

\*\*\* *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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### **Gospel Meetings:**

April 21 @ Washington Street with Devo Kevin Maul-Pack The Pew

April 21-26 @ Weirton Heights with Rico Brown

April 21-25 @ West Ripley with 5 different speakers. Dale on the 23rd

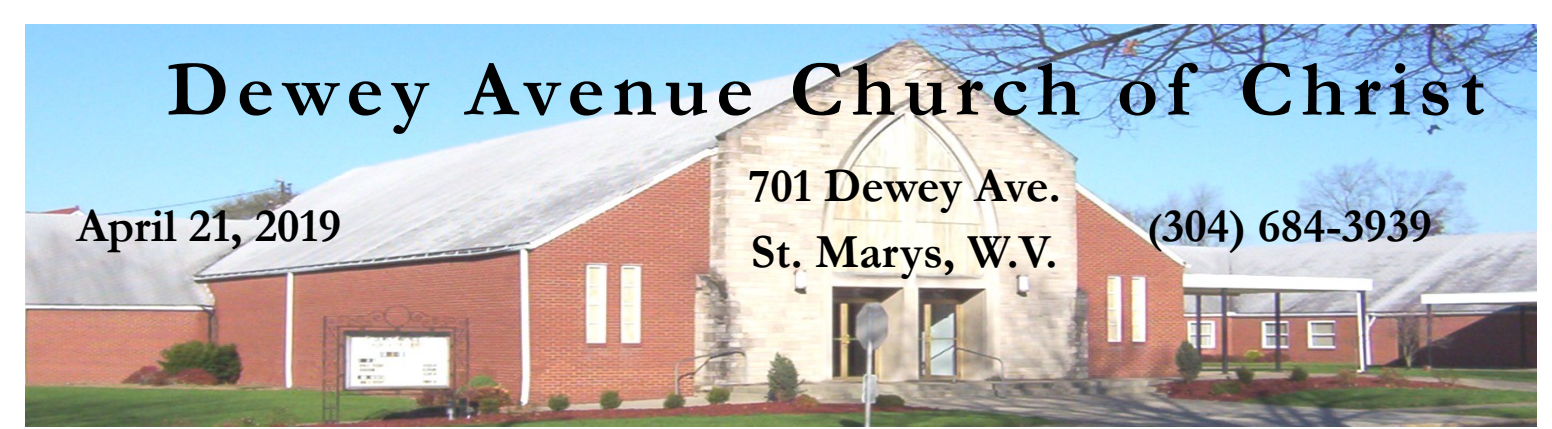
April 28-May 2 @ Duffy with Sam Bartrug

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## **HOW DID ALL THE APOSTLES DIE?**

*By Dale Parsley*

After Jesus called the 12 to be His apostles (Matthew 10:1-4; Acts 1), the Bible only records the lives and writings primarily of just Peter, Paul, James and John.

Keep in mind that the primary purpose of the gospels was to produce faith in Jesus (John 20:30-31), and was not intended to be a personal biography of all the apostles. The same could be said about the remaining books in the New Testament written to churches and individuals (Romans – Revelation). The primary reason they were written pertains to how to conduct one's self as a Christian given the various problems they faced.

Even though the Scriptures record **Judas Iscariots** suicide (Matthew 27:1-5), as well as **James** being beheaded by Herod (Acts 12:1-3), what about the rest of the apostles? In his book, Ecclesiastical History (325 AD), early church historian Eusebius records that all the apostles were martyred except for **John**.

