

A Nation's Greatest Need Continued:

(31) foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (32) Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them" (Romans 1:28-32).

As Christians, let us not forget that God has called us in such a time to be the salt of the earth and shining lights (**Matthew 5:13-16**); and what our nation needs more than anything is not only salvation from sin (**John 1:29**), but a life devoted in obedience to His will.

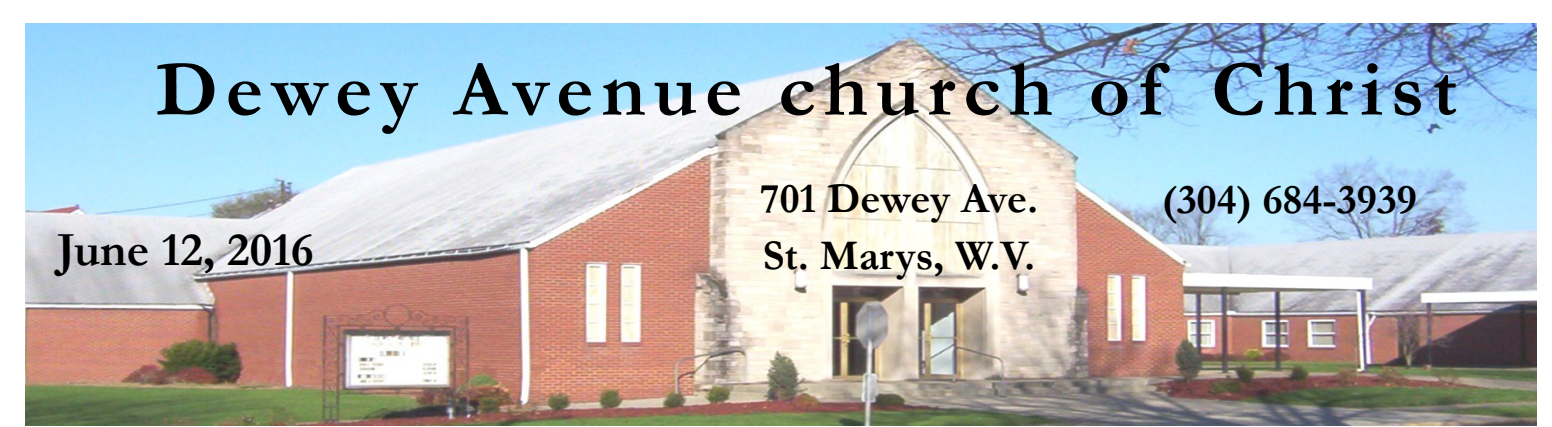
"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

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By Dale Parsley

In his book, "APOLOGETICS, RESTORATION of HOPE for a NATION," brother Charles Pugh makes reference to the book, "The Fate of Empires and Search for Survival" by British diplomat, Sir John Glubb. He writes, "[b]eginning with the Assyrian Empire (859-612 BC) the average age of all empires (super powers) is 250 years." Glubb discovered that "there has been an extraordinary similarity between all these super-powers, not only in the length of their existence, but in the various stages by which they rise and fall. All empires...begin with the age of pioneers, followed by the ages of conquest, commerce, affluence, intellect, and decadence. Sir John says that decadence is marked by defensiveness, pessimism, materialism, frivolity, and influx of foreigners, and a weakening of religion." (Pugh, 7) Glubb notes that "[d]ecadence is a moral and spiritual disease...It has been shown that, normally, the rise and fall of great nations are due to internal reasons alone...Politicians are unwilling or afraid to admit our decline is due to a loss of moral fibre. Yet there cannot be the slightest doubt that this is the case. No amount of intellectual cleverness can restore greatness to a nation which has lost its energy, its initiative, its honesty and, above all, its dedication to service...**I am convinced that moral standards can only be raised by a revival of religion.**" (Pugh, 8, emph. added)

The apostle Paul makes a similar point in the first chapter of Romans. God has **REVEALED** Himself to man (verses 19-20). When man **REJECTS** God, he is without excuse (verse 21). He then seeks to **RATIONALIZE** his rejection (verse 22) and forms his own **RELIGION** and exchanges "the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things" (verse 23). As a result of God giving us free will He gives us to the lust of our hearts to impurity to the dishonoring of our bodies (verse 24) and exchanging "the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator" (verse 25). Thus, when God is replaced with man made religion, the value of life, moral standards, treatment of one another, etc. all crumble: "And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. (29) They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, (30) slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

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NEWS AND

Prayer Meeting: Prayer meeting at 6pm every Sunday.

June 18: WV Power Baseball game. Please contact Craig Dutton if you are interested. \$20 meal tickets or \$8 game tickets.

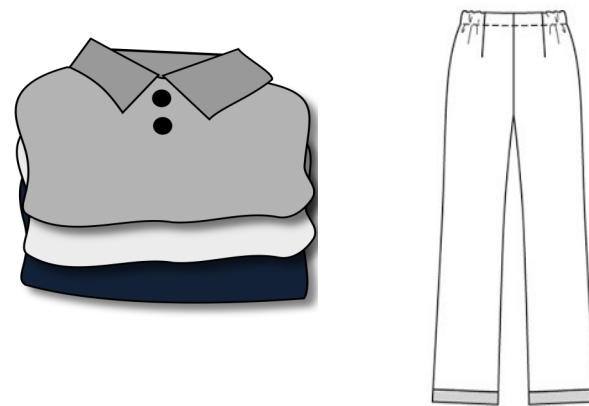
WVCYC: West Virginia Christian Youth Camp begins June 19-24 with College Week. Copies of registration forms are in the back.

June 25: Fellowship at the Dave Parks home will be Saturday, June 25 @ 5P.M. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert! Sign up sheet in the back.

June 26: Birthday/ Anniversary Potluck after evening services.

July 9: Hocking Hills Trip

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



Start bringing clothes in for the Clothing Drive in August!!

Upcoming gospel meetings and VBS's are posted in the back bulletin along with the list of Area Wide Friday Night Sings!

UPDATES



Remember those on our prayer list: Scott Judge, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Ruth Eddy, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Jessie Williamson, Gail Mote, Gene West, Terry Hubner, Kenny Lancaster, Bill Duer, Pat Duer, & Madeline McFadden, Sue Clovis Conaway. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling and 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 June 12th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Dave Lancaster
Song Leader: Darren Parks
Ushers: Bill Dutton, Ethan Davis
Communion: Clint Perkins, Tom Becker, Ed Wilson, Richard Davis, Randy Fluharty, Rodney Ramsey
Reading and Prayer: Connor Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Buzz Williams
Door Greeters: Rodney & Debbie Ramsey, Lew & Lisa Wilson

Evening Worship:

Communion: Lew Wilson
Prayer: Eric Croasmun
Closing Prayer: Gerald Burns

Wednesday:

Song leader: Darren Parks
Prayer: Kyle Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

THOSE SERVING June 19th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins
Song Leader: Craig Dutton
Ushers: Melvin Truax, Elmer Burns
Communion: Brian Mercer, Gerald Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Jesse Barnhart, Stephan Hays, Richard Lee Davis
Reading and Prayer: John Rockhold
Closing Prayer: Dave Parks
Door Greeters: Bill Dutton Family, Brian Mercer Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Glenn Stewart
Prayer: Larry Butcher
Closing Prayer: Kevin Mercer

Wednesday:

Song leader: Craig Dutton
Prayer: Thomas Kessinger
Closing Prayer: Wirt Cook

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

