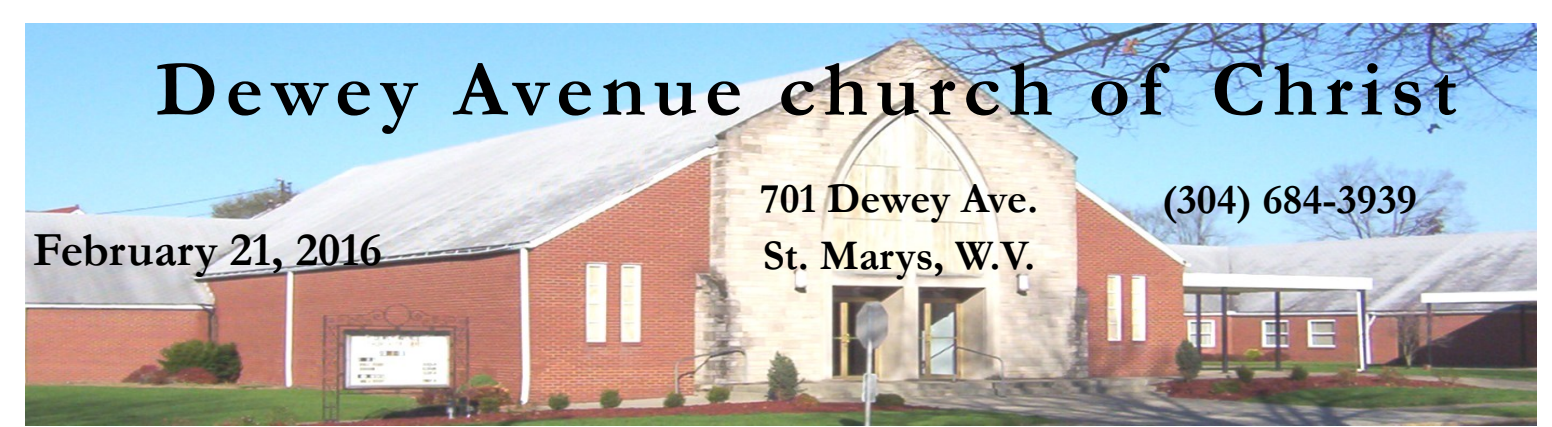


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**THE BEST WAY TO ARGUE:**

By Dale Parsley

At some point, when the honey moon is over, a married couple is going to get into an argument. Getting into an “argument” does not equal a bad marriage; but how a couple handles their disagreements is crucial to whether marriage is enjoyable as God intended; or a reason why some today decide to abandon God’s plan for the home and unlawfully divorce (Matthew 19:9; Romans 7:1-3).

Psychologists John Gottman and Robert Levenson did a 14 year study on 79 married couples. What they discovered from the couples who were still married was that they had at least 2 things in common in how they dealt with their disagreements:

**1. They deal with their disagreements...in a timely fashion:** *Ephesians 4:26-27* says “Be angry, and do not sin” do not let the sun go down on your wrath, (27) nor give place to the devil.” That does not mean it is wrong to cool off for a time to control yourself in obedience to “be angry, and do not sin,” it does however mean that when there is a problem or disagreement it needs to be dealt with soon. **Matthew 5:23-24** “Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, (24) leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Gottman notes that couples that do not address the issue soon often “leave each other to stew in individual thoughts for hours or days after a fight.” These thoughts could very likely be self-centered leading to wrath, resent and bitterness over unresolved issues. “Gottman suggests you and your partner talk immediately and openly about what just happened. This requires recognizing that both of you are partially responsible for the problem and both of you are responsible for making amends.”

**2. They Listened to each other:** The Bible says in **Proverbs 18:2** “A fool has not delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart.” **Proverbs 26:12** “Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.” In this particular study, couples that ending up divorced generally interrupted the other person when talking or “frequently cut off discussions about a conflict prematurely with unhelpful, insensitive comments.” However, “strong couples tended to consistently approach one another with an open mind, taking responsibility for their actions and listening to what their partner had to say.”

What men have discovered today in having a happy and healthy marriage, God has already revealed in His word for thousands of years. May His Word be our guide for this institution that we call the home.

References: <http://www.businessinsider.com/how-to-argue-with-your-partner-2016-1>



NEWS AND NOTES:

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

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

**February 28th:** Wives Appreciation Day will be rescheduled.

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Miscellaneous

\*February 26th Friday night singing is at Mineral Wells church of Christ.

\*Upcoming, April 2 is "How Faith Affects Morals" for teens in a mini series held by Mineral Wells church of Christ.

\*Spring Formal Night April 30 from 4pm-10pm. Contact Sunrise church of Christ for more details.

**"Monday Night Merge"** (The traveling youth

devo's for 6th-12th graders every Monday night from Feb 1st-March 1st.)

February 22-North End church of Christ

February 29-Camden Ave church of Christ

March 1-Ohio Valley University

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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.

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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:



\*Bill Dutton got a good report last week.

\*Ethan Davis broke his wrist last week.

\*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, Raymond Stewart, Harold Stewart, 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.



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 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

**THOSE SERVING February 28th:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Larry Butcher

**Song Leader:** Craig Dutton

**Ushers:** Elmer Burns, Ethan Davis

**Communion:** Dave Lancaster, Eric Croasmun, Bill Dutton, Jason Cuzzen, Richard Lee Davis, Buzz Williams

**Reading and Prayer:** Clint Perkins

**Closing Prayer:** Lew Wilson

**Door Greeters:**

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Glenn Stewart

**Prayer:** Brian Mercer

**Closing Prayer:** Dave Lancaster

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** Craig Dutton

**Prayer:** Camaron Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Brian Mercer

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