We know that **Paul** knew of his impending death while a prisoner of Rome in 2 Timothy 4:6-8, and in all likelihood was killed during Nero's attack on the church in the mid to late 60's of the first century. According to John 21:18-19, **Peter** died by having his hands outstretched, likely implying crucifixion; Eusebius, and Clement of Rome (90 AD), revealed that Peter was crucified upside down, considering himself to be unworthy to be crucified in the same manner as His Master. In the second century, Hippolytus tells that **Andrew** was hanged on an olive tree at Patrae, a town in Achaia. He also wrote that **Bartholomew** was crucified in Armenia. Around 130-196 AD, Polycrates, bishop of Ephesus, wrote that **Philip** died in Hierpolis, Turkey, and was probably hanged. According to the apocryphal book, *The Acts of Thomas* (200 AD), **Thomas** was killed by a spear while preaching in India. **Matthew** is noted to have been killed by the sword in Ethiopia. Hippolytus notes that **James, son of Alpheus** was killed by the Jews. **Simon the Zealot** is said to have been crucified or sawn in half. **Thaddeus** is said to have been beaten to death in Mesopotamia. Some say that **Matthias** was crucified and then stoned by the Jews.

Just because a lot of this information is found outside of Scripture, the multiple and early evidence for several of them is very reasonable to believe. These men travelled the world to preach a risen Savior that cost them their lives. Contrast this with their behavior on the night that Jesus was arrested when they all forsook Him and fled (Mark 14:50). Con-men don't die for something they know to be a lie, rather they live it up in immorality, deception and corruption; none of these characteristics describes the apostles. They died for something they saw, and knew to be true, with the comfort and assurance of a heavenly reward in the life to come.

### Upcoming Events



**April 28:** Travelling Youth Group with will meet here Sunday evening for worship services. Fellowship meal to follow.

**April 28-** Birthday/Anniversary Potluck Dinner after evening worship. Everyone is welcome to stay, eat and fellowship!

**May 18:** GOLDEN AGERS DINNER. Sign up sheet is in the back!

\*\*Upcoming Meetings posted in the auditorium and on the back page of this bulletin.

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And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.

~Philippians 2:8

And he took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

~Luke 22:19

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### Sympathy

Prayers for the family and friends of Coach Bill Hanlin. A celebration of life will be held April 27, 1:00p.m. @ Bill Hanlin Stadium.



### Prayer list

\* Faye Williams is doing better. Buzz got a good report last week. Continue to keep both in prayer.

\*Ruth Eddy had her procedure done and is recovering.

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Lorraine Dutton, Gerald Burns, Ruth Eddy, Bob Nally, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Scott Judge, Betty Bills, Rhanda Archer Jean Nazelrod, Charlotte Wilson, Dick Hall, John Rockhold, Colleen Kiester, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Madeline McFadden, Chris Ball, Mike Fetty, Lisa Westbrook Smith, and Jim Williamson

#### Church Sign:

April- Dale Parsley  
May- 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

#### April 21st

##### Morning Worship:

**Announcements:** Clay Perkins  
**Song Leader:** Darren Parks  
**Ushers:** Richard Davis, Richard Lee Davis  
**Communion:** Melvin Tuax, Hal Powell, Bill Dutton, Jason Cuzzen, Rodney Ramsey, Don Archer  
**Reading and Prayer:** Dave Parks  
**Closing Prayer:** Brian Mercer  
**Hall Monitors:** Richard Davis, Richard Lee Davis

##### Evening Worship:

**Communion:** Lew Wilson  
**Prayer:** Connor Lancaster  
**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

##### Wednesday:

**Song Leader:** Dan Kessinger  
**Prayer:** Larry Butcher  
**Closing Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger  
**Door Greeters:** Melvin & Sue Truax

#### April 28th

##### Morning Worship:

**Announcements:** Dave Parks  
**Song Leader:** Clint Perkins  
**Ushers:** Jesse Barnhart, Lew Wilson  
**Communion:** Thomas Kessinger, Melvin Truax, Elmer Burns, Jason Cuzzen, Bill Dutton, Don Archer  
**Reading and Prayer:** Camaron Lancaster  
**Closing Prayer:** Joe Elrod  
**Hall Monitors:** Jesse Barnhart, Lew Wilson

##### Evening Worship:

**Communion:** Connor Lancaster  
**Prayer:** Tom Becker  
**Closing Prayer:** Caleb Parsley

##### Wednesday:

**Song Leader:** Clint Perkins  
**Prayer:** Buzz Williams  
**Closing Prayer:** Darren Parks  
**Door Greeters:** Richard Lee Davis Family



### 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

