

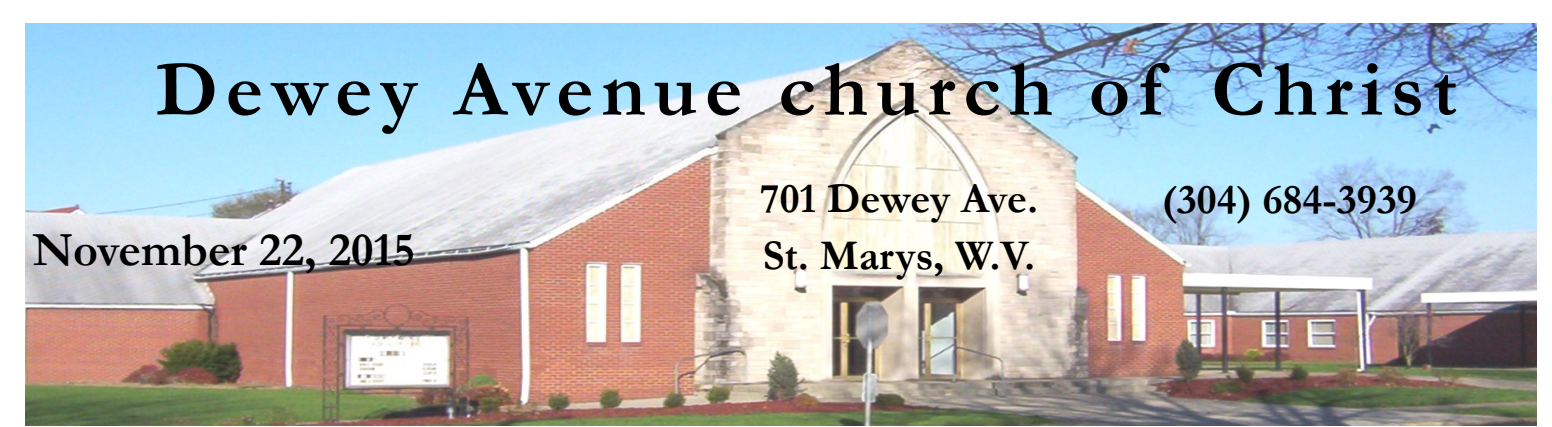
Morning Sermon:

A Thankful Heart-Psalm 95

Evening Sermon:

The Church At Ephesus

- Revelation 2



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A Gift From Johnson Oatman

By David Bragg

Over a 100 years ago Johnson Oatman gave a wonderful gift to Christian worship. It sprang out of a gift he himself had received from his father.

Born in 1856, at Medford, NJ, Johnson Oatman inherited his father's love for music. An excellent singer, the elder Johnson's voice filled the Oatman home and made an indelible impression in the mind of his young son. After college the younger Oatman was a partner in his father's general store and later in the insurance industry while also serving as a denominational preacher. But from the age of 36 much of his "spare time" was spent on his real passion, writing hymns of which he reportedly authored more than 5,000. Hymnologist Jacob Henry Hall wrote of Oatman, "no gospel song book is considered as being complete unless it contains some of his hymns" ([hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org)). While we are familiar with Oatman's favorite hymns, *Higher Ground* and *No Not One*, it is *Count Your Blessings* (written in 1897) that is considered his finest work. It has been said of this song, "Men sing it, boys whistle it and women rock their babies to sleep to it" (St. Augustine Record, 11-20-14). The hymn's popularity was evident from the moment it was first released but skyrocketed in America during the Great Depression, seven years after Johnson Oatman, Jr.'s death.

As we approach the fourth Thursday of November the thoughts of most Americans will turn towards thanksgiving. It is truly a shame that it takes a national holiday to dredge such thoughts to the surface when every day countless blessings from God are taken for granted. How much better this world would be if everyone heeded Paul's command, "in everything give thanks" (1 Thes. 5:18). Perhaps the familiar words and melody of *Count Your Blessings* will linger with us as a subtle reminder of the source of those daily blessings. That would be a great gift from Johnson Oatman.

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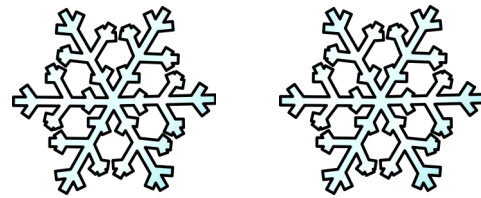
NEWS AND NOTES:

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

November 29th: Birthday/Anniversary Pot-luck dinner after Sunday evening service. This will be an *Italian Feast* so please bring your favorite Italian dish and/or dessert!

Potters Children's Home Collection: November 30-Dec 10 they will be collecting the Coin Banks.

December 5th: @3:30pm. There will be a **Yankee Swap/Cookie Exchange** at the home of Clay & Rhonda Perkins. Each adult who wishes to participate in the Yankee Swap should bring a wrapped gift ranging in price \$5-\$15. (Can be a gag gift.) Children wishing to participate in exchange should bring a wrapped gift in the \$1-\$5 range. The cookie exchange should include 2 dozen cookies along with the recipe. **Sign up's in the back!!** **Holiday Baskets**— We will be collecting items to fill baskets for our shut-ins. These items may be given to Clay Perkins or brought on the day of the Yankee Swap.



Winter Training Series



Thursdays 7:00-8:00 P.M.

January 7th– 28th

Roger Rush - Marriage and the Family

Andy Robison – Sermons from Songs

Ed Melot - Bible Geography

Randy Baker - 1 Thessalonians

*Any updates or information for the bulletin please contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141 or email at terrinazel-

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



*Scott Judge goes to the Cardiologist on Tuesday.

*Terry Hubner was diagnosed with cancer and will be back at Cleveland

Clinic for more tests Monday.

*Sue Holland is taking treatments again.

*Cold and Flu season is among us again please keep those that are battling sickness at this time in prayer.

*Please remember the many traveling this holiday week.

Remember those on our prayer list: Barbara Eddy, Claris Powell, Terry Hubner, The Family of Gary Gilbert, The Family of Joey Collins, Kenny Lancaster, Pat Duer, Charlotte Wilson, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Geraldine Stewart, Anthony Butcher, Dana Dalrymple, Myles Manning, Sonny Williams, 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 November 22nd:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Wirt Cook

Ushers: Melvin Truax, Ethan Davis

Communion: Kevin Mercer, Dave Parks, Elmer Burns, Randy Fluharty, Rodney Ramsey, Bill Dutton

Reading and Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Buzz Williams

Door Greeters: Glenn & Gala Stewart, Richard & Brenda Davis

Evening Worship:

Communion: Camaron Lancaster

Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday:

Song leader: Wirt Cook

Prayer: Eric Croasmun

Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

THOSE SERVING November 29th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Craig Dutton

Song Leader: John Rockhold

Ushers: Glen Stewart, Elmer Burns

Communion: Larry Butcher, Brian Mercer, Cole Butcher, Thomas Kessinger, Clay Perkins, Darren Parks

Reading and Prayer: Gerald Burns

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Door Greeters: Darren Parks Family, Kevin Mercer Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Glen Stewart

Prayer: Kyle Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Wednesday:

Song leader: John Rockhold

Prayer: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Buzz Williams

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

