

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
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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.: LoveMack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Excuses Offered for Neglect of DutyDaniel Newell



Deliberation is the function of the many; action is the function of one.

Charles de Gaulle, War Memoirs, 1960

At 18 our convictions are hills from which we look; At 45 they are caves in which we hide.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for May will be Mack Rice.

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: James Jones (27th), Beau Begley (28th)

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

- 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: Packaged Spaghetti Straws

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before WorshipKyle Lucas
A.M. Closing Prayer Brian Rogers
P.M. Opening PrayerCharles Rice
P.M. Closing PrayerEvan McCoy

April:

Communion:

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

12 Rules for a Happy Married Life

Never go to bed mad.

Never both be angry at once.

Never bring up a mistake of the past.

If you must criticize, do so lovingly.

Never meet without an affectionate welcome.

Neglect the whole world, rather than each other.

Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire.

When you've made a mistake, talk it out and ask forgiveness.

If you have a choice between making yourself or your mate look good- choose your mate.

Never let the day end without saying at least one complimentary thing to your life's partner.

Yield to the wishes of the other as an exercise in self-discipline if you can't think of a better reason.

Remember, it takes two to make an argument. The one who is wrong is the one who will be doing most of the talking.

Both Rest and Responsibility

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again (2 Corinthians 5:14,15).

IN THE GOSPEL THERE IS A HEALTHY BALANCE BETWEEN SECURITY AND MOTIVATION. The central fact of the gospel is that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16). But this information is more than merely interesting. It is motivating. The love of Christ compels us (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). If Christ died for us, then we must live for Him. Thus the gospel holds in balance both of the things we need: a source of rest and a sense of responsibility. He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Since different people need different things, the gospel addresses each of us where we are. If we're worried, downtrodden, and fearful, we need to hear of God's love. But if we're lazy, irresponsible, and presumptuous, we need to hear of God's requirement that we serve Him actively. But even while we're being warned, we still need to be reminded that God is on our side. And conversely, while we're being reassured, we dare not forget that obedience is necessary. The gospel never loses sight of either rest or responsibility and neither should we.

Jesus put the emphasis wherever it was needed. He didn't hesitate to emphasize one of these more than the other if that's what His hearers needed. Depending on the audience, Jesus could say, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28), but He could also bluntly ask, "Why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). This does not mean that Jesus contradicted Himself. It simply means that He knew the difference between those who needed a sedative and those who needed a stimulant. For our part, do we understand the gospel's provision for both needs? And do we have the honesty to see in which direction our own personal needs are the greatest?