

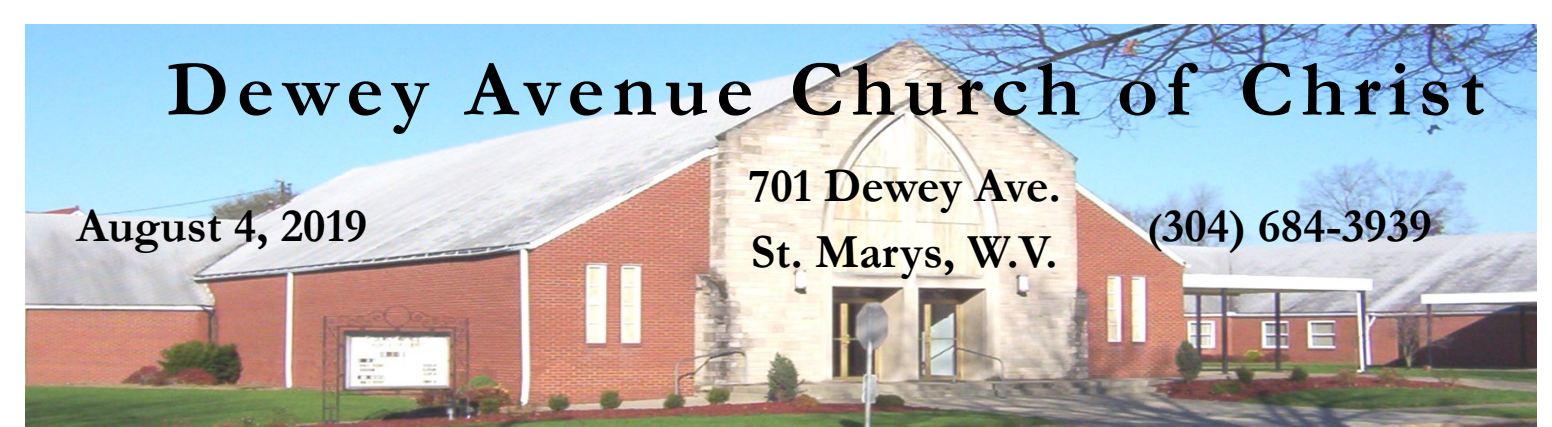
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KEEPING OUR WORD: FOOLISH OR FAITHFUL?

By Dale Parsley

In the mid-19th century, Valentine Tapley was a wealthy Missouri farmer who was strongly against the nation electing their first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln. He vowed that if Lincoln became president, he would never shave again. Surprisingly, he kept that vow. By the time he died at the age of 80 in 1910, his beard was over 12 feet long! It is reported at first he had to tuck his beard inside his shirt when he worked on the farm, wrapping it around his body several times. Eventually, he rolled it up and stuffed it inside a silk pouch and laid it inside his clothes. Throughout time, his odd vow was something he seemed to embrace and became proud of; in fact, he was so paranoid that his beard would fall victim to grave robbers, he requested to be buried in a fortified coffin.

(www.thevintagenews.com/2018/02/08/valentine-tapley/)

I think we can learn two valuable lessons from Mr. Tapley:

1. He's a great example of what it means to be faithful in keeping our word:

The first century Jewish system of swearing and vow keeping was nothing more than an attempt to justify dishonesty: Jesus said, "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' (34) But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, (35) or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. (36) And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. (37) Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil" (Matthew 5:33-37).

2. He's a great example of being foolish with our words: Granted, it is a matter of an opinion to say it was foolish for him to never shave again; yet it still demonstrates the idea of making a promise but failing to count the cost. One of the most foolish vows ever made was before Jephthah lead the people of Israel in battle against the Ammonites, he vowed that if God would give them the victory, when he returned home, the first thing that came through the door of his house he would offer as a burnt offering to God (Judges 11:30-31); indeed the joy of victory turned to intense sorrow since it was his daughter.

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Upcoming Events



August 10th— WVCYC golf tourney benefit at Mingo Bottom 9am.

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.

There will be a Bridal Shower **August 10th @ 3:00pm** for Adam Burns (son of Elmer & Pam Burns) and Casey Barron at the Senior Citizens building in SM. They are registered at Amazon.



THANK YOU

The elders would like to thank everyone for their help and assistance with the clothing giveaway yesterday!

Condolences

To the family of Jean Nazelrod, who passed away Friday. Viewing will be Tuesday at Ingram Funeral Home from 11am-2pm followed by the funeral at 2pm.

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Peter is another example when he boastfully said that he would never deny Jesus, yet did it 3 times (Matthew 26:31-35; 69-75). From the great apostle we learn to be very cautious in saying the word "never." Instead, when faced with serious difficulties, it is better to state we'd hope we would do the right thing.

Keeping our word is a demonstration of being faithful, but depending on what we "vow," it could also show our foolishness.



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

August 4th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Dave Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Door Greeters: Ruth Ann Keith, Shirley Hearn

Ushers/Monitors: Richard Lee, Jesse Barnhart

Communion: Larry Butcher, Tom Becker, Bill Dutton, Rodney Ramsey, Fred Arnett, Jason Cuzzen

Reading and Prayer: Joe Elrod

Closing Prayer: Joe Wilson

Evening Worship:

Communion: Lew Wilson

Prayer: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Buzz Williams

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

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

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

