

Upcoming Gospel Meetings
and Area Wide Sings

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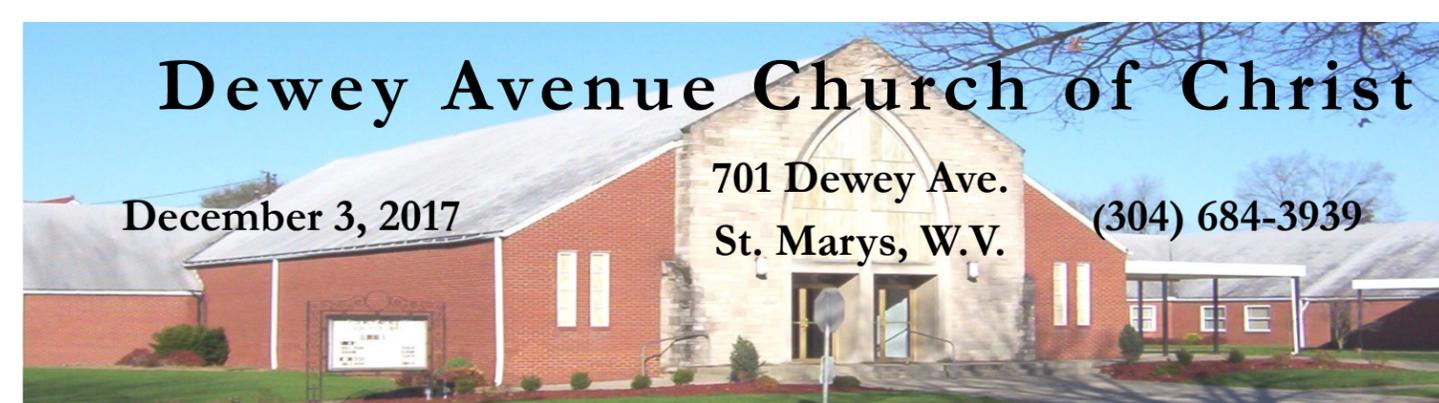


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***** If anyone has a topic you would like for Dale to present a lesson on, you can write it down and please sign your name, in case Dale has any questions and place it in the box on the table in the back of the auditorium.**



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December 3, 2017
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Love your Neighbor as Yourself and Why
By Dale Parsley

“A holy man was engaged in his morning meditation under a tree whose roots stretched out over the riverbank. During his meditation he noticed that the river was rising, and a scorpion caught in the roots was about to drown. He crawled out on the roots and reached down to free the scorpion, but every time he did so, the scorpion struck back at him. An observer came along and said to the holy man, ‘Don’t you know that’s a scorpion, and it’s in the nature of a scorpion to want to sting?’ To which the holy man replied, ‘That may well be, but it is my nature to save, and must I change my nature because the scorpion does not change its nature?’” (Larson)

How we treat others often depends upon how they first treat us. If someone is friendly and cordial, we return the favor. If someone is rude and mean, so are we. But is this right? Jesus taught us to treat others in a way we want to be treated, not treat others in a way they treat us (Luke 6:31).

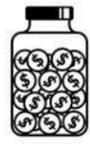
It’s not wrong to be motivated to do right by another’s kind behavior. In fact, it’s much easier to love those who are loveable. But how we treat others should not depend upon their actions. When we bless our enemies in spite of being persecuted, and speak well of, in spite of being cursed, our hope should be that our actions will change them (Matthew 5:13-16, 44-48). But what if our example in those difficult circumstances has no impact on them? Remember, just because someone does not change immediately, does not mean they eventually won’t. It could be years before they take a Christ-like example to heart. Furthermore, just because someone may never change, does not mean others aren’t watching. An enemy may never repent, but his friend might. In addition, just because someone may never change, does not mean we stop trying. How many blessings and chastisements has God brought into our life in hopes we’d change? He is long-suffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

When Jesus commanded us to love our neighbor as our self (Matthew 22:39), He first commanded to love Him with all our heart, soul and mind (Matthew 22:36). In other words, it is out of our love for God and our desire to please Him that we love others. Therefore, if our boss is unkind, we must be kind. If our friends mistreat us and makes excuses for their actions, we must still examine ourselves and seek to treat them right. If our spouse disregards Scripture as to how husbands and wives ought to treat one another, we must still seek to please our Savior in abiding by His Word.

References:

Martin Marty, 750 Engaging Illustrations for Preachers, Teachers, and Writers, Craig Larson, 326

NEWS & NOTES



*Gleaner Cans for Potters Children Home will be collected on **Dec. 4th between 2:00-2:30pm.**

December 8 @

5:00pm will be a Baby Shower for Kyle & Sara Lancaster in the Anex. They are registered at Walmart and Babies R Us.



Christmas Party for the middle school & high school kids on **December 9, 6:30pm** at the home of Paige Cook. Please bring a \$5 or less wrapped gift for a goofy gift game. Will have snacks and hot cocoa!

December 14 @ 7:15pm will be the SING at CareHaven.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To the SMHS Football team and coaches on a wonderful season!

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for the calls, cards, and prayers during the loss of my grandfather.

~In Christian Love,
Terri Parks & Family

I want to thank you all for my birthday cards, food and gifts. May God bless you all.

In Christian Love
Marie Newland

UPDATES



*Marie Newland is home.

*Pat Bills' mother, Betty Bills is home after having a stroke. Keep Pat in your prayers as she is having some health issues as well.

*Continue to keep Marie Newland, Barbara Eddy & Charlotte Wilson in your prayers.

Remember those on our prayer list

Jonas Judge, Eli Clark, Joe Grimes, Faye Williams, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Gene West, Bill Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Pat & Bill Duer, Jessie Williamson, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, Madeline McFadden

Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling, government leaders, military, Hundred, WV flood victims.

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

THOSE SERVING

December 3rd

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins
Song Leader: Craig Dutton
Ushers: Melvin Truax, Bill Dutton
Communion: Gerald Burns, Lew Wilson, Elmer Burns, Stephen Hays, Ethan Davis, Richard Lee Davis
Reading and Prayer: Connor Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Communion: Hal Powell
Prayer: Darren Parks
Closing Prayer: Jason Cuzzen

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Craig Dutton
Prayer: Joe Elrod
Closing Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

December 10th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Buzz Williams
Song Leader: John Rockhold
Ushers: Jesse Barnhart, Richard Lee Davis
Communion: Clint Perkins, Clay Perkins, Ethan Davis, Rodney Ramsey, Bill Dutton, Richard Davis
Reading and Prayer: Camaron Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Joe Wilson

Evening Worship:

Communion: Brian Mercer
Prayer: Larry Butcher
Closing Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song Leader: John Rockhold
Prayer: Dan Kessinger
Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

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