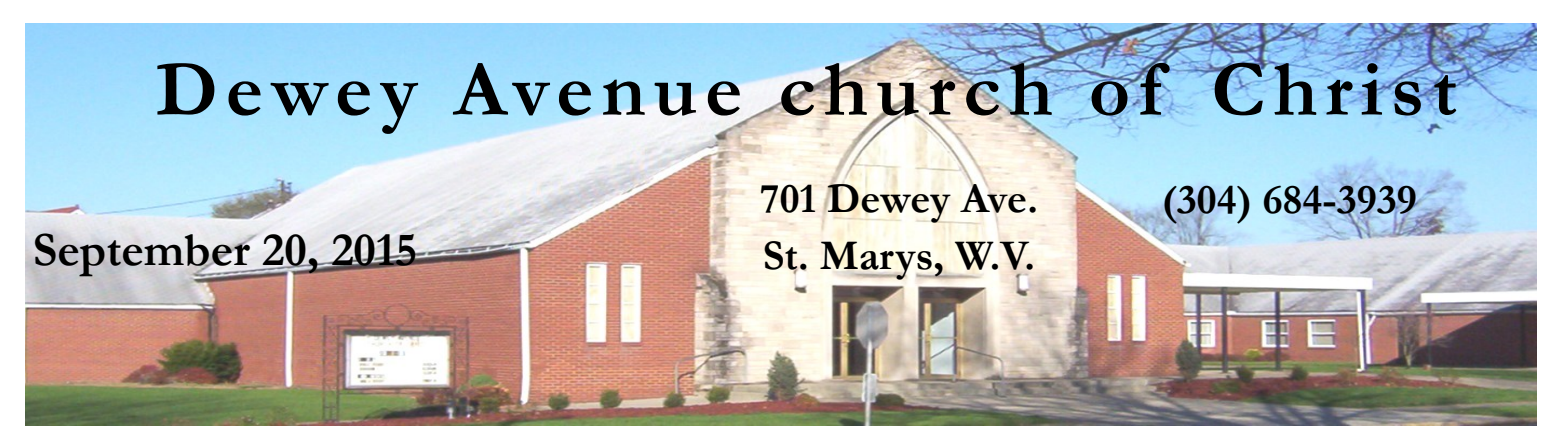


Morning Sermon:

7 A's of Confession

Evening Sermon:

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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 27th: Birthday & Anniversary Potluck Dinner held after evening services. Come, stay and eat!

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

Memory Verses

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in him I will trust." ~Psalm 91:2

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not



be afraid; For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and song; He also has

become my salvation." ~Isaiah 12:2

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



*Betty Jo Hinton is at CCMH.

*Myles Manning is transitioning to be moved back home after 4 months in the hospital.

*Lyle Dearth Jr. passed away Friday evening after a hard fought battle. Please keep Jan and Hannah Dearth and his parents Lyle Sr. and Mickey Dearth in your prayers. Visitation will be Monday 2-4p.m. and 6-8p.m and services will Tuesday at 1p.m. at Ingram Funeral Home.

Remember those on our prayer list: Terry Hubner, Betty Jo Hinton, Pat Duer, The Family of 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.

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

THOSE SERVING September 27th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Dave Parks
Song Leader: Darren Parks
Ushers: Thomas Kessinger, Rodney Ramsey
Communion: Hal Powell, Clint Perkins, Bill Dutton, Richard Lee Davis, Ethan Davis, Cole Butcher
Reading and Prayer: Lew Wilson
Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer
Door Greeters:

Evening Worship:

Communion: Melvin Truax
Prayer: Gerald Burns
Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday:

Song leader: Darren Parks
Prayer: Kevin Mercer
Closing Prayer: John Rockhold

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

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

