

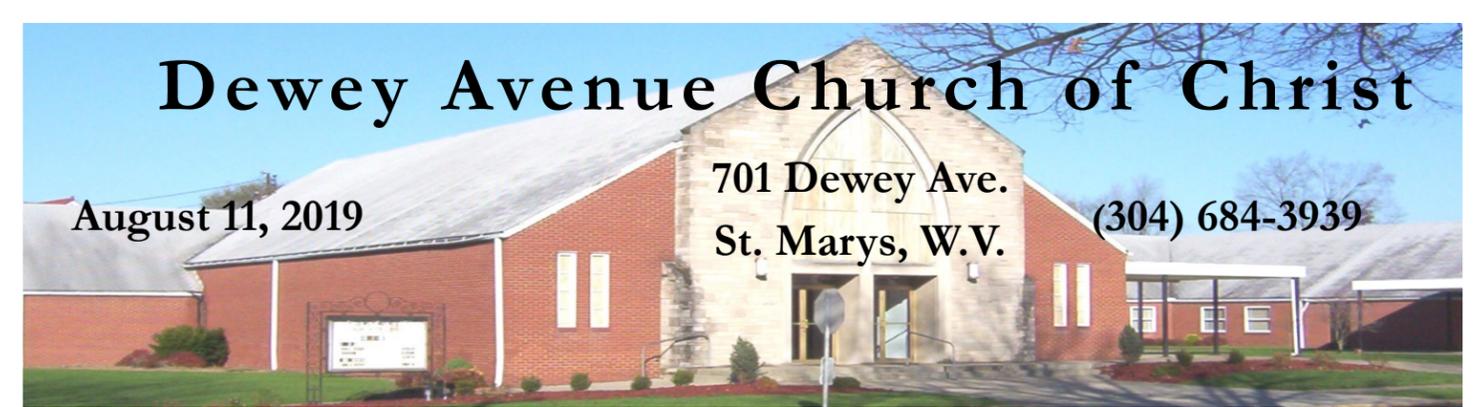
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Faith in . . . Faith?

By Lance Cordle

Recently I reached into a closet to get some trash bags. I was in sort of a hurry, so I did not bother to turn on enough light to see the bags. I remembered that I had previously placed them on the top shelf of the closet, so I reached upward for them. To my surprise, they were not there. I knew that I had put them there, so I began to feel about for them, and finally felt them down at the bottom of the shelf, where they had fallen. Confident that I had placed them on the top shelf, I logically believed that they had fallen. Instead of turning on the light, in faith I reached down and picked them up.

My actions in regard to the closet demonstrate trust in myself and past actions. We use trust (faith) daily, by believing in people and things. But, somehow, people want to make faith itself divine when they speak of believing in God. Sometimes people speak of “leaning on” their faith to get them through a crisis. At other times, someone may speak of their “brand” of faith—In an obituary, the deceased may be described as being “of the _____ faith.” (Insert denomination or religion).

It seems to me that the act of believing is made to be the powerful force rather than the object of the faith. In all my life, I should lean on God, through faith..

Let me see if I can explain myself a little more clearly. Take Abraham, for example. In Hebrews 11:8, it is said, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.” But on what basis did Abraham go out? Was it an illogical trust? Was it blind faith in a being he had no dealings with previously? I submit to you that it was neither. In fact, though all of Hebrews 11 deals with deeds done through faith, the object of, and the facilitator of the mighty deeds was God himself. Faith was the avenue by which God was allowed to work in the lives of those listed in that great chapter. Without God, they were nothing. They could have trusted in someone else—and failed.

When I choose to trust, my trust (faith) is only as good as the object of that trust. My actions are based upon my understanding and interaction with the object before I place my trust in it. Some like to describe faith as being illogical or as a better “felt-than-told” experience. However, just as we allow ourselves to test things on earth, God has sent forth revelation in written form that can be documented (Matthew 4:4, 7, 11). He also sent his son at a particular time in history (Galatians 4:4), the act itself, which can be verified by history.

Though faith is a beautiful word and provokes powerful images, we must understand that our faith is only as good as the object of it (Proverbs 3:5, 6). It is not an end in itself. Faith in faith is empty.

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NEWS & NOTES

Upcoming Events



August 11th— Elders & Deacons meeting Sunday evening.

August 20th— The Lap Quilters will meet in the fellowship room at 9:30am. Future dates for the lap quilters are: September 17 and October 1.

NEW QUARTER: Starting September! Sign Up for bible class teachers are in the back.

Thank You

I want to thank you all for the prayers, cards and love during my grandmothers passing. Also thank you to the ladies that prepared and helped host the dinner after services. ~In Christian Love..Terri Parks & 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



UPDATES



*Richard Davis is suffering from kidney stones and has a consult.

*Craig & Kendra Dutton traveling to Kenya.

*Joe Wilson leaves this evening to continue his education at the WV School of Preaching.

Prayer list

Bob Bradford, Dick Hall, Jim Grove, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Buzz Williams, Lorraine Dutton, Gerald Burns, Shirley Grubbs, Doug Petty, Bob Nally, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Betty Bills, Martha Hockenberry, Charlotte Wilson, John Rockhold, Colleen Kiester, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Madeline McFadden, Mike Fetty, Lisa Westbrook Smith, and Jim Williamson.

Church Sign:

August-Rodney & Debbie Ramsey

September-Darren Parks

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

“Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
1st Sunday of the month only”

Evening Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00

THOSE SERVING

August 11th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Door Greeters: Richard & Brenda Davis

Ushers/Monitors: Dave Parks, Don Archer

Communion: Camaron Lancaster, Brian Mercer, Elmer Burns, Ed Wilson, Stephen Hays, Ethan Davis

Reading and Prayer: Gerald Burns

Closing Prayer: Lew Wilson

Evening Worship:

Communion: Glenn Stewart

Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Larry Butcher

August 18th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Door Greeters: Clay Perkins, Rhonda Perkins

Ushers/Monitors: Richard Davis, Ethan Davis

Communion: Dave Lancaster, Joe Elrod, Richard Davis, Bill Dutton, Rodney Ramsey, Caleb Parsley

Reading and Prayer: Joe Wilson

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Prayer: Brian Mercer

Closing Prayer: Jason Cuzzen

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Melvin Truax

Closing Prayer: Jason Cuzzen