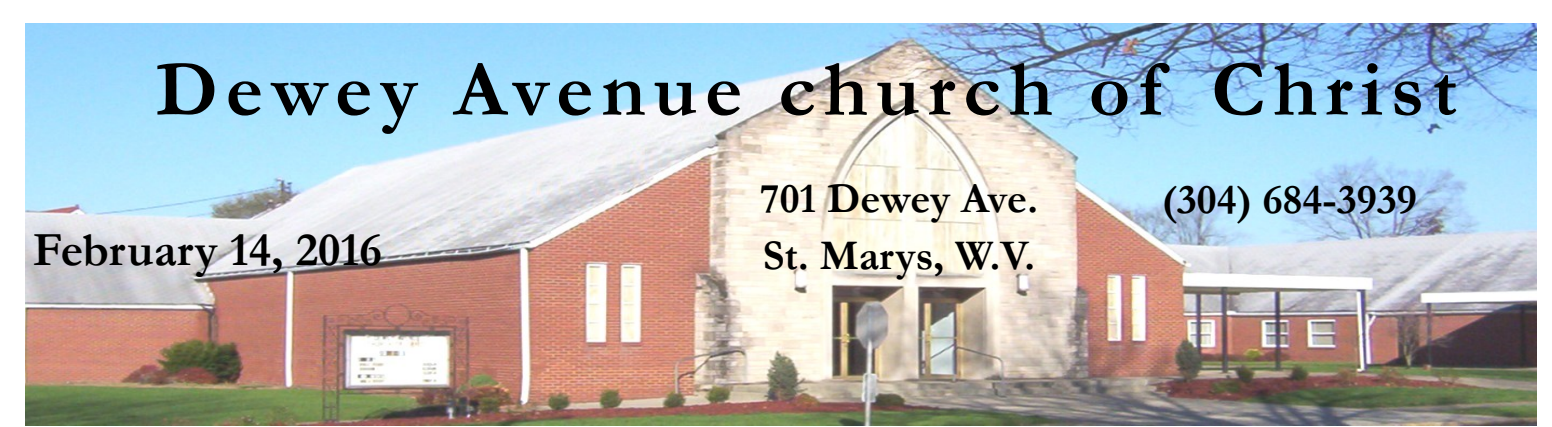


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**Real Christianity Verses Corrupt Christianity:**

By Dale Pasley

Let's say you're a world renowned chef, whose claim to fame was your recipe of a delicious soup. Since your soup is in such high demand, you decide to sell your recipe to other chefs with the condition that they advertise this soup as not their own but your famous recipe. What if there was a chef who in looking at your recipe decided to change some of the ingredients and refused to follow the measuring amount required for each ingredient, yet he advertised to the public that this is your famous soup, (even though the soup he made tasted nothing like yours and was so bad that many of his customers demanded a refund).

Would it be reasonable or fair for the people who tried a corrupt version of your recipe to claim that you're a terrible chef who does not know how to make soup? Of course not. Yet this is the same kind of reasoning some have in attacking Jesus and His Word.

Just because there have been people in the past who in the name of Jesus have unlawfully killed innocent people (such as the Spanish Inquisition), or committed other sinful acts such as bombing abortion clinics, protesting the funerals of veterans, promoting prejudice based on one's skin color, etc., does not mean that Jesus commanded, approved or endorsed any of these actions. Just because there is division in the religious world and some Christians may live as hypocrites does not mean that Christianity is a false religion. Thomas Pearson once wrote, "It is divinely promised that Christianity should never be destroyed, but there is no promise that it shall, in every case, be kept free from corruptions...Christianity is not, however, to be confounded with its corruptions, or made responsible for them" (12)

In other words, critics who attack Christianity based upon its perversions fail in trying to disprove Christianity. James D. Bales once asked, "Can a fair and informed person condemn Christianity for something which had its origin not in a knowledge in the Bible but in the lack of such knowledge and obedience to the Bible?" (13) The answer is no. However, he notes "it is yet the business of every Christian to try to see to it that his own faith and life is in harmony with the teaching of Christ. In this way one's life becomes a invitation to, and a argument for the Christian faith and not a stumbling block in the path of some who may be seeking for the way, the truth, and the life." (28)

References: James D Bales, "Roots of the Unbelief," 1948



NEWS AND NOTES:

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

**February 17th:** Evening Potluck before Wednesday evening services. More info to come!

**February 26th:** Kids Movie Night! More info to come.

**February 28th:** Wives Appreciation Day! More info next week.

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Attention Teachers!!

March/April quarter is approaching! Teachers are needed! Sign up is in the back. Please sign up soon so we can get the teaching material ordered as needed.

**“Monday Night Merge”** (The traveling youth devo’s for 6th-12th graders every Monday night from Feb 1st-March 1st.)

February 15-Rosemar church of Christ

February 22-North End church of Christ

February 29-Camden Ave church of Christ

March 1-Ohio Valley University

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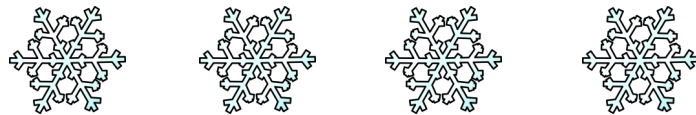
Miscellaneous

\*Along with Larry Butcher, Pam Bills was also named WV History Hero....Congrats!

\*Friday Night Sing Schedule is in the back!

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\*Any updates or information for the bulletin please contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141 or email at terrinazel-rod@hotmail.com



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



\*Raymond Stewart and Harold Stewart, Glenn Stewart’s brothers, are both in Arbors for rehab.

\*Bill Dutton went to a neurologist on Friday. Waiting results from the appointment.

\*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, Jessie Williamson, Claris Powell, Terry Hubner, Kenny Lancaster, Pat Duer, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Geraldine Stewart, Anthony Butcher, Dana Dalrymple, Sonny Williams, & Madeline McFadden.

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

Thank You!

*A thank you note to say thanks to all for the cards and more prayers. It doesn't seem like saying thanks is enough.*

*In Christian Love..... Sue Holland*

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 February 14th:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Dave Lancaster

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks

**Ushers:** Bill Dutton, Jason Cuzzen

**Communion:** Hal Powell, Buzz Williams, Eric Butler, Matthew Stillson, Rodney Ramsey, Elmer Burns

**Reading and Prayer:** Brian Mercer

**Closing Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger

**Door Greeters:** Brian Mercer Family, Randy Fluharty Family

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Melvin Truax

**Prayer:** Camaron Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Larry Butcher

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** Darren Parks

**Prayer:** Connor Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Craig Dutton

**THOSE SERVING February 21st:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Gerald Burns

**Song Leader:** Wirt Cook

**Ushers:** Glenn Stewart, Jesse Barnhart

**Communion:** Kyle Lancaster, Kevin Mercer, Cole Butcher, Ethan Davis, Thomas Kessinger, Stephen Hays

**Reading and Prayer:** John Rockhold

**Closing Prayer:** Melvin Truax

**Door Greeters:** Gerald & Janice Burns, Elmer & Pam Burns

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Kevin Mercer

**Prayer:** Dave Parks

**Closing Prayer:** Hal Powell

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** Wirt Cook

**Prayer:** Darren Parks

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

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

