

## Upcoming Gospel Meetings and Area Wide Sings

\*The Weirton Heights church of Christ Gospel Meeting, October 9 -13.

Sistersville (Oxford St.) church of Christ Gospel Meeting, October 9 -12.

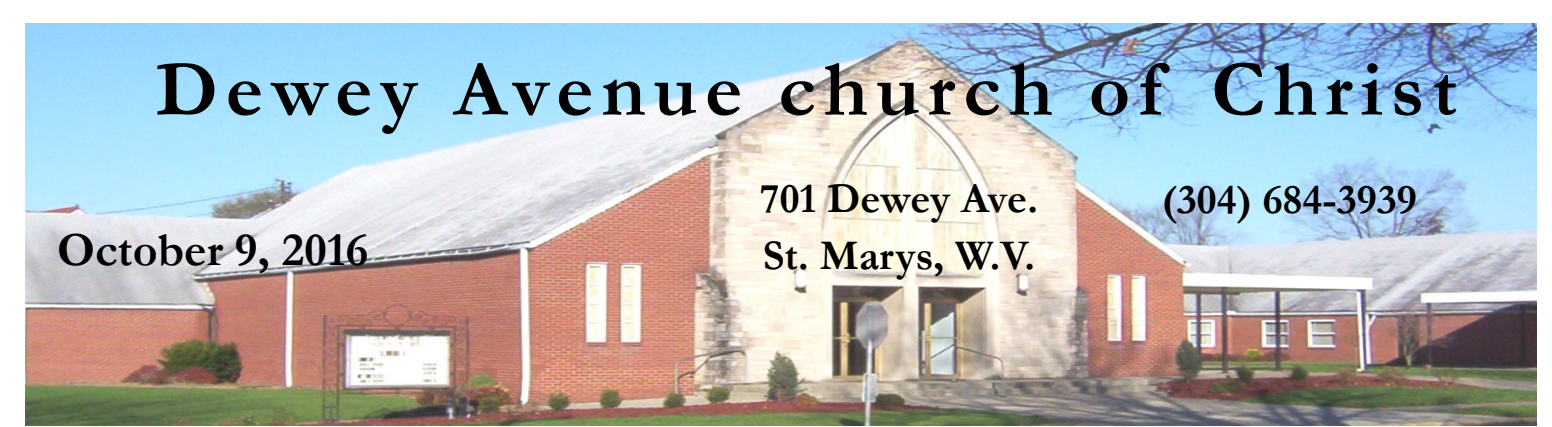
\*Friday Night Sing held at the Central church of Christ at 7pm.

\* West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship on October 23-27.

\*More info and details on the above events and more upcoming events posted on the back bulletin.

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## Sermon Notes:



### Elders:

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## Ten Misplaced Desires?

By Steve Higginbotham

Maybe you've heard the story about three old friends who were shipwrecked on a deserted island. After nearly a year of being castaways, a bottle floated up on the beach. One of the men opened it, and out popped a genie granting one wish to each of the three friends. Without any hesitation, the first friend said, "I wish I were back home in Knoxville." Poof! He was gone. The second friend immediately said, "I wish I were back home in Knoxville, too." Poof! Immediately he was gone. The third man was more deliberate. He told the genie he wanted to think about it a bit longer to make sure he didn't waste his wish. After a full two months of isolation on the island, he said to the genie, "I've reached my decision. Over the past two months I've come to realize how much I miss my friends. It's been so lonely here without them, so I wish my two friends were back here with me." And poof! (Groan here).

I believe we can all recognize the misplaced desire this man had. The desire for companionship with his friends was noble, but that desire was misplaced if it meant calling them back to the island. But now, before we laugh at this man we had better realize that sometimes, we too have misplaced desires; good and noble desires, but they can be misplaced due to context. Let me offer ten misplaced desires we sometimes have.

