

**Upcoming Gospel Meetings
and Area Wide Sings**

**Monday Night Merge Youth Event
starts Feb 5-March 12 @ 7:00pm*

****Please look at the back bulletin
for more events and details.**

****Just a Reminder ****

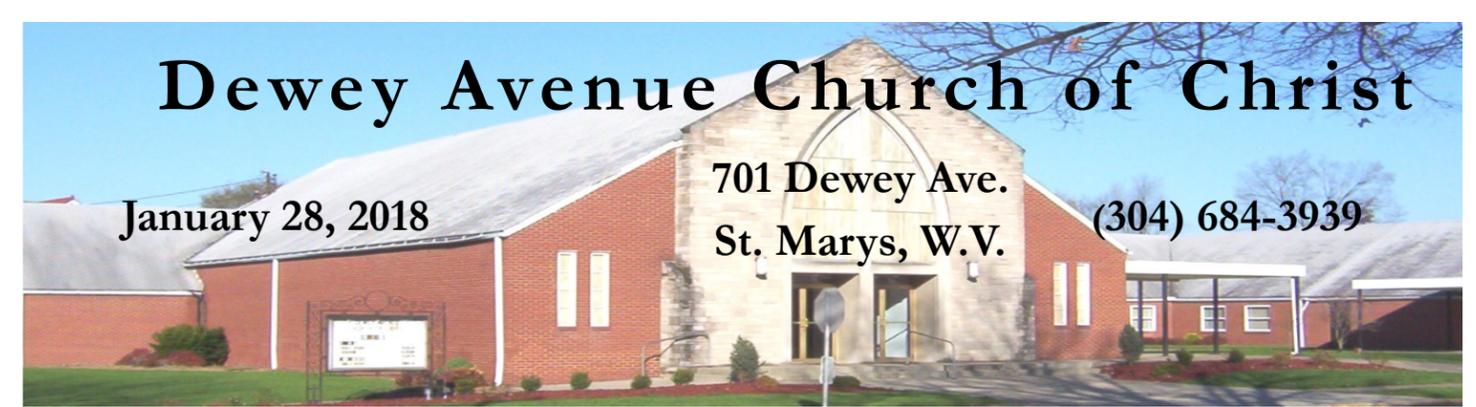


*Remember, if you have a
key.....lock up when you
leave.*

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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 Sound of Silence

By Dale Parsley

“One of Aesop’s fables concerned a turtle who envied the ducks who swam in the pond where he lived. As he listened to them describe the wonders of the world they had seen, he was filled with a great desire to travel. But being a turtle, he was unable to travel far. Finally two ducks offered to help him. One of the ducks said, ‘We will each hold an end of a stick in our mouths. You hold the stick in the middle in your mouth, and we will carry you through the air so that you can see what we see when we fly. But be quiet or you will be sorry.’

The turtle loved the idea. He took hold of the stick and away into the sky they went. The ducks flew up above the trees and circled around the meadow. The turtle was amazed and overjoyed at his new perspective on the world. He marveled at the flowers on the hillside. Just then a crow flew past. Astonished at the sight of a turtle flying through the air carried by two ducks he said, ‘Surely this must be the king of all turtles!’ ‘Why certainly...’ the turtle began—but as he spoke, he lost his grip on the stick and fell to the ground be-
low.” (www.ministry127.com/resources/illustration/the-wisdom-of-silence)

Even though there are times in life to speak up, to prevent from falling, somethings are best said by saying nothing at all. Consider two examples:

1. *When angry and tempted to say something destructive.* Proverbs 29:11, “Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back.” Speaking our mind in a state of anger is often a bad idea. Granted, we are to forgive one another, but we also cannot undo words that hurt. Better to remain silent, then to say something sinful.

2. *Answering a fool according to his folly.* Proverbs 26:4, “Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself.” We don’t have to attend every argument we’re invited to. For instance, an argument over a trivial subject typically profits nothing. Whether or not the price of gas at the local gas station was either \$2.50 or \$2.35 does not deserve a heated debate. In the end, what’s the big deal? Other times a subject is worth discussing, but if the person is closed minded, not interested in truth and only being right at any cost, remaining silent can be more beneficial.

Upcoming Events



January 28th will be the Birthday/Anniversary Potluck following Sunday evening service. All are welcome!!

February 4 will host the Soup Outreach. That Sunday will be a church-eat-church. Bring your favorite crockpot of soup!

Dan & DJ Kessinger are heading to Kenya in March. If anyone would like to make an individual donation, please mark it down at the bottom of your check in the weekly contribution.

Ladies Quilting will resume **March 6th @9:00a.m.**

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.

MEMORY VERSE



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

~John 1:1



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

*Opal Locke is not doing well at this time.

***Many sick with the colds and flus please keep them in prayer.**

Remember those on our prayer list

Jonas Judge, Eli Clark, Ed Wilson, Mark Barnhart, Joe Grimes, Faye Williams, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiestler, Gene West, Dick Hall, Bill Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, 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

January 28th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Gerald Burns

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Ushers: Bill Dutton, Elmer Burns

Communion: Clint Perkins, Tom Becker, Fred Arnett, Craig Dutton, Joe Elrod, Stephen Hays

Reading and Prayer: Joe Wilson

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Evening Worship:

Communion: Lew Wilson

Prayer: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Dan Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Buzz Williams

February 4th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Hal Powell

Song Leader: John Rockhold

Ushers: Tom Becker, Joe Wilson

Communion: Camaron Lancaster, Brian Mercer, Jesse Barnhart, Ethan Davis, Stephen Hays, Caleb Parsley

Reading and Prayer: Hunter Williams

Closing Prayer: Craig Dutton

Hall Monitors: Tom Becker, Joe Wilson

Evening Worship:

Communion: Melvin Truax

Prayer: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Dan Kessinger

Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

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

