

Upcoming Gospel Meetings and Area Wide Sings

**** Winter Training Series:** January
5th-26th on Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

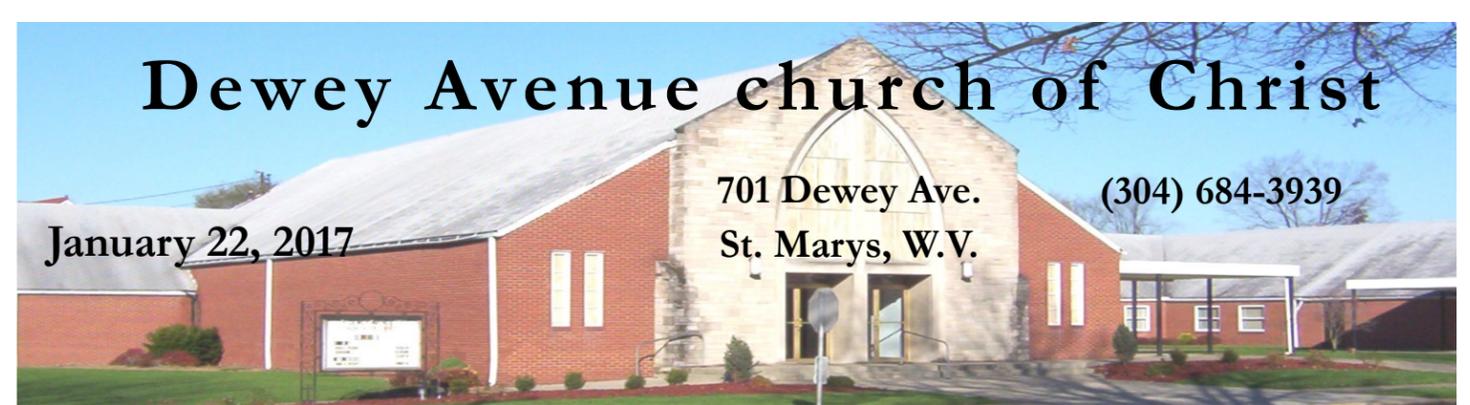
February 17: Area Wide Sing held at
Hopewell church of Christ

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

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Henry Lived and Died in a Box

By Gerald Cowan

Henry suffered an affliction that left him permanently disfigured. His misfortune was obvious to everyone, and he was very sensitive about it. But being a kind and considerate person himself he quite naturally expected that others would be too. But people are not all alike. Some are curious. Others are thoughtless, and proud. Some are squeamish. And some can be extremely cruel, often deliberately and intentionally so.

Time passed. Henry was embarrassed by the curious and offended by the thoughtless and careless. He was humiliated by those who let their squeamishness show. He was often angered by the proud and deeply wounded by the cruel. To escape he withdrew from association with most people and hid himself at home.

More time passed. Henry had managed to build himself a sturdy box in which to live. He seldom came out of it and it was very difficult for anybody else to penetrate and enter. The floor of his box was made of sensitivity (it has a striking similarity to self-pity – although no one ever pointed that out to him). One of the walls was made of a very hard substance – shame. The second wall was a very hard, durable, self-replicating material – anger. Wounded pride – a nearly impervious substance – made up the third wall. The remaining wall was a combination of fear, mistrust, and insecurity and of course it was the weakest part of the whole structure. The ceiling was made of a dense opaque material called self-justification, and almost no light passed through it into the man's life. There was neither door nor window, and any cracks that appeared were quickly filled up with a very effective putty of bitterness and resentment.

Henry never realized that hiding from what he was did not change what he was. He never understood that in order to be accepted for what he was he must also be willing to accept other people for what they are. He never found the faith or the courage to leave his box, his planned place of safety, his self-imposed prison. The box he built to isolate him and insulate him from the world of people was so effective that even God was not allowed to enter. So Henry's box became Henry's coffin.

Everybody, whether he knows it or not, is building himself a box. What kind of box are you building for yourself? Is there room in it for others, or only for yourself? Would anybody want to enter your box? Is there room in it for God? Is He welcome there? Would He want to enter it and be with you there? If your box is not fit for you or others or God, make sure you have a proper exit, a way out, lest it become your coffin.

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NEWS & NOTES

Prayer Meeting: Sunday 6pm.

January 5th– 26th: Winter Training Series on Thursday nights 7:00-8:00pm. **In need of someone to teach Children's Class as well for Jan 26th.**

January 27th: KIDS MOVIE NIGHT from 6-9 in the church annex! Watching "The BFG" and serve pizza and popcorn.

January 29th: Birthday/Anniversary Potluck dinner after Sunday evening service. Everyone is welcome!!

SIGN UPS: Are posted in the back for 2017 Birthday/Anniversary Dinners. **Please sign up for hosting the monthly Pot lucks.**



February 4th: Baby Shower for Brooke Wilson Bias from 2-4pm in the fellowship room. Please RSVP to Lisa Wilson. Brooke is registered at Target and Babies R Us.



Secret Sister Program

There is information in the back by the bulletin for any lady who is interested in participating in a "secret sister" program this year. Participants will draw a name of a fellow sister in Christ and endeavor to do little "secret" things throughout the year to encourage and lift her up. If interested please take information sheet to fill out and return it to Rhonda or Paige on or before Sunday Jan. 29th.

UPDATES



*Tina Keith is at home and continues to improve with therapy.

*Tom Becker, Colleen Kiester, Brenda Davis and Kathy Lancaster, and Paul O'Dell had successful surgeries. Continue prayers throughout their recoveries.

* Wayne Kuehne fell this week at work and broke his hip. He had a successful surgery Thursday and hopes to come home today or tomorrow.

*Cold & Flu season is among us. Please keep those that are battling sickness in prayer.

Remember those on our prayer list: Faye Williams, Buzz Williams, Rodney Ramsey, Scott Judge, Ellie Judge, Brad & Pam Butcher, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Kathy Lancaster, Colleen Kiester, Zach Lamp, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Jessie Williamson, Carrie McCullough, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, & Madeline McFadden. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling, government leaders 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 January 22nd:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Gerald Burns

Song Leader: Buzz Williams

Ushers: Richard Lee Davis, Ethan Davis

Communion: Brian Mercer, Wirt Cook, Jason Cuzzen, Rodney Ramsey, Stephen Hays, Jesse Barnhart

Reading and Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

Door Greeters: Melvin & Sue Truax, Richard Lee Davis Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Melvin Truax

Prayer: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

Wednesday:

Song leader: Buzz Williams

Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

THOSE SERVING January 29th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Ushers: Glen Stewart, Cole Butcher

Communion: Buzz Williams, Brian Mercer, Cole Butcher, Randy Fluharty, Ethan Davis, Rodney Ramsey

Reading and Prayer: Eric Croasmun

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Door Greeters: Camaron & Ashton Lancaster, Randy Fluharty Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Prayer: Gerald Burns

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

Wednesday:

Song leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

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

