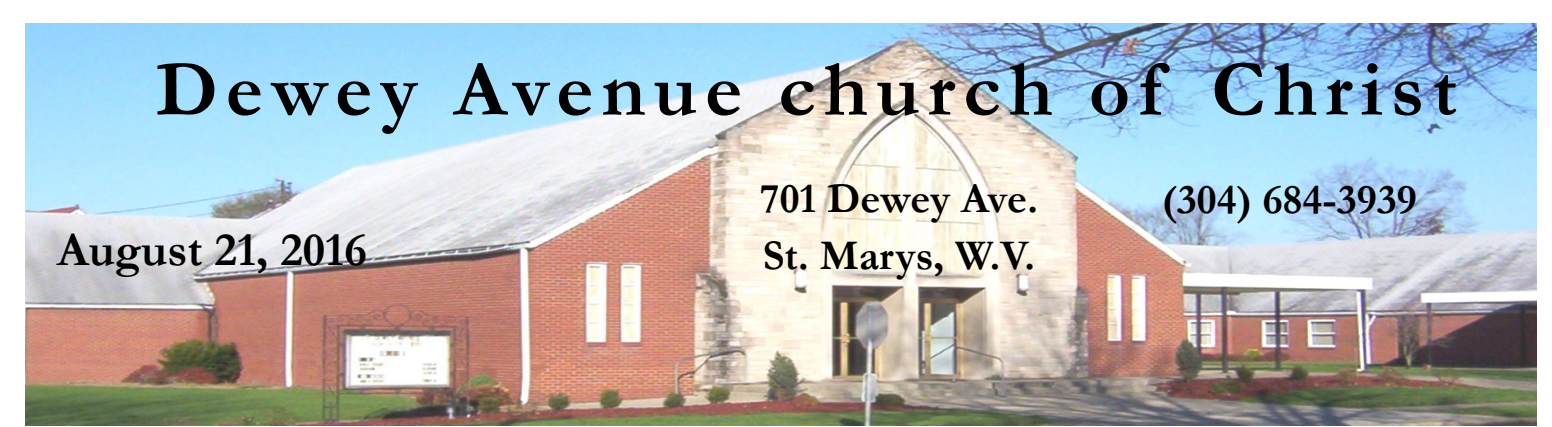


Sermon Notes:

*****New Quarter teaching material is in the library! Quarter starts September 4th!!! *****

****Please turn in Elder recommendations ASAP to Dave, Larry or Dale. ****

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TESTING ITS AUTHENTICITY:

By Dale Parsley

If you've been following the Olympics, one thing you'll notice of gold medal winners are pictures of them biting their medals. Why does this happen? In the past whenever someone wanted to see if a gold coin was actually the real deal or counterfeit, they would give it a bite. Because gold is softer than teeth, if it's real, there will be an indentation or bite mark. Even though gold medals today only contain a small percentage of actual gold, the biting is probably more of an act of celebration for an authentic, gold medal victory.

When John the baptizer was thrown in prison, he sent some of his followers to ask Jesus a question: "*Are you the one we have been expecting, or should we wait for someone else?*" (*Matthew 11:3*) Jesus responds by saying, "*Go tell John what you have heard and seen*" (*Matthew 11:5*); He then makes reference to several passages from the Old Testament that are about the Messiah in demonstrating that He has fulfilled them (*Matthew 11:6; Isaiah 35:5; 61:1*). In other words, John was testing to see if Jesus is the real authentic Christ, and our Lord proved to him that He was no counterfeit.

Likewise, anytime someone today sinks their teeth into the Christian faith to test its authenticity, they will discover that the life, death and resurrection of Christ is real, genuine, authentic and true! Islam, Buddhism, New Age-ism, when given the same authentic test, are all found to be counterfeit religions.

Because the Christian faith is authentic, whenever a Christian's personal faith is tried and tested, it is "*more precious than gold that perishes...[and] may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ*" (*1 Peter 1:7*).

NEWS & NOTES

Prayer Meeting: Tonight at 6:00pm.

August 27: 2nd annual Rockport church of Christ Youth Meeting from 3pm-9pm. Bring your bible & a lawn chair!! *Supper will be provided.

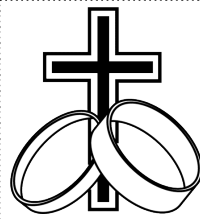
August 28: Birthday/Anniversary Potluck after evening service.

September 24: CHANGE OF DATE!!!

Please update your calendars to September 24 the Perkins will host the fishing tournament!!

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

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



Congratulations!!

Kyle & Sara Lancaster

were married August 8.



Congratulations!!!

Hunter Williams will be attending the

School of Preaching in the fall of

2017!

UPDATES



*Evelyn Hall is continuing to improve and is at Harmer Place in room 307.

*Colleen Kiester continues to recover at home.

* Frank Powell is at Health South recovering from back surgery.

*The Parsleys are at Polishing the Pulpit this week and Larry & Delores are traveling out west. Also Clint Perkins is in Africa. Please keep all that are traveling in prayer.

Remember those on our prayer list: Scott Judge, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Colleen Kiester,, The Butcher Family, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Jessie Williamson, Fran Kettren, Richard Parson, Luella Law, Gail Mote, Gene West, Terry Hubner, Kenny Lancaster, Bill Duer, Pat Duer, & Madeline McFadden. 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 August 21st:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Darren Parks

Song Leader: Eric Croasmun

Ushers: Jesse Barnhart, Kyle Lancaster

Communion: Larry Butcher, Kevin Mercer, Richard Davis, Elmer Burns, Stephen Hays, Randy Fluharty

Reading and Prayer: Buzz Williams

Closing Prayer: Craig Dutton

Door Greeters: Camaron & Ashton Lancaster, Kyle & Sarah Lancaster

Evening Worship:

Communion: Lew Wilson

Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Wednesday:

Song leader: Eric Croasmun

Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

THOSE SERVING August 28th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Buzz Williams

Song Leader: Craig Dutton

Ushers: Ethan Davis, Bill Dutton

Communion: Dave Lancaster, Tom Becker, Hal Powell, Rodney Ramsey, Cole Butcher, Joe Elrod

Reading and Prayer: John Rockhold

Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

Door Greeters: Joe Elrod Family, Gerald & Janice Burns

Evening Worship:

Communion: Glenn Stewart

Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Kyle Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song leader: Buzz Williams

Prayer: Hal Powell

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

