

\*\*\* *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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*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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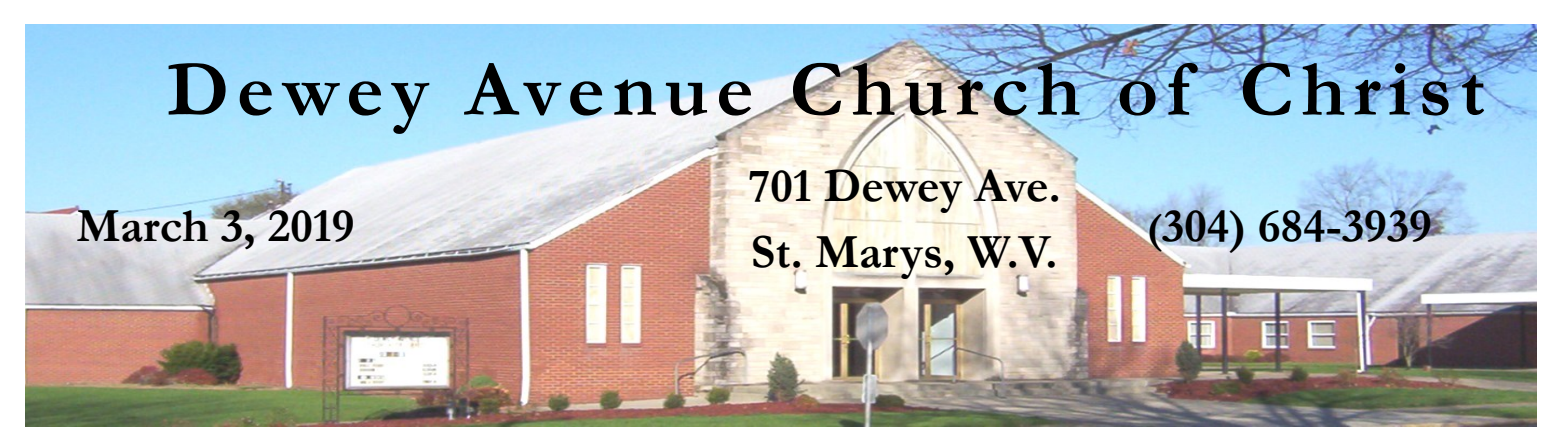
### *Life to the Full*

*A life in poetry*

*By John King*

**This book is available at Amazon.com in paperback and for Kindle. Proceeds from sales will be donated to the West Virginia Christian Youth Camp in Pennsboro, WV**

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#### **Words of Flattery or Faith?**

*Dale Parsley*

Mark Twain once said he could go for two months on a good compliment. Indeed, a simple compliment can go a long way when one is down. However, not all compliments are well intended praise, but flattery. A simple Google definition defines flattery as “excessive and insincere praise, given especially to further one's own interests.” In one sense, to be flattered feels better than a rebuke; yet behind such praise is a selfish agenda, often for ones’ harm. Jonathan Swift once wrote,

‘Tis an old maxim of the schools,  
That flattery’s the food of fools;  
Yet now and then your men of wit  
Will condescend to take a bit.

Likewise, Proverbs 29:5, “A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.” Proverbs 26:24-28, “Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors deceit in his heart; when he speaks graciously, believe him not, for there are seven abominations in his heart; though his hatred be covered with deception, his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly. Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and a stone will come back on him who starts it rolling. A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.”

It was not uncommon for Greek philosophers and pagan priests to manipulate and persuade people through public speaking for their own selfish ends. However, the preaching of the gospel is different. In recalling the first time Paul went to preach to the Thessalonians, he wrote, “For we never came with words of flattery as you know, nor with a pretext for greed – God is witness” (1 Thessalonians 2:5). Lightfoot notes the word in the Greek translated as flattery, “contains the idea of deception for selfish ends. It is flattery not merely for self-interest. It is deception by slick eloquence, the idea of being to win over the hearts in order to exploit them. (Rogers-Rogers 473)

Paul’s greatest concern was for people’s faith and repentance, not personal fame and riches. The gospel message does not flatter, but often offends. Telling one he is lost and going to hell without Jesus is rather unpleasant but true. It’s a message that’s not exclusively love, but wrath (Romans 1:18). It’s a message that’s not exclusively about God’s wonderful grace, but the necessity of faith and obedience (Ephesians 2:2-9).

May our compliments never be with impure motives, and we may be willing to speak what is right to another, for “Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue” (Proverbs 28:23). “Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy” (Proverbs 27:6).

**REFERENCES:** Rogers, Cleon, Jr., THE NEW LINGUISTIC AND EXEGETICAL KEY TO THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT, Zondervan Publishing House, 1998

Swift, Jonathan, Flattery, [www.notable-quotes.com/f/flattery\\_quotes.html](http://www.notable-quotes.com/f/flattery_quotes.html)

### Upcoming Events



**March 4th:** Monday Night Merge at Camden Ave 7pm

**March 5th:** Ladies Lap Quilting 9:30am in the fellowship room.

**March 8 & 9:** Youth event at North End

**March 10-15:** Gospel Meeting @ Pennsboro church of Christ with speaker Eddie Melott.

**March 22nd:** Wheeling Nailers Hockey Game @ Wheeling. 7pm. Sign up no later than today in the back of the auditorium.

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**\*\*Area Wide Sing Schedules are in the back to pick up!!**

### Bringing in 2019 with scripture

If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.



~ Deut 30:16 ESV

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**\*New Teaching Quarter starts Today!!!**



### Prayer list

\*Buzz & Faye Williams are both having health issues and are in need of prayer. Faye had surgery a week and a half ago and is still in pain.

\*Ruth Eddy and Betty Timmons are recovering.

Jean Nazelrod continues to recover at Health-South after a fall early this week.

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Lorraine Dutton, Gerald Burns, Betty Timmons, Ruth Eddy, Tom Becker, Bob Nally, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Betty Bills, Jean Nazelrod, Charlotte Wilson, Dick Hall, John Rockhold, Colleen Kiester, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Madeline McFadden.

### Church Sign:

March-Darren Parks  
April- 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

### March 3rd

#### Morning Worship:

**Announcements:** Hal Powell  
**Song Leader:** Darren Parks  
**Ushers:** Richard Davis, Jesse Barnhart  
**Communion:** Camaron Lancaster, Brian Mercer, Ed Wilson, Bill Dutton, Fred Arnett, Jason Cuzzen  
**Reading and Prayer:** Caleb Parsley  
**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker  
**Hall Monitors:** Richard Davis, Jesse Barnhart

#### Evening Worship:

**Communion:** Melvin Truax  
**Prayer:**  
**Closing Prayer:**

#### Wednesday:

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks  
**Prayer:** Caleb Parsley  
**Closing Prayer:** Karson Elrod

### March 10th

#### Morning Worship:

**Announcements:** Clay Perkins  
**Song Leader:** Clint Perkins  
**Ushers:** Don Archer, Brian Mercer  
**Communion:** Dave Lancaster, Melvin Truax, Ethan Davis, Richard Davis, Jesse Barnhart, Rodney Ramsey, Connor Lancaster  
**Reading and Prayer:** Dave Parks  
**Closing Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger  
**Hall Monitors:** Don Archer, Brian Mercer

#### Evening Worship:

**Communion:** Connor Lancaster  
**Prayer:**  
**Closing Prayer:**

#### Wednesday:

**Song Leader:** Connor Lancaster  
**Prayer:** Darren Parks  
**Closing Prayer:** Hal Powell

### 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

