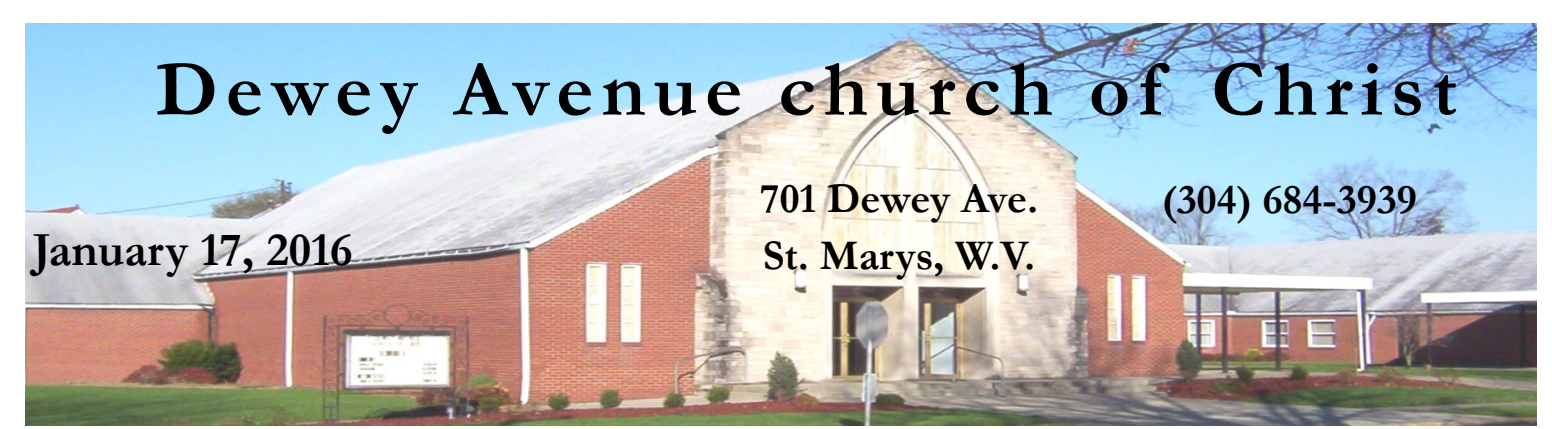


**Morning Sermon:**

To Change or not to Change?

**Evening Sermon:**

Revelation 2



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**Hypocrites in the church:**

By Dale Parsley

Occasionally I'll hear someone say why they don't attend worship services, "that church is full of hypocrites!" There is a side of me that may feel sympathetic with this person. Maybe this person was mistreated by another Christian. Who wants to be around someone who did you wrong and has no remorse? The temptation from the Devil to walk on out on God due to another's wickedness can be very powerful! Yet at the same time, this is not an excuse to be unaccountable to God.

We don't use this kind of reasoning in any other area of life. We don't refuse to go to the hospital because there are some people there who are sick (and others who pretend to be sick). We don't refuse to go to the gym because there are people there who are out of shape. Does it really make much sense then to walk out on God because others are not living as they should? Why should we jeopardize our soul because another has chosen to jeopardize his own?

In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus had dinner with a Pharisee (the very people He called hypocrites – Matthew 6:1-5). At that same dinner, He also received and forgave the transgressions of a woman who was known as a sinner (verse 37). In spite of the fact that the Pharisee was critical of the woman and Jesus, He still associated with both. Even though the Pharisee did not realize it, both of them needed salvation from Christ just as much as the other. Likewise, there probably will always be hypocrites in the church, but they need Jesus just as much as anyone else.

I once heard it explained this way: Suppose you found yourself stranded in the Atlantic Ocean with nothing more than a life vest. All of a sudden, a large cruise liner ship sees you and throws out a rope. While you grab onto the rope, you notice on the ship that people are drinking, gambling and doing drugs. Would you refuse being saved from drowning because there are people on the ship who are not living like they should? The same applies with being in the church. Ephesians 5:23-25 teaches us that Christ is the Savior of His church; implying that salvation from sin is not found outside of His church. Should we forfeit our salvation because another Christian is not who he ought to be?

May we strive to be humble examples to all men (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17).



**NEWS AND NOTES:**

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

**Ladies Quilting:** Cancelled for this month.

**Teens/Parents Meeting:** January 17.

**Soup Outreach:** Will be held January 24. This event will be a church-eat-church. Bring a pot of your favorite soup and some Mason Jars!

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**New Address:**

**Richard & Brenda Davis**

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**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 Melott - Bible Geography**

**Randy Baker - 1 Thessalonians**

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**



\*Sue Holland will have a chemo treatment on Monday. She is staying with John & Tina during the treatments.

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

**Remember those on our prayer list:** Scott Judge, Barbara Eddy, Claris Powell, The Family of Pete Knight, Terry Hubner, Kenny Lancaster, Pat Duer, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Geraldine Stewart, Anthony Butcher, Dana Dalrymple, Myles Manning, Sonny Williams, & 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 January 17th:**

**Morning Worship:**

**Announcements:** Dave Lancaster

**Song Leader:** Eric Croasmun

**Ushers:** Elmer Burns, Richard Davis

**Communion:** Brian Mercer, Clay Perkins, Stephen Hays, Hal Powell, Jason Cuzzen, Ed Wilson

**Reading and Prayer:** Clint Perkins

**Closing Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger

**Door Greeters:** Dave Lancaster Family, Richard Lee Davis Family

**Evening Worship:**

**Communion:** Melvin Truax

**Prayer:** Kyle Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

**Wednesday:**

**Song leader:** Eric Croasmun

**Prayer:** Scott Judge

**Closing Prayer:** Gerald Burns

**THOSE SERVING January 24th:**

**Morning Worship:**

**Announcements:** Gerald Burns

**Song Leader:** Wirt Cook

**Ushers:** Bill Dutton, Glenn Stewart

**Communion:** Dave Parks, Kevin Mercer, Randy Fluharty, Ethan Davis, Richard Davis, Richard Lee Davis

**Reading and Prayer:** Dave Parks

**Closing Prayer:** Lew Wilson

**Door Greeters:** Ruth Ann Keith & Gala Stewart, Dave & Carla Parks

**Evening Worship:**

**Communion:** Camaron Lancaster

**Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger

**Closing Prayer:** Clay Perkins

**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

