

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
April 19, 2015

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are TODAY, the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dan Newell Jr.

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm.

Church Singing takes place the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Ladies Group Meeting takes place the 2nd Friday of each month at 7pm in the multi-purpose room at the church building. This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays this Week: Amber Creed (20th), Kayleigh Rogers (24th)

Anniversaries this Week: None

Our sermon airs each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.WSKV – 104.9 FM

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe Slone, Gary Chaney. Those undergoing medical tests, those going through personal trials, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, those who have lost loved ones, and those on the church prayer list.

.....*the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

James 5:16

Our men and women serving in Afghanistan and other war torn areas.

Greater love hath no man John 15:13

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- The Church food pantry is a way to share with those in need. It is accessed weekly by members of our community. Please donate as you can.

Pantry Item of the Week: Vegetable Oil

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Worship Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: A Bag With Holes..... Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: An Overview of MalachiDaniel Newell



Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected.

Steve Jobs

Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference.

Jane Goodall

Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy
Songs of WorshipCharles Rice

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before WorshipBrian Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer Rob Little
P.M. Opening Prayer Homer Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer Joseph Newell

April:

Communion:

ReadingWalter Rice
Serving Greg Brewer & Lonnie Dale Stewart
Communion to the Sick..... Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy
Collection..... Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy
Prepare Communion..... Mary Creed
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning OutsideEvan McCoy & Walter Rice

DIANA ROSS MCCAIN wrote an insightful article entitled, "The Hardships of Worship..."

In it she described what it was like to worship in a Connecticut church meetinghouse some two-hundred plus years ago. She observed:

"There was no fireplace, no stove, no significant heat source of any kind. Half-frozen men, women, and children, bundled up in their heaviest garments, hunched into themselves to conserve precious body heat and peered through clouds of condensation formed by their breath. In the pulpit the minister himself might be preaching clad in a greatcoat and mittens. At times it got so cold the Lord's Supper froze..."

Comfort was not a primary consideration of those who constructed early Connecticut meetinghouses. Here one comes every Sunday to attend to the serious business of hearing the word of God and how it might be applied to daily life. And that solemn duty was to be carried out no matter what weather it pleased the Almighty to provide."

THOUGHT: Wouldn't it be interesting to some day note the following add in the local newspaper..., "Come worship with us. Our building is cold in the winter; hot in the summer. We use neither heat nor air conditioning. Our pews are not padded. We meet not for physical comfort, but spiritual worship. You are cordially invited" (John 4:24.)

Labor

"It is only by labour that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labour can be made happy, and the two cannot be separated with impunity" (John Ruskin).

LABOR, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S THOUGHTFUL LABOR UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF OF THOSE WE LOVE, IS ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS THAT MAKE LIFE GOOD. We may forget it while we're working, but it only takes a period of sickness or enforced inactivity to remind us: the ability to work is a blessing, not a curse.

Labor is not inherently good, of course. Whether it's good or not depends on the object of our endeavors. As far as character traits go, it's better to be industrious than not industrious, but it makes a big difference whether we're trying to achieve honorable ends or not. Judging from the evidence, the devil has a diligent work ethic, but for all his hard work, he still has some serious public relations problems!

To be satisfying, our labor must be based on valid principles. It must be aligned with truths that are known to produce helpful results, rather than harmful ones. And not only that, it must be motivated by something more than self-centered aims. We're at our best when we're laboring to create something someone else will enjoy or profit from.

If you don't have somebody for whom you love to work, you need to find somebody like that. You need to have one or more persons whose needs it gives you great pleasure to fulfill. There really is a great deal of truth to the saying that "it's more blessed to give than to receive." By nature, we're producers, and we derive a deeper pleasure from that than from consuming that which others have produced.

Since we're all connected to a vast array of relationships in the world, we also need to see our labor as being connected to the labor of others. Whatever our work is, our activity impinges on others in some way; it affects their work, either positively or negatively. Since that's true, one of the most ennobling things in life is to aspire to the making of a positive contribution, one that will add a little quality or excellence to the world's output. When we labor toward that end, gratefully and enthusiastically, good things can be expected to happen.

"No task, rightly done, is truly private. It is part of the world's work" (Woodrow Wilson).

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