

Those Serving:

April 26th

Morning Worship:

Announcements:

Song Leader:

Ushers/Monitors:

Communion:

Reading and Prayer:

Closing Prayer:

Door Greeters:

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Love Means Hate

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The Gospel of Christ is all about love. It was love that prompted the plan of salvation (Romans 5:8-10). It is love, not force, that kept Jesus on the cross (John 10:17-18). It is love that motivates service toward the gracious Lord (1 John 4:19). It is love that marks the believer as a true disciple (John 13:34-35). Love is a tender blessing between brethren, as Paul noted in Philipians 1:3-5. Further, love is demanded between lovers of God (1 John 3:14-18; 4:20-21).

With all this instruction about love, one might be tempted to boldly proclaim, "Hate has no place in the Christian religion." While such a statement would be understood appropriately in such a context, a broad view of Scripture will reveal that hatred has its place. With this shocking affirmation, Bible students will readily agree after consultation of a few passages.

Paradoxically, Paul sadly noted that a love of the truth will sometimes engender hate from those who reject such truth, even among one's brethren. Galatian brothers of Paul had, at first, loved him so much that they would have been willing to pluck out their eyes for him (Galatians 4:15). They received him as if he were an angel from God (Galatians 4:14). However, after some false teaching had leavened its way through them, they weren't as fond of their brother, the apostle. Some of the hardest words are reserved for them (Galatians 1:6-8). He quite pointedly asked, "Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16). The word "hate" is not used, but their animosity is clearly implied. They were angry at Paul for telling them the truth. These were his brethren. His brethren had become enemies, simply because they preferred their ways over God's, and Paul would not relent from telling them God's ways. Brethren became enemies because of teaching the truth. Does this still happen in the church today?

As warmth implies the possibility of cold, and pleasure necessitates the existence of its converse—pain—so love also implies a necessary hate. The Psalmist, extoling his love of the truth of God's Word, wrote, "Through Your precepts, I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:104). "Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:128).

These principles blend painfully in the teaching of preachers. It is quite sad, but unavoidable, that at some point, tragically, even from their own brethren, preachers will experience hostility due directly to their love. Loving truth means hating falsehood. Hating falsehood means agreement with those who cling to such falsehood will not be possible. Loving people means being deeply hurt when such rejection surfaces.

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N E W S & N O T E S



Upcoming Events

*Due to the current health advisories, all events this week including Sunday AM Worship have been cancelled.

*No Bible classes or Wednesday night Bible Study.

*The elders will be meeting each Saturday evening at 6:30pm to re-evaluate the current status each week and will put out a One Call to everyone to keep them informed.

*If you need any help with any necessities during this health emergency, please contact the elders and deacons at the phone numbers on the front of the bulletin.

VBS has been cancelled for this year due to Covid-19 health concerns.

*Camden Avenue is providing a phone call-in option called Bible Call that is available 24/7. You can call in to hear lessons in case you can't access the online streams that Dale is providing online. The phone number is 304-420-2416. More info is available at www.biblecall.info

*If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin via email, please let Darren Parks or email to: office@deweyavechurchofchrist.org

*The church is offering valet parking to any in need.

* Any updates for the bulletin, please drop off in box by office door or contact: Terri Parks (304) 299-1650, terrinezrod@hotmail.com.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m. First Sunday of the month only

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00

Prayer List

*Johnny Binegar has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep Johnny and the family in your prayers.

* Congratulations to Mark & Ashley Leiber on the birth of their twins on April 5th! Gwen weighed 4.8oz and Watson weighed 4.15oz. Everyone is home and doing well. Congrats to proud grandad Tom Becker!

*Charlotte Wilson had her hip replacement surgery and is doing well.

*Rodney Ramsey was able to come home and is recovering well from his recent heart surgery. He would like to tell everyone thanks for the cards and prayers!

* Joyce Barnhart is battling back issues and is having therapy.

* Donnis Trader has been receiving radiation treatments.

Ruth Eddy, Lorraine Dutton, John Rockhold, Cheryl Talkington, Donnis Trader, Rodney Ramsey, Dick Hall, Sue Clark, Evelyn Hall, Betty Bills, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Jeff Fitcher, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Madeline McFadden & Jason Cuzzen.



R a d i o a n d T V P r o g r a m s

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