

**Upcoming Gospel Meetings
and Area Wide Sings**

March 10: Area Wide Sing held at Sissonville church of Christ

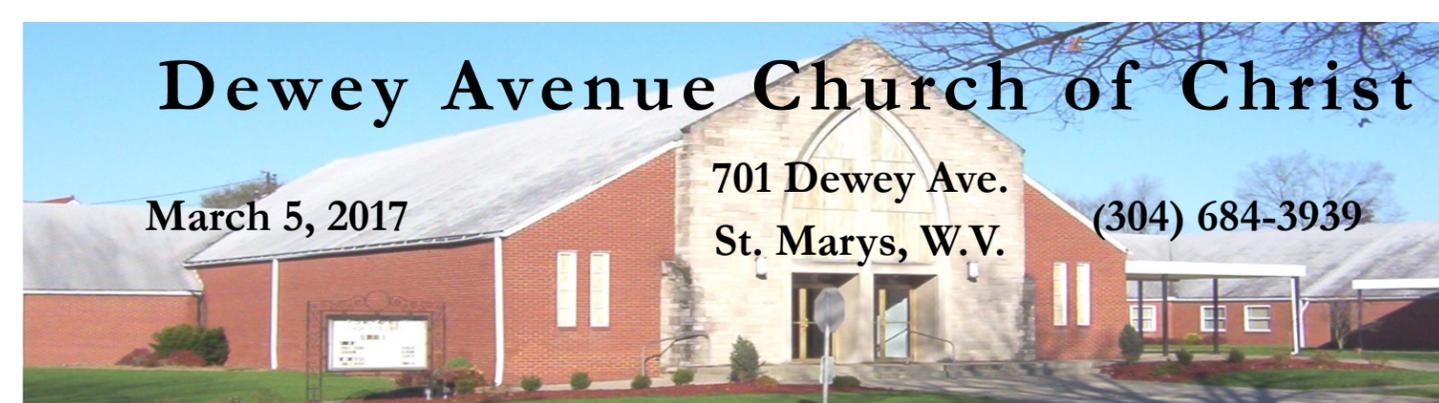
*More info and details on the upcoming events posted on the back bulletin.

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***** If anyone has a topic you would like for Dale to present a lesson on, you can write it down and please sign your name, in case Dale has any questions and place it in the box on the table in the back of the auditorium.**

*****VBS Bible material needs to be looked at. Currently we have 2 choices, if anyone knows of a good 3rd option please let Dale, or one of the elders know.**



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A MEANINGFUL LIFE

By Dale Parsley

Gospel Preacher Allen Webster wrote, "Made in God's image (Gen. 1:26), man yearns for life to be meaningful. The possibilities in every year, for good or evil, are prodigious. Each decade has its outstanding characteristic: In the twenties, there is **expectation**. One is ambitious. Everything is new and exciting.

In the thirties, there is **energy**. One builds his career and family during these pivotal years.

In the forties, there is **discovery**. Pythagoras said, 'No man knows himself until he is forty.' By this time, he has learned what he can do, or what he cannot do.

In the fifties, there is **harvest**. If he has sown wild oats, he reaps it in health, relationships, and finances (Gal. 6:7). If he has sown to the Spirit, he reaps a half century of spiritual fruit.

In the sixties, there is **wisdom**. If life has been well-lived to this point, one often has experience, reasonably good health, and the respect of family and peers.

In the seventies, there are **finishing touches**. He may face temptation to live in the past, yet one may do much good in this decade.

In the eighties, there is **legacy**. One enters the congratulation phase. He is nearly home. Many friends are gone; he knows he must soon join them. He no longer depends primarily on brain, muscle, and nerve, but on prayer and perseverance" (adapted from T. DE Witt Talmage, *The Spiritual Sword*, July 2016, Volume 47, No. 4, p. 7-8). Unfortunately, not everyone makes it to eighty. Some leave this world much earlier. In whatever stage or age, a meaningful life is:

1. *One that is raised with Christ (Colossians 3:1)*. Meaning one who has made the decision to follow Jesus and has died to his former way of life and through baptism has been raised with Christ, in a newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).
2. *One that is focused on the things eternal*. Colossians 3:1-2, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."
3. *One who remembers that plans and decisions are lived according to God's Will*. James wrote, "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"... (15) Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:13, 15).
4. *One that makes the best of the time allotted*. Paul told the church at Ephesus to make "the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). "So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

Prayer Meeting

Prayer Meeting at 6pm in the Fellowship Room.

Ladies Inspiration Day Meeting

Ladies will hold a meeting today, right after morning services.

SING

Carehaven Sing on March 9th at 7pm.

Hockey Game

March 24 is the Wheeling Nailers Game. Please contact Craig Dutton this week if you are wanting to attend.

Youth Rally

March 10-11 North End is hosting a Youth Rally. Registration @ 6:30pm *More info in the back

Seniors Meeting

The Senior group will meet March 6th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship room. This is for anyone 50 years young and over.

Involvement Sheet

Involvement Sheets were passed out for those that would like to be involved with the work of the church. Please fill them out and return them to Dale as soon as possible. See Dale if you need a sheet.

Pictorial Directory

We will be updating the pictorial directory in the back of the foyer starting in the month of March. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the auditorium to sign up for a time to have your picture taken. If you have any questions, see Dale or Angie Parsley.

Youth Devo Game Night

Will be rescheduled.

Calendars

You may pick up your yearly event calendars in the back.



*Marie Newland will be undergoing 7 weeks of treatment.

*Opal Locke went to hospital last week with sugar concerns. She is home now and doing better.

*Jonas Judge had a second surgery last week on his leg. Realigned the bones and placed 2 more pins. He is home and doing better.

*Evelyn Hall is having complications at this time.

*Gene West fell last week and is still not feeling well.

*Colleen Kiester has to wait to start her therapy.

*Cold & Flu season is among us. Please keep those that are battling sickness in prayer.

Remember those on our prayer list

Rodney Ramsey, Judy Barnhart, Scott Judge, Ellie Judge, Jonas Judge, Brad & Pam Butcher, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Kathy Lancaster, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Wayne Kuehne, Zach Lamp, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Jessie Williamson, Carrie McCullough, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, & Madeline McFadden.

Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling, government leaders and military.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00

March 5th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: John Rockhold

Ushers: Jesse Barnhart, Glenn Stewart

Communion: Gerald Burns, Camaron Lancaster, Richard Davis, Richard Lee Davis, Ethan Davis, Dave Parks

Reading and Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Jason Cuzzen

Door Greeters: Larry & Delores Butcher, Dave Lancaster Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

Wednesday:

Song leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Craig Dutton

Closing Prayer: Dan Kessinger

March 12

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Wirt Cook

Ushers: Ethan Davis, Tom Becker

Communion: Hunter Williams, Brian Mercer, Jesse Barnhart, Stephen Hays, Rodney Ramsey, Elmer Burns

Reading and Prayer: Eric Croasmun

Closing Prayer: Buzz Williams

Door Greeters: Hal & Carmen Powell, Dave & Carla Parks

Evening Worship:

Communion: Glenn Stewart

Prayer: Craig Dutton

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday:

Song leader: Wirt Cook

Prayer: Larry Butcher

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

