

Those Serving:

December 13

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Richard Davis

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Larry Butcher

Reading and Prayer: Hal Powell

Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Wednesday Dec. 16

Announcements: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Church Sign: Dec: Melvin Truax Jan: Larry Butcher

Worship Coordinator: Dec: Darren Parks Jan: Hal Powell

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December 20

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Hal Powell

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Don Archer

Usher/Monitor: Elmer Burns

Communion: Brian Mercer

Reading and Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Wednesday Dec. 23

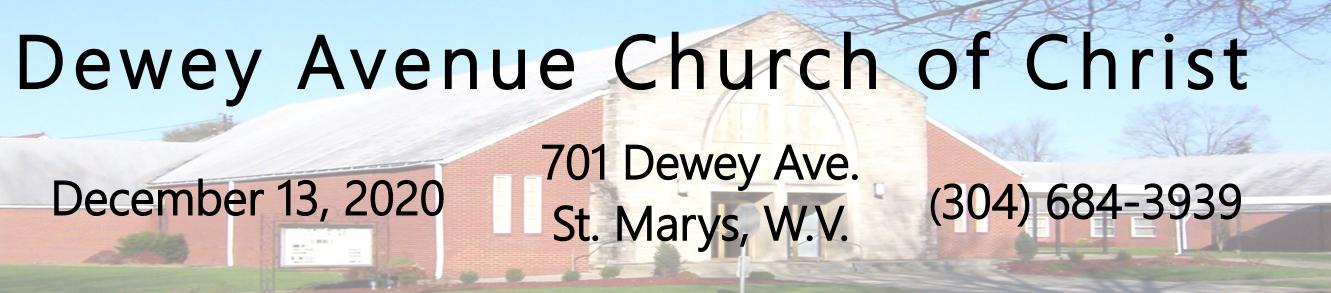
Announcements: Hal Powell

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Dave Parks

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

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NON-RESISTANCE AND RESISTANCE

Dale Parsley

A passage in the Bible might be considered difficult when it is hard to understand the meaning and application, or hard to obey. In Luke 6:27-31, Jesus taught, "But I say to you to who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. (29) To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also... (31) And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise."

This passage seems to be difficult in both understanding and doing. When it comes to understanding a text, there are several things to consider: (1) The Bible does not contradict itself. Therefore, any interpretation should be harmonized with other verses in the immediate chapter, book, and books of the Bible. (2) The meaning and definition of words. (3) The cultural and historical context of the time and place a book was written.

An example of this is the command to turn the other cheek (verse 29). Did Jesus mean that under no circumstances should a Christian defend himself or someone else? Consider that He also commanded His disciples to carry a sword (Luke 22:36). It seems rather foolish to give the command to carry a sword, yet never be allowed to use one. While there are clearly some circumstances where a sword cannot be used, to say the Scriptures teach a Christian cannot practice any form of self-defense, is not something Jesus taught. Many writers point out in first century context, a hit across the cheek was a grievous insult more than an attempt to do extreme harm. Furthermore, when you consider the golden rule taught in verse 31, can one honestly say, if he were to see an innocent child being beaten to the point of death, that obedience to this command is not trying to intervene? Imagine someone being physically harmed, crying out for help, and a Christian standing nearby saying, "I can't, because I love you...the police are on their way... hopefully none of them are Christians, or else they won't be able to help you either." The point being is that turning the other cheek is not speaking of situations like this.

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NEWS & NOTES



Upcoming Events

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

The elders have decided to resume service starting Sunday 12/6/20 at 10am. There will be no Sunday PM service. We will also resume Wednesday Night Bible Class at 7pm. We will have three Bible Classes on Wednesday, 5th grade and under, 6th grade thru 12th grade, and an adults class.

Continued from front page... On the other hand, one of the things implied from turning the other cheek is that a Christian should never encourage or incite violence. I've heard Christian parents teach their children, "you don't start a fight, but make sure you finish it." Such counsel is wrong. If insulted, he should not insult back. If pushed or smacked, he should not do the same. Instead, parents should teach that if someone wants to do harm, do anything reasonable to pursue peace; if that doesn't work, walk away. Yet there comes a time, especially if one's life is on the line, that self-defense is permitted.

Overall, God's people should strive to be like Him, loving others unconditionally, and as much as depends on us, live peaceably with all men (Romans 12:18).

Clint Perkins is scheduled to go Bangladesh for work on December 21st and will be gone for 7 weeks. Please pray for safe travels for Clint!

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Sun Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00pm

Prayer List

* Cindy Wilson is struggling with double-pneumonia/Covid and is not well at this time and is in Marietta Memorial. Please keep Cindy and the family in your prayers.

*Condolences to the family of Andrea Clayton , wife of Jesse Clayton, who passed away. Her funeral was last Friday.

*Cheryl Talkington will have upcoming surgery on an aneurysm before Christmas.

*Fay Williams' major surgery was delayed and hopes to re-schedule as soon as possible.

*Sandy Mote had successful surgery last week and received a good pathology report.

*Shane Binegar, Johnny's brother, is in the hospital at this time. Please keep in your prayers.

Melvin & Sue Truax, Betty Wilson, Ruth Eddy, Brenda Davis, Judy & Jesse Barnhart, Bill Dutton, Lorraine Dutton, Fred Arnett, John Rockhold, Cheryl Talkington, Dennis Trader, John Keith, Dallas Parsley, Sue Clark, Evelyn Hall, Betty Bills, Johnny Binegar, Colleen Kiester, Cindy Wilson, Madeline McFadden, Terry Hubner, & Lisa Smith.

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



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