

**Upcoming Gospel Meetings**  
**and Area Wide Sings**

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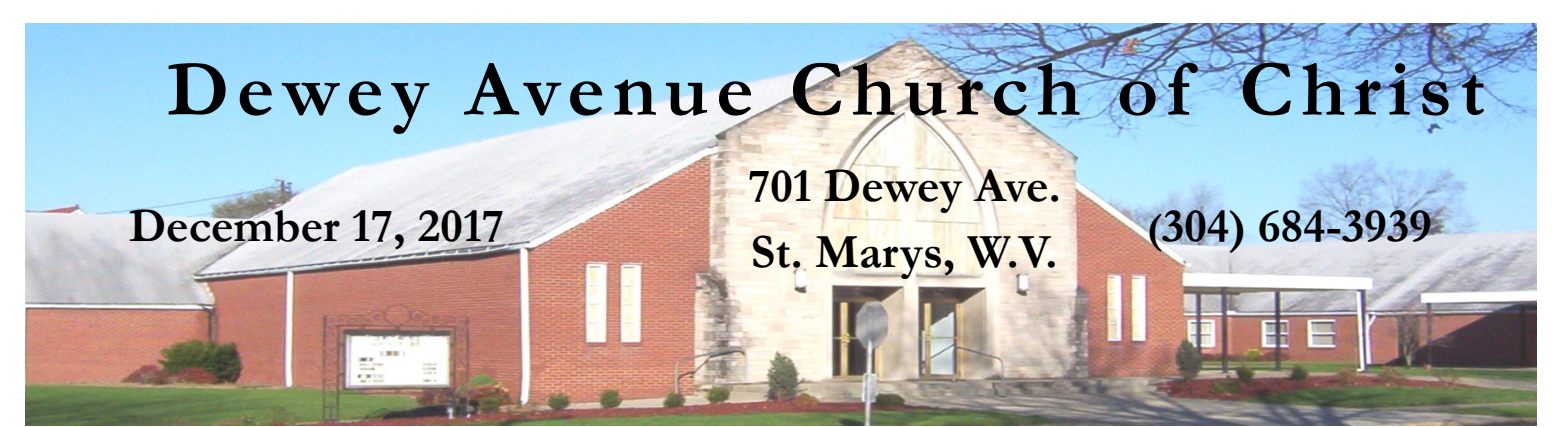
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**\*\*\* If anyone has a topic you would like for Dale to present a lesson on, you can write it down and please sign your name, in case Dale has any questions and place it in the box on the table in the back of the auditorium.**

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# Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

December 17, 2017  
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**7 HABITS OF A CHRISTIAN – 2 Peter 1:6-8**

*By Dale Parsley*

Frank Outlaw once wrote,

“Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.”

How we live is a reflection on the indebtedness we have towards God’s gift in saving us from our sins. In 2 Peter 1:6-8, the apostle Peter reveals 7 traits that Christian’s are to make a habit.

**1. Virtue:** In spite of many choosing the path of destruction, virtue is the courage and determination to walk the path of the straight and narrow (Matthew 7:13-14).

**2. Knowledge:** A life devoted to the meditation of God’s Word day and night (Psalm 1:2). This gives one the ability to determine right from wrong (Matthew 4:1-10), and the wisdom to know how to handle life’s difficult decisions (James 1:2-7).

**3. Self-control:** Submitting, mind, mouth and body under the will of God. In so doing, temptation can be conquered (1 Corinthians 10:13), the tongue kept in guard (James 3:1-11), and every thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:5).

**4. Steadfastness:** Meaning endurance, patience, or being unswayed from God’s purpose for our lives. In Hebrews 12:1-3, the Christian life is likened to a marathon. There are times when the uphill climb seems impossible and we as runners want to quit. In looking to Jesus with a focus on Him at the finish line, hope remains and the reward is in our grasp.

**5. Godliness:** Practically speaking, it is a desire to be like Christ and a constant awareness of His presence (Matthew 28:20). This is attainable by submitting to God and learning from Him (Matthew 11:28-20), as well as imitating those who imitate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).

**6. Brotherly Affection and 7. Love:** The two words here in the Greek are “philadelphia” and “agape.” Because of God’s love for us, we not only love Him, but can love others (1 John 4:19-21). In understanding these words, Michael Green writes,

“In friendship (philia) the partners seek mutual solace; in sexual love (eros) mutual satisfaction. In both cases these feelings are aroused because of what the loved one is. With agape it is the reverse. God’s agape is evoked not by what we are, but by what He is. It has its origin in the agent, not in the object. It is not that we are lovable, but that He is love. This agape might be defined as a deliberate desire for the highest good of the one loved, which shows itself in sacrificial action for that person’s good. That is what God did for us...” (71)

### Upcoming Events

**December 24**, following morning services there will be a Potluck, followed by a abbreviated evening service around 1:00pm. NO EVENING SERVICE.

**December 31** there will be a New Years Eve Party Following Evening Services. This will honor the December birthdays and anniversaries.



 **WINTER TRAINING SERIES!!** Each Thursday in January (4th-25th) We are in need of volunteers for the 5th grade and under class each night. We also need volunteers to oversee the refreshments provided after class. For more details, please see Dale.

**January 6, 8:30am-12:00pm** will be the 2018 Planning Meeting

**January 14**, following evening services, there will be a Elder & Deacons meeting.

### *7 Habits Of A Christian Continued:*

Remember, "For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. (10) Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall" ( 2 Peter 1:8-10).

#### References:

Michael Green, TYNDALE New Testament Commentaries, The Second Epistle of Peter and the Epistle of Jude, Volume 18.

Roy Zuck, Speakers Source Quote Book, 183

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**The Church is offering valet parking to anyone struggling with the commute from the parking lot to the building. If you need help, please let one of our elders or deacons know.**



\*Continue to keep Marie Newland, Barbara Eddy, and Pat Bills' mother Betty in your prayers.

**\*Eli Clark**

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Would love receiving holiday cards

### Remember those on our prayer list

Jonas Judge, Eli Clark, Joe Grimes, Faye Williams, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Gene West, Dick Hall, Bill Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Pat & Bill Duer, Jessie Williamson, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, Madeline McFadden.

Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling, government leaders, & 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

### December 17th

#### *Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Dave Lancaster

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks

**Ushers:** Elmer Burns, Glenn Stewart

**Communion:** Larry Butcher, Melvin Truax, Jason Cuzzen, Joe Wilson, Stephen Hays, Jesse Barnhart

**Reading and Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger

**Closing Prayer:** Joe Elrod

#### *Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Connor Lancaster

**Prayer:** Craig Dutton

**Closing Prayer:** Gerald Burns

#### *Wednesday:*

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks

**Prayer:** Lew Wilson

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

### December 24th

#### *Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Dave Parks

**Song Leader:** Clint Perkins

**Ushers:** Ethan Davis, Stephen Hays

**Communion:** Brian Mercer, Tom Becker, Bill Dutton, Richard Lee Davis, Rodney Ramsey, Jason Cuzzen

**Reading and Prayer:** Hal Powell

**Closing Prayer:** Buzz Williams

#### *Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Melvin Truax

**Prayer:** Joe Elrod

**Closing Prayer:** Connor Lancaster

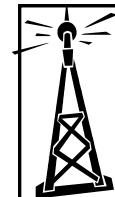
#### *Wednesday:*

**Song Leader:** Clint Perkins

**Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger

**Closing Prayer:** Clay Perkins

### 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

