

**\*\*\* 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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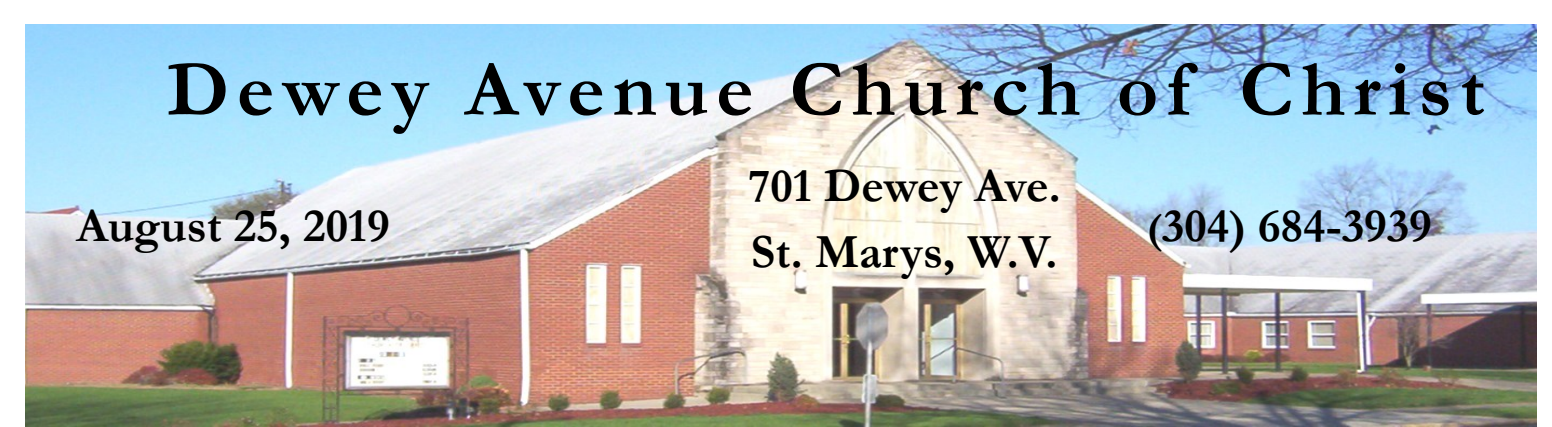
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**The Church is offering valet parking to anyone struggling with the commute from the parking lot to the building. If you need help, please let one of our elders or deacons know.**

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**“Crazy” in Christ**

*Dale Parsley*

“In 1818, Ignaz Philip Semmelweis was born into a world of dying women. The finest hospitals lost one out of six mothers to the scourge of ‘childbed fever.’

A doctor’s daily routine began in the dissecting room where he performed autopsies. From there he made his way to the hospital to examine expectant mothers without ever pausing to wash his hands. Dr. Semmelweis was the first man in history to associate such examinations with the resultant infection and death. After eleven years and the delivery of 8,537 babies, Dr. Semmelweis lost only 184 mothers. He spent much of his life lecturing and debating with his colleagues. Once he argued, ‘Puerperal fever is caused by decomposed material, conveyed to a wound... I have shown how it can be prevented. I have proved all that I have said. But while we talk, talk, talk, gentlemen, women are dying. I am not asking anything world shaking. I am asking you only to wash... wash your hands.’ But virtually no one believed him. Doctors and midwives had been delivering babies for thousands of years without washing, and no outspoken Hungarian was going to change them now!” ([ministry127.com/resources/illustration/wash-your-hands-after-dealing-with-death](http://ministry127.com/resources/illustration/wash-your-hands-after-dealing-with-death))

Perhaps due to pride, a solution that was so simple, seemed unreasonable, thus, people rejected his discovery. It was not until after Semmelweis died that his discovery became accepted by the majority in the medical community of the benefit in washing hands.

Sometimes, in spite of rejecting the gospel, people still respect Christians (Acts 5:12). However, others despise us and slander our names (1 Peter 4:1-4). There are even some who view us as crazy for our beliefs and way of life. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:13, “For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.” The word “beside ourselves” indicates a mental imbalance. And while Paul was not saying he was crazy, he is noting that some held such a view about him. The idea of believing that God became a man, died as a criminal, then rose from the dead, seemed unreasonable and crazy according to both Jews and gentiles. What’s true is not dependent upon what a majority of people believe or what seems most “reasonable,” rather truth is found where the evidence lead us to the most logical conclusion. “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Whether it be the practice of “church” 3 times a week, abstinence from alcohol, sex outside of marriage, the belief the earth is not millions or billions of years old, etc., are all things people in the world may perceive as crazy. Christians need to remember that we “walk by faith and not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), and our purpose in life is no longer living for ourselves but for the one who for our sakes died and rose again (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

## NEWS & NOTES

### Upcoming Events



**Today:** After services the ladies will hold a brief meeting to discuss the Ladies Inspiration Day.

**Tonight**-Birthday/ Anniversary Potluck Dinner after PM service. Everyone is welcome!

**NEW QUARTER:** Starting September 1st! Sign Up for bible class teachers are in the back. **TEACHERS NEEDED!!!**

#### **BIBLE TEACHER OPENINGS:**

**Sunday: 3-5yr old, 1st-3rd grade, High School**

**Wednesday: Nursey, 3-5yr olds**



A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

~Proverbs 17:22

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

~Hebrews 12:1

## UPDATES



\*Louise Perkins will be having surgery Tuesday.

\*Bob Crawford will be undergoing a heart catheterization & a aortic valve replacement before he can undergo a hip replacement.

\*Larry Truax had a triple bypass at Riverside Hospital on Monday. He was discharged Saturday.

\*Jude Burns, Elmer & Pam Burns grandson is still in the NICU.

#### **Prayer list**

Pat Hays, Bob Bradford, Ruth Eddy, Fay Williams, Buzz Williams, Lorraine Dutton, Brenda Davis, Dick Hall, Sue Clark, Jim Grove, Gerald Burns, Shirley Grubbs, Doug Petty, Bob Nally, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Betty Bills, 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 25th**

##### **Morning Worship:**

**Announcements:** Dave Parks

**Song Leader:** Connor Lancaster

**Door Greeters:** Elmer Burns, Pam Burns

**Ushers/Monitors:** Tom Becker, Buzz Williams

**Communion:** Thomas Kessinger, Lew Wilson, Fred Arnett, Ed Wilson, Stephen Hays, Karson Elrod

**Reading and Prayer:** Clay Perkins

**Closing Prayer:** Dave Lancaster

##### **Evening Worship:**

**Communion:** Richard Lee Davis

**Prayer:** Melvin Truax

**Closing Prayer:** Joe Elrod

#### **Wednesday:**

**Song Leader:** Dale Parsley

**Prayer:** Gerald Burns

**Closing Prayer:** Caleb Parsley

#### **September 1st**

##### **Morning Worship:**

**Announcements:** Hal Powell

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks

**Door Greeters:** Rodney & Debbie Ramsey

**Ushers/Monitors:** Elmer Burns, Joe Elrod

**Communion:** Melvin Truax, Thomas Kessinger, Ethan Davis, Richard Davis, Caleb Parsley, Karson Elrod

**Reading and Prayer:** Connor Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

##### **Evening Worship:**

**Communion:** Lew Wilson

**Prayer:** Brian Mercer

**Closing Prayer:** Jason Cuzzen

#### **Wednesday:**

**Song Leader:** Clay Perkins

**Prayer:** Dave Lancaster

**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

