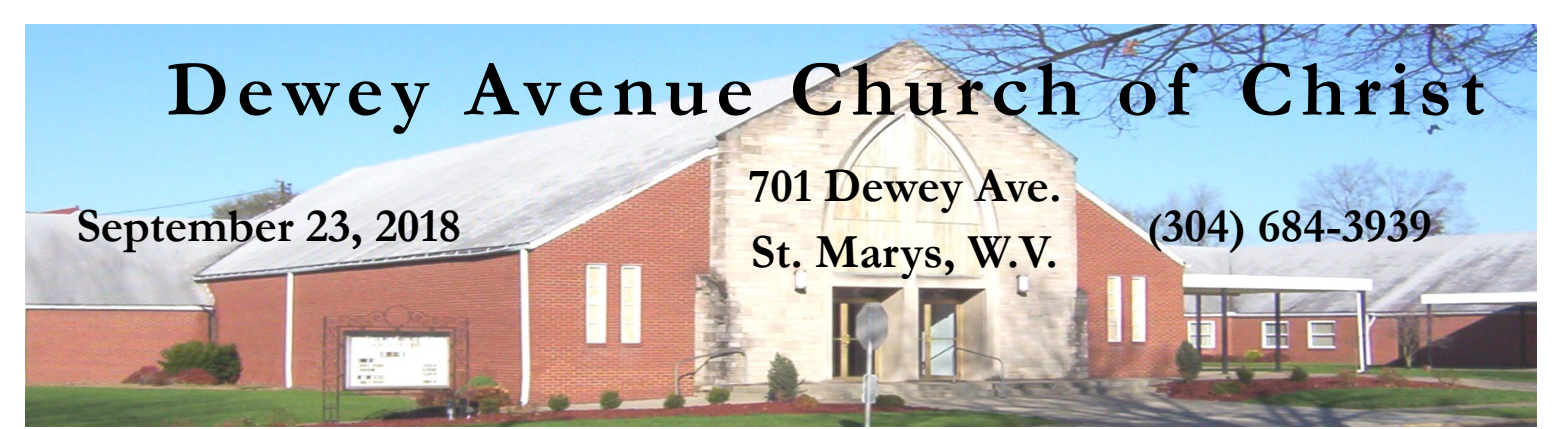


***** If anyone has a topic you would like for Dale to present a lesson on, you can write it down and please sign your name, in case Dale has any questions and place it in the box on the table in the back of the auditorium.**

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

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.

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A Faith that Goes and a Love that Glows

By Dale Parsley

How does the world know someone is a disciple of Jesus? By love toward others (John 13:34-35). Why do we believe Abraham was a man of great faith? Because of his actions (Hebrews 11:8-11).

When the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, he praised them for their “work of faith and labor of love” (1 Thessalonians 1:3). “Faith” is a belief conjoined with trust. It is more than just saying, “I believe,” but is demonstrated through works (James 2:14-26).

“Love” is essentially a desire to only want what is best for another. One of the hardest things for a Christian to do is love the unlovable. This is perhaps a reason why Paul identified love being a “labor,” literally, hard work or toil.

Approximately 80 years after Paul’s letter, a man by the name of Aristides, a philosopher from Athens, who later became a Christian, wrote a letter to the Roman Emperor Hadrian. In part, his letter deals with the beliefs and behavior of Christians in the second century:

“But the Christians, O King...they do not commit adultery nor fornication, nor bear false witness, nor embezzle what is held in pledge, nor covet what is not theirs. They honour father and mother, and show kindness to those near to them... their oppressors they appease...and make them their friends; they do good to their enemies...and they love one another, and from widows they do not turn away their esteem; and they deliver the orphan from him who treats him harshly. And he, who has, gives to him who has not, without boasting. And when they see a stranger, they take him in to their homes and rejoice over him as a very brother; for they do not call them brethren after the flesh, but brethren after the spirit and in God...And if they hear that one of their number is imprisoned or afflicted on account of the name of their Messiah, all of them anxiously minister to his necessity, and if it is possible to redeem him they set him free. And if there is among them any that is poor and needy, and if they have no spare food, they fast two or three days in order to supply to the needy their lack of food.” (www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/aristides-kay.html)

Aristides description of Christians in the second century is a picture of the Thessalonian church in the first century. Their faith is seen in abstaining from sin (1:9), being afflicted with persecution (1:6), and waiting for the return of Christ (1:10); while their love was something they were doing (4:10), which was evident to other Christians in Macedonia and Achaia (1:7).

It’s not wrong to be known for beliefs that are different than the rest of the religious world. However, what about being known for our actions? Even if one detests our beliefs, may our work of faith and labor of love “silence the ignorance of foolish people” (1 Peter 2:15).

Upcoming Events

September 30th— Annual collection for Potter's Children's Home.

Gospel Meetings

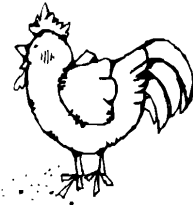
October 7-11 several gospel meetings held at the following church of Christs: Sistersville, Pursley, Camden Avenue, Middlebourne, Pine Grove and Salem. More details on meetings on the back bulletin board.

Ladies Day held at National Road church of Christ in Wheeling on **October 13, 8:30-9:30am** is registration.

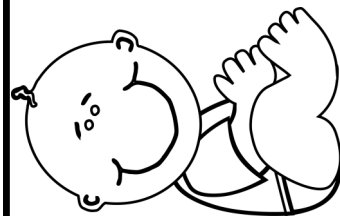
Congratulations!!

**Adam Mercer won Grand Champion with his chicken @ the Youth Ag Fair.*

**Noah Lauer won the Poultry Showmanship Award.*



Congratulations!!



Nick and Brooke Bias welcomed Cameron Lewis

Monday. 7lbs 15oz and 20 1/2inches. Proud grandparents are Lew & Lisa Wilson.



Prayer list

*Tom Meeks had a check up this week.

* John Miller continues to recover from his bypass and is in the hospital with a blood clot.

Tom Meeks, Jonas Judge, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Eli Clark, David Stevens, Betty Bills, Larry Truax, Jean Nazelrod, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Ruth Eddy, Jennifer Shultz, Dick Hall, Bill Dutton, Lorraine Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, Madeline McFadden, Arlene Arnett

Church Sign:

September-Richard Lee Davis

October- Dale Parsley

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

September 23

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Ushers: Richard Lee Davis, Jesse Barnhart

Communion: Camaron Lancaster, Joe Elrod, Jason Cuzzen, Don Archer, Fred Arnett, Karson Elrod

Reading and Prayer: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

Hall Monitors: Richard Lee Davis, Jesse Barnhart

Evening Worship:

Communion: Tom Becker

Prayer: Buzz Williams

Closing Prayer: Clay Perkins

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Jason Cuzzen

September 30

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Buzz Williams

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Ushers: Melvin Truax, Dave Parks

Communion: Hal Powell, Camaron Lancaster, Steven Hays, Bill Dutton, Ethan Davis, Richard Davis

Reading and Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Hall Monitors: Melvin Truax, Dave Parks

Evening Worship:

Communion: Larry Butcher

Prayer: Clay Perkins

Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Prayer: Dan Kessinger

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

