

Upcoming Gospel Meetings
and Area Wide Sings

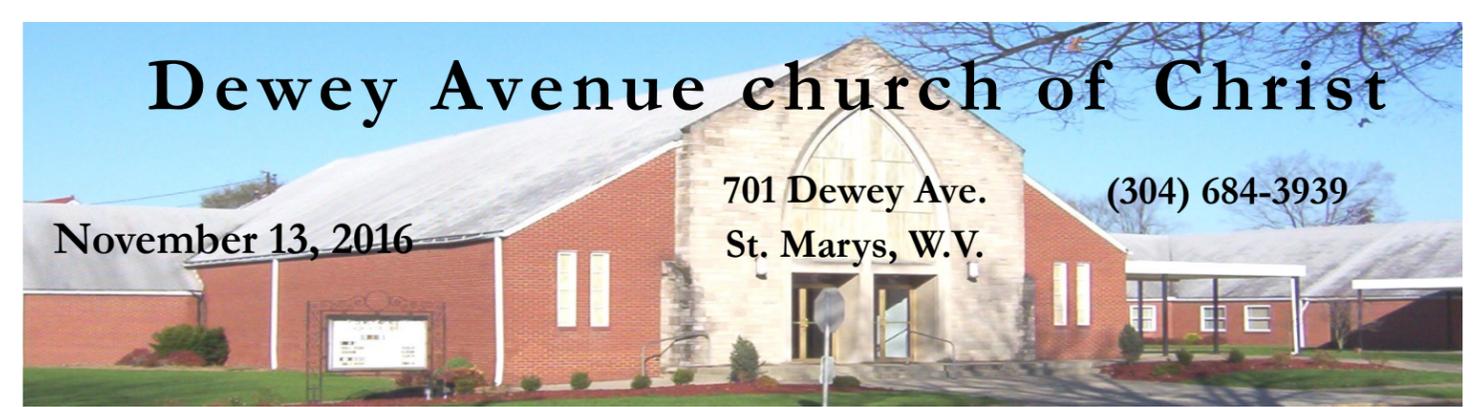
*Gospel Meeting at Bridge St. church of Christ November 13-16.

*More info and details on the above events and more upcoming events posted on the back bulletin.

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Sermon Notes:



November 13, 2016

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A NATION DIVIDED

by Dale Parsley

The Civil War in the late 19th century was probably the most divisive event in the history of the USA. How did Christians respond in a time like this? It seems in all different directions. Some probably argued for states rights and how the Federal government was infringing on that right. Others may have preached against racism and how all men are created equal is a justifiable reason to also go to war. The sad part about is among the 1,200 congregations in the North and about 800 in the South, not all Christians refused to go to war. In fact, some congregations often included both Union and Confederate sympathizers. (Allen 84-85) However, many ministers “urged Christians to stay out of the war. J.W. McGarvey, for example, was one of several ministers who wrote to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, requesting conscientious objector status for Christians in the South. ‘I would rather ten thousand times be killed for refusing to fight,’ McGarvey wrote, ‘than to fall in battle, or come home victorious with the blood of my brethren on my hands.’ He asked Christians to consider what the apostles would have done if six had lived in the North and six in the South. ‘Would they like the hosts of sectarian preachers on both sides, be urging their brethren to war?’” (Allen 85)

The election season has come to an end. Even though the nation still remains divided, what about us as God’s nation? I’m not predicting another Civil War, however, as Christians, regardless of what the future holds, we need to keep our relationship as a citizen in this country and a citizen of God’s Kingdom in the proper perspective. Even though it is not wrong to have political views, how we disagree with one another especially on matters of opinion and how we treat one another is essential in our relationship with God.

In spite of who we wanted elected as President, Senator or Governor, remember this,

*“Our hope is not in the one who was placed in the White House, but the one who was placed on the cross.
Our trust is not in a donkey or an elephant, but in a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Our citizenship is not in a flawed Republic, but in a perfect Monarchy.
Our King has no term limits, is not in danger of being voted-out or deposed, but will reign forever.*

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NEWS & NOTES



Prayer Meeting: Tonight at 6:00pm.

Lap Quilters— Davinci's lunch date will be rescheduled at a later time.

November 27: Change Cans for the Potter Children's Home will be picked up. Please grab a can in the back and start filling up!



New Quarter: New Quarter starts December 4th. Please Sign up to teach!

December 3: Annual Planning Meeting.



December 10: Winter Coat Giveaway. **PLEASE START BRINGING IN COATS, HATS, GLOVES, SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS, etc.**



A NATION DIVIDED CONT.....

Our King was not elected to office because he is the "lesser of two evils," but he was selected because he is wholly worthy!

Our laws are not subject to preferential treatment of a few influential people, but are always just, holy, and good for all.

Our Kingdom is not restricted by borders, but is universal.

Our Kingdom is not comprised of citizens with compliant behavior, but with transformed hearts.

Our leader is not the "Commander-in-Chief" of a mighty military but the "Lord of Hosts."

Our leader is not handicapped by a failing economy, for all things belong to Him.

Our Kingdom agenda is the same the day after the election as it was the day of the election, regardless of who was elected: We are to promote God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven." (Higginbotham)

"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. (15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Colossians 3:14-15).

Works Cited: Leonard Allen, "Distant Voices," ACU Press, 1993
Steve Higginbotham, "The Day After,"

UPDATES



**Colleen Kiester continues to recovery at home and having difficulty. She has more tests in the future.

*Evelyn Hall is still recovering at home and doing some better.

*Faye Williamson is at home recovering.

*Sue Holland fell and is staying with John & Tina at this time.

*Zack Lamp is at home after trying to get heart back in rhythm, they will try again this week.

*Brenda Davis, Kathy Lancaster, and Charlotte Wilson are struggling with health problems.

Remember those on our prayer list: Family of Alberta Clegg, Scott Judge, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Kathy Lancaster, Colleen Kiester, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Jessie Williamson, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, & Madeline McFadden. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling, government leaders and 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 13th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Craig Dutton

Ushers: Elmer Burns, Glenn Stewart

Communion: Gerald Burns, Clay Perkins, Jason Cuzzen, Stephen Hays, Randy Fluharty, Rodney Ramsey

Reading and Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Door Greeters: Judy Perkins, Clint Perkins, Ruth Ann Keith, Marie Newland

Evening Worship:

Communion: Melvin Truax

Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Wednesday:

Song leader: Craig Dutton

Prayer: Larry Butcher

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

THOSE SERVING November 20th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Gerald Burns

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Ushers: Bill Dutton, Ethan Davis

Communion: Hal Powell, Clint Perkins, Richard Davis, Jesse Barnhart, Eric Butler, Clay Perkins

Reading and Prayer: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Door Greeters: Becky Hinton, Shirley Hearn, Richard Lee Davis Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Lew Wilson

Prayer: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

Wednesday:

Song leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

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

