

Gospel Meetings

***Several coming up in October please look at back bulletin for more details!**

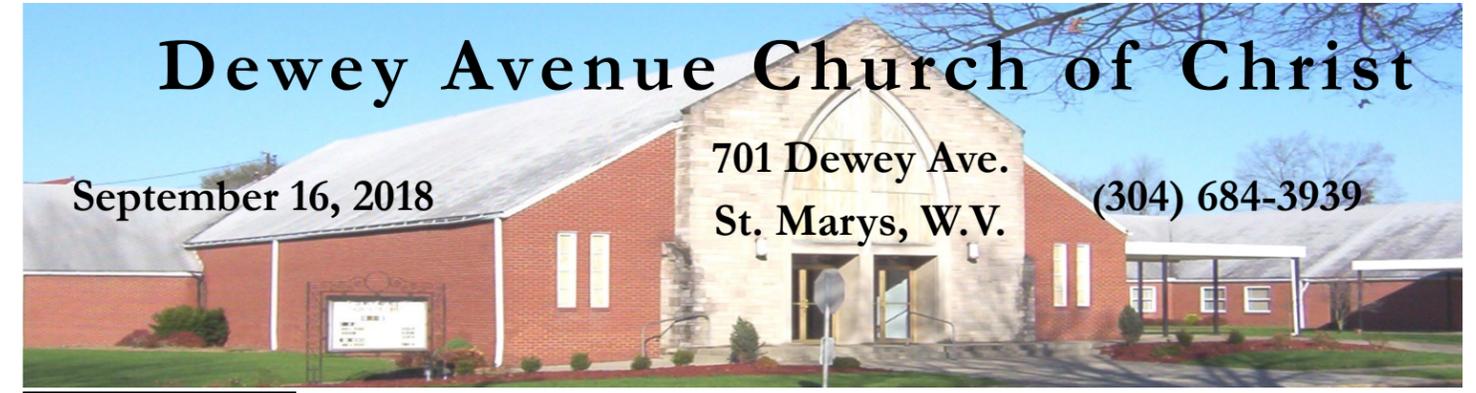
***Youth Devo at Old Harrisville Gym held by Harrisville church of Christ on September 22 @ 9:30am.**

***** 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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The Church is offering valet parking to anyone struggling with the commute from the parking lot to the building. If you need help, please let one of our elders or deacons know.



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THINGS TO SAY WHEN WE PRAY

By Dale Parsley

When we pray, what do we say? Requests for healing for either self or another (James 5:13); a plea for peace and the government to seek God’s wisdom (1 Timothy 2:1-3), and asking forgiveness for sins (1 John 1:5-10), are all very important things to say when we pray; but what about giving thanks?

As Christians, our content of prayer should be consumed with thankfulness. Paul wrote, “...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). 1 Thessalonians 5:17, commands us to, “pray without ceasing,” or “never stop praying” (CEV). The next verse instructs us to also “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (verse 18).

We often learn what to say when we pray from others by hearing sayings or phrases and repeating them. However, if this our only source in learning how to pray, our prayers can become repetitious, unthoughtful and insincere. The best source in improving our prayers both privately and publicly, is God’s Word.

One example of this is in 1 Thessalonians 1:2, when Paul wrote, “We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers.” Consider some words and teachings from this verse:

* “*Thanks*” means to express our joy or happiness to another about something. It implies giving credit to the one responsible for the good deed or joy. Almost every time it is used in the New Testament, it is giving thanks to God for either a meal, one’s conversion to Christ, or in this context, the Christians at Thessalonica’s continual faithfulness to God (verse 3).

*The phrase, “*all of you*” means exactly what it says. Paul gave thanks for every Christian in the church at Thessalonica. Practically speaking, this can present a problem for our prayers. How do you thank God for the trouble maker or constant complainer? How do you thank God for Christians who professes to believe in God, but live as if there is no God? How do you thank God for the Christian who gives confesses to be a servant of God with his lips, but not his life? In spite of the obvious criticism that is often warranted, we must choose to look beyond and observe their Christ-like qualities. By only seeing and focusing on one’s sins, we fail to see one’s strengths. When we choose to see one’s strengths, we change our overall perception about another too.

There are numerous things to say when we pray. Every prayer should contain expressions of thankfulness; in particular, the admirable faith of others.

Upcoming Events

September 16th—
FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY!
Meal in the fellowship room following AM Worship. PM Worship will follow the meal at approx. 1pm. No 6:30 service or prayer meeting.

September 30th— Annual collection for Potter's Children's Home.

Thank You

Thank you to all the ladies spreading your love around with lunches. We appreciate it!

*In Christian Love,
Senior Citizen Ladies*

Thank You

I would like to thank my Dewey Avenue brothers & sisters for the many acts of kindness shown me and my family over the past many months. I have enjoyed all the sweet cards, thoughtful gifts, phone calls, visits, wonderful food and especially, your prayers. It's been said that growing old isn't for wimps, but with God's grace, mercy and the support of a loving church family, growing old can be a blessing and a privilege. After calling Dewey Avenue my home congregation for 80+ years, I miss attending worship services the most. I ask for your prayers that I might soon be well enough to return.

I would like to extend a special commendation to the Lap Quilters that delivered four great meals over the summer. It's a wonderful and compassionate work.

Thank you to all! ~~Colleen Kiester (and family)



Prayer list

*Tom Meeks continues to recover from heart surgery.

*Colleen Kiester fell recently and has 3 broken ribs. She is recovering at home.

* John Miller had quadruple bypass last week and continues to recover well.

Fay Williams, Tom Meeks, Jonas Judge, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Eli Clark, David Stevens, Betty Bills, Larry Truax, Jean Nazelrod, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Ruth Eddy, Jennifer Shultz, Dick Hall, Bill Dutton, Loraine Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, Madeline McFadden, Arlene Arnett

Church Sign:

September-Richard Lee Davis

October— Dale Parsley

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

September 16

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: John Rockhold

Ushers: Don Archer, Rodney Ramsey

Communion: Dave Parks, Brian Mercer, Ethan Davis, Richard Davis, Jesse Barnhart, Richard Lee Davis

Reading and Prayer: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Hall Monitors: Don Archer, Rodney Ramsey

Evening Worship:

Communion: Melvin Truax

Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

September 23

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Ushers: Richard Lee Davis, Jesse Barnhart

Communion: Camaron Lancaster, Joe Elrod, Jason Cuzzen, Don Archer, Fred Arnett, Karson Elrod

Reading and Prayer: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

Hall Monitors: Richard Lee Davis, Jesse Barnhart

Evening Worship:

Communion: Tom Becker

Prayer: Buzz Williams

Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Jason Cuzzen

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

