered (Acts 9:1-2), yet upon his conversion, all of his sins were washed away (Acts 22:16).

2. Only God has the right to forgive sins. In Mark 2, Jesus was teaching in someone’s house, prompting so many people to gather in the house that it became “standing room only” to the point that no one else could enter. A man who was paralyzed was let down through the roof on a bed. “When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Sons your sins are forgiven you’ (verse 5). What’s interesting is that after He said this, some of the Scribes accused Jesus of blasphemy saying, “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (verse 7) What Jesus’ enemies said here was right, only God has the right to forgive sins. The problem with them was their unwillingness to accept that Jesus was God, which He demonstrated that He was in verses 8-12 by healing the paralytic.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Keep in mind, the person we confess our sins to in the context is God!

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NEWS AND NOTES:

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

September 6th: New Fall Quarter begins today!!!

September 10th: Carehaven Sing at 7:15p.m.

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

September 18th: Friday Night Sing at 7p.m. at the Pike Church of Christ.

Bill & Pat Duer celebrated their 67th Anniversary recently if you would like to send a card:

13821 Chardon Winsdor Rd
P.O. Box 772
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Please keep the McFarland and Wilson Families in your prayers with the loss of Lisa Wilson's mother Joanna McFarland.

Thank You

Thanks for all the beautiful birthday cards. They made my day!

~Evelyn Hall

I want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and especially prayers offered on my behalf.

It means so much to me.

~Betty Jo Hall Hinton

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



*Betty Jo Hinton fell and broke her other hip she is at CCMH room.

*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 on Thursday. After a 14+ hour surgery plus 2 more surgeries he is having some complications and has been placed back on the Liver donor List. Living Donor McKayla Winland is doing well but still in pain.

Remember those on our prayer list: Lisa Wilson and family, Terry Hubner, Betty Jo Hinton, Pat Duer, 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 6th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Gerald Burns

Song Leader: Craig Dutton

Ushers: Cole Butcher, Richard Davis

Communion: Lew Wilson, Tom Becker, Jesse Barnhart, Bill Dutton, Randy Fluharty, Clay Perkins

Reading and Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Eric Croasmun

Door Greeters: Darren Parks Family, Melvin & Sue Truax

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 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 and Clint Perkins,

Evening Worship:

Communion: Glenn Stewart

Prayer: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song leader: Wirt Cook

Prayer: Buzz Williams

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

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

