

**Upcoming Gospel Meetings  
and Area Wide Sings**

**AREA WIDE SING: July 7 @ Cairo**  
church of Christ.

**VBS: Waverly church of Christ VBS**  
on **July 24-28, 9:30am-11:45am.**  
(Newborns thru 6th grade)

**VBS: Camden Avenue church of**  
**Christ July 5-8**

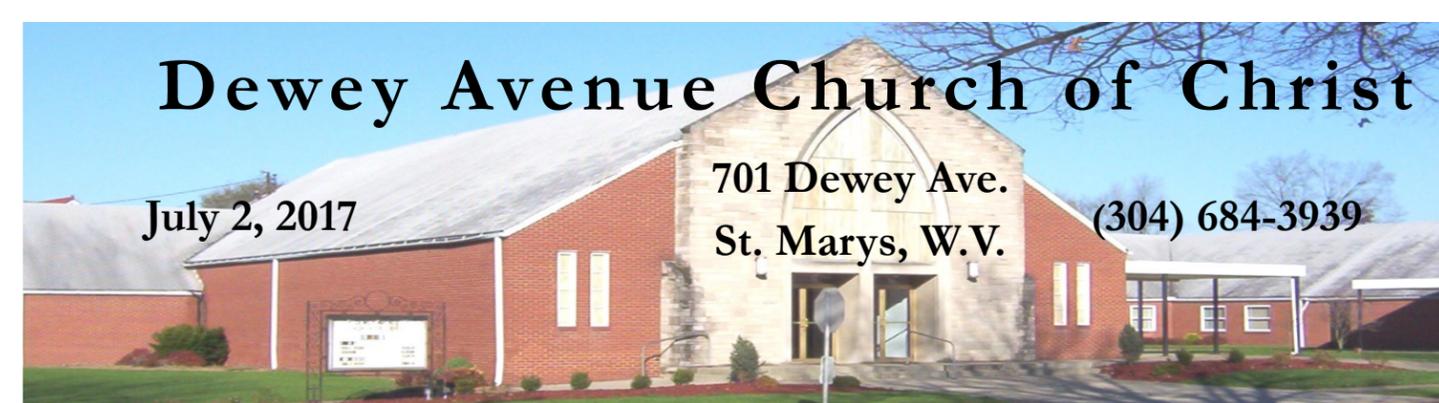
\*More info and details on the  
upcoming events posted on the back  
bulletin.

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\*Any updates or information for the bulletin please  
contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141, email at  
terrinalrod@hotmail.com or drop off in box by office  
door.

**\*\*\* If anyone has a topic you would  
like for Dale to present a lesson on,  
you can write it down and please sign  
your name, in case Dale has any ques-  
tions and place it in the box on the ta-  
ble in the back of the auditorium.**

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**The Democracy of Death**

*By Dale Parsley*

John Ingalls once wrote, "In the democracy of death all men at last are equal. There will be neither rank nor station nor prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his usury, and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. The proud man surrenders his dignities the politicians his honors, the worldling his pleasures, the invalid needs no physician, and the laborer rests from unrequited toil.

Here at last is Nature's final decree in equity. The wrongs of time are redressed. Undue injustice is expiated, the irony of fate is refuted, the unequal distribution of wealth, honor, capacity, pleasure and opportunity, which make life such as cruel and inexplicable tragedy, ceases in the realm of death. The strongest there has no supremacy, and the weakest needs no defense. The mightiest captain succumbs to that invincible adversary, who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished." (J.A. McNutt, *More BIBLICAL BRIEFS and LECTURES*, 9-10, 1996)

Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." As Ingalls noted, death is the great equalizer. After it the Day of Judgment will be the time of reckoning for how one lived. James 1:9-11, "Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, (10) but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. (11) For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits." These verses teach that the lowly brother who has lived for God can glory in death because he will receive the crown of life (verse 12). Whereas the rich man who deceived himself into believing he did not need God will be humiliated. His life is short and just as the flower of the field passes, so will the pride, possessions and accomplishments he pursued.

In this life, it may matter to some what your nationality or skin color is. Some value the boss more than the worker. Some people may mistreat or treat you better because of your gender. However, in Christ, We "are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (29) And if you are Christ's, then you are Abrahams seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:26-29).

## NEWS & NOTES

### WVCYC

(Registration Forms in the back)

**July 2-8 Senior Week**

**July 9-14 Intermediate Week**

**July 16-21 Junior Week**

**July 23-29 All Ages Week**

**July 30-August 5 Singing  
Emph. Week**



**Happy 4th of July!**



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Gleaner Cans have arrived  
for Potters Children  
Home collect 1 or more in  
the back of the auditori-  
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**July 15** is our annual **WV Power  
Baseball game** in  
Charleston. Please  
contact **Craig Dutton**



for tickets. \* *Tickets will not include food at  
stadium. Concert after the game.*

## UPDATES



\*Judy Barnhart's brother **Joe  
Grimes** had a lawn mower acci-  
dent on Wednesday. He was flown  
to Columbus. He has broken his C-  
1, T-3, and broken ribs.

**Madelyn McFadden**, fell again this week.  
She is in MMH room 350 bed 1.

### Remember those on our prayer list

Brenda Davis, Gala Stewart, Jonas Judge, Eli  
Clark, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Pat Bills,  
Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Gene West,  
Cindy Wilson, Matthew Hays, Geraldine Stew-  
art, Barbara Eddy, Pat & Bill Duer, Jessie Wil-  
liamson, Gail Mote, & Madeline McFadden.

Remember those who are shut-in, receiving  
cancer treatments, traveling, government lead-  
ers, military.

### Schedule of Services

#### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7:00

## THOSE SERVING

**July 2nd**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Dave Lancaster

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks

**Ushers:** Jesse Barnhart, Elmer Burns

**Communion:** Dave Parks, Brian Mercer, Richard  
Lee Davis, Ethan Davis, Rodney Ramsey, Jason  
Cuzzen

**Reading and Prayer:** Lew Wilson

**Closing Prayer:** Melvin Truax

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Lew Wilson

**Prayer:** Clay Perkins

**Closing Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** Darren Parks

**Prayer:** Buzz Williams

**Closing Prayer:** Brian Mercer

**July 9th**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:**

**Song Leader:**

**Ushers:**

**Communion:**

**Reading and Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:**

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:**

**Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:**

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:**

**Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:**



### 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