- We want a Savior, but we don't want a Lord.
- We want a crown, but we don't want a cross.
- We want a harvest, but we don't want to sow any seed.
- We want to go to Heaven, but we don't want to go to church.
- We want to grow spiritually, but we don't want to feed on his word.
- We want Hollywood to "clean up its act," but we don't want to stop watching.
- We want the right to pray, even in school, but we don't want to pray.
- We want the 10 Commandments posted, but we don't want to live by their moral principles.
- We want to love God, but we don't want to abhor sin.
- We want to die the death of the righteous, but we don't want to abandon the lifestyle of the sinner.

The man who wanted his friends to rejoin him on that deserted island was pretty short-sighted, but not nearly as short-sighted as those whose wants are identified above. Give it some thought

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NEWS & NOTES



**Prayer Meeting:** Tonight at 6:00pm. .

**October 11:** The Lap Quilters will be meeting at 9:30am in the fellowship room. Anyone is invited. This will be our last quilting session until March 2017. If anyone knows a person who could use a lap quilt please give the name/names to one of the lap quilters.

**October 13:** Sing at Carehaven @ 7:15pm.

**October 22:** Hayride/Campfire at Tom & Cheryl Becker's home. Arrive at 3pm. Hayride will be at 4pm and we will be eating at 5pm. Bring your soup or dessert and they will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Sign up sheet in the back.

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

Miscellaneous

- Change Cans for Potter Children's Home will be picked up the week of November 27. Grab a can in the back and start filling up!
- 2 missed birthdays on the calendar for October. Sharon Baker on October 2 and Tamara Meeks on October 6.

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*\*\*\*The congregation has selected 4 men to be nominated as elders: Dave Lancaster, Lew Wilson, Melvin Truax and Hal Powell. If anyone has a Scriptural objection as to why anyone of these men are not qualified, please see Larry, Dave or Dale. Those who are deemed qualified according to the Scriptures, will be installed as our new elders Sunday, October 30. Please continue to pray for the congregation in this event as we seek to please God in all that we do. - Dale P*

UPDATES



\*Colleen Kiester continues to recovery at home and having difficulty.  
\*Tom Meeks is having back problems and not able to travel to doctor at this time. Address: **141 Bryan Dr.**

**Saint Marys, WV 26170**

- \* Kathy Lancaster will have surgery after having 2 more tests.
- \*Evelyn Hall is still recovering at home.
- \*Charlotte Wilson is struggling with some health problems.
- \*Terry Hubner is feeling better.
- \*Frank Powell's brother Porter Powell passed away Friday.

**Remember those on our prayer list:** Scott Judge, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Kathy Lancaster, Colleen Kiester,, The Family of Alex Powell, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Jessie Williamson, Fran Kettren, Richard Parson, Frank Powell, 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 October 9th:**

**Morning Worship:**  
**Announcements:** Buzz Williams  
**Song Leader:** Darren Parks  
**Ushers:** Jason Cuzzen, Jesse Barnhart  
**Communion:** Dave Lancaster, Lew Wilson, Rodney Ramsey, Richard Davis, Ethan Davis, Hunter Williams  
**Reading and Prayer:** Clint Perkins  
**Closing Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger  
**Door Greeters:** Lew & Lisa Wilson, Melvin & Sue Truax

**Evening Worship:**

**Communion:** Glenn Stewart  
**Prayer:** Connor Lancaster  
**Closing Prayer:** Gerald Burns

**Wednesday:**

**Song leader:** Darren Parks  
**Prayer:** Larry Butcher  
**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

**THOSE SERVING October 16th:**

**Morning Worship:**  
**Announcements:** Dave Lancaster  
**Song Leader:** Buzz Williams  
**Ushers:** Cole Butcher, Bill Dutton  
**Communion:** Dave Parks, Darren Parks, Jesse Barnhart, Bill Dutton, Cole Butcher, Joe Elrod  
**Reading and Prayer:** Brian Mercer  
**Closing Prayer:** Melvin Truax  
**Door Greeters:** Darren Parks Family, Joe Elrod Family

**Evening Worship:**

**Communion:** Connor Lancaster  
**Prayer:** Clay Perkins  
**Closing Prayer:** Craig Dutton

**Wednesday:**

**Song leader:** Buzz Williams  
**Prayer:** Clint Perkins  
**Closing Prayer:** Larry Butcher

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