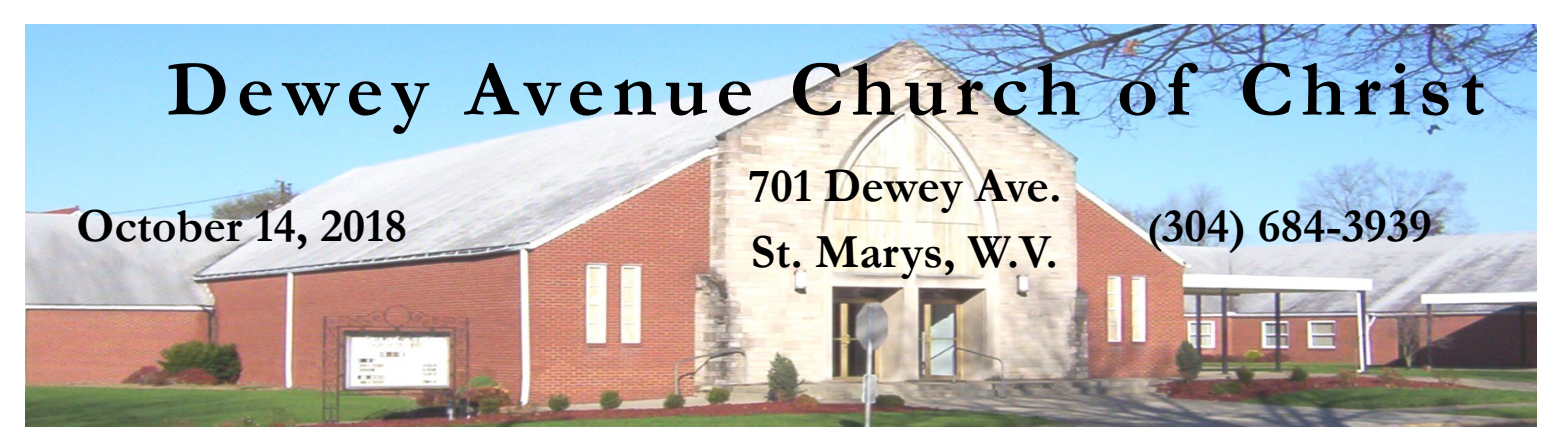


***** If anyone has a topic you would like for Dale to present a lesson on, you can write it down and please sign your name, in case Dale has any questions and place it in the box on the table in the back of the auditorium.**

*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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THE LINKS OF INFLUENCE

By Dale Parsley

“The Iliad of Homer was the favorite book of Alexander [the Great]. He said that it was ‘the most perfect human production and the best medicine of the warrior’...Continuing the trend, the life of Alexander in turn incited similar deeds from two other warriors: Caesar’s highest ambition, it is said, was to walk in the steps of Alexander; and Charles the 12th of Sweden longed since childhood to imitate the great Macedonian conqueror. Following the Turkish Emperor, Selymus idealized the characteristics of Caesar. In trying to follow such an example, he defeated and poisoned his father, and carried merciless wars into Egypt and Persia.” (Tan, P. Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations, 604)

In doing great good or great evil, a person is first influenced by someone or thing. A book influenced Alexander, his actions influenced Caesar, who influenced many others to do the same. On the other hand, the Christian movement started with a man from Nazareth who influenced 12 men to evangelize and exercise the gospel message; their influence about 30 years later, turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).

John Maxwell, in his book, “Becoming a Person of Influence,” notes a 4-step process in continuing the chain of influence: 1. *Model*, 2. *Motivate*, 3. *Mentor*, and 4. *Multiply*. A similar and more simple example of this is seen in 1 Thessalonians 1:5-7, “...You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake (6) And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, (7) so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.” Consider three questions from the text that demonstrate the links of influence:

1. Who influences us? Perhaps another way to ask is, “who are we watching and why?” Some go through life only looking for the worst in others to criticize. Others are not oblivious to faults, but seek the good in others in learning how to be better. The sincere, godly, character of Paul is one they probably esteemed highly. Through his shining light, they also brought glory to God (Matthew 5:14-16).

2. Are we imitating the right influences? From the text, we learn that an admirable person is: (1) one who is willing to endure hardship for Christ, and (2) has an attitude of joy in the midst of those hardships. Paul endured more for the cause of Christ than any one in Scripture; yet his persecutions and trials did not make him bitter, but better, and joyful (Philippians 4:4). His example was imitated by the Christians in Thessalonica because when the came to Christ, they also encountered affliction but maintained an attitude of joy from the Holy Spirit (verse 6).

3. Are living a life worthy of imitation? The word “example” is verse 7 is the Greek word *typos*, which often meant a pattern to follow. In other words, the way the Thessalonian Christians patterned their lives started with the example of Christ, then Paul, and now their life would be copied by others (verses 7-9).

Realize it or not, we all have an influence. May our example encourage others to be like Jesus.

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Upcoming Events

October 16 @ 9:30am- Ladies Lap Quilters will meet in the fellowship hall. Please bring covered dish, will be eating lunch following the quilting, meat is provided.

Oct 20- Fall Hayride at the Becker residence starting at 2pm. Bring soup or dessert and chairs. Sign Up Sheet  in the back.

Oct 26- Fall-o-ween party at Perkins residence at 6pm for the kids. Sign Up sheet in the back.

Gospel Meetings

October 14-18-0- Pine Grove church of Christ on Hebron, WV with speaker Ed Melot.



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



Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.

Prayer list



*Thomas Kessinger had an emergency appendectomy on Tuesday. He is home and recovering.

* Jimmy Parsley, Dale's father, had surgery on Friday.

* Henry Barnhart had a 4 way bypass this week and is still in the hospital.

* Evelyn Hall did not have a good week.

* Pam LeMasters, Tom Becker's sister, has an upcoming surgery. Bruce Becker, is battling some health issues. Jane Ann Becker, Tom's mother, had a spot of cancer removed from her stomach, she is recovering well.

Tom Meeks, John Miller, Dick Neely, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Paul Grubbs, David Stevens, Betty Bills, Larry Truax, Jean Nazelrod, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Ruth Eddy, Jennifer Shultz, Dick Hall, Bill Dutton, Loraine Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, Madeline McFadden

Church Sign:

October— Dale Parsley

November— Hal Powell

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

October 14th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: John Rockhold

Ushers: Rodney Ramsey, Glenn Stewart

Communion: Melvin Truax, Darren Parks, Don Archer, Stephen Hays, Fred Arnett, Jason Cuzzen

Reading and Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer

Hall Monitors: Hal Powell, Elmer Burns

Evening Worship:

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Prayer: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Buzz Williams

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Buzz Williams

Prayer: Dan Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

October 21st

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Ushers: Bill Dutton, Melvin Truax

Communion: Brian Mercer, Lew Wilson, Richard Lee Davis, Richard Davis, Ethan Davis, Rodney Ramsey

Reading and Prayer: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Hall Monitors: Buzz Williams, Dave Parks

Evening Worship:

Communion: Joe Elrod

Prayer: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Prayer: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley