Passion for God.....Compassion for People January 3, 2010

Dates to Remember:

Men's Business Meeting will be today, immediately following morning worship. Plan to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Please join us in making our congregation a light in the community.

Church Singing is the second Wednesday of each month. Singing night is an important part of our worship. Please plan to attend. Your presence encourages others.

WSKV Radio8:30 a.m. each Sunday Morning

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Paul Napier, Anna Vires, Fred Teasley, Patricia Fetters, Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, Brian Rice, Kay Stewart, Sharon Olinger, Reva O'Hair, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, all those on the church prayer list.

.....the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

Food Pantry: Help those less fortunate by contributing to the food pantry. Please bring non-perishable items such as instant potatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats, soups, stew, peanut butter and jelly, oil, spaghetti and sauce.

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Worship Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	*
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Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16



Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick
A.M. Prayer
January: Communion:
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This and That

As we progress through life there are events which occur that make us to become something that we were not prior to that event. For instance an infant becomes a toddler who then becomes a young child who then becomes an adolescent and so on. This occurs because one advances in age and physical growth. In like manner there are things which we must <u>become</u> as we advance in Christ. There are four such examples I would like to share with you today.

We must first *become* children of God. The Apostle John wrote, "as many as received him, to them gave he power to *become* the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:", John 1:12. Jesus said in John chapter 3 that this is a result of being born again. You see, we are born physically into our parent's family. We are then born spiritually into God's family when we are baptized into Christ.

We must *become* as a little child. A little child is humble, innocent, pure, and obedient. Jesus said, "Except ye be converted, and *become* as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.' Matthew 18:3. We cannot continue to be hateful, malicious, discontented, or dishonest. After becoming a child of God one must then begin to assume the characteristics of God.

We must *become* a servant to God. We have a change of affections that make us contribute to the fulfilling of God's will. Paul says. "But now being made free from sin, and *become* servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.", Romans 6:22. We should always listen to the Lord, as Eli said to Samuel the child, "if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.", 1 Samuel 3:9

We must *become* seekers for men. When Jesus called Simon Peter and Andrew, his brother, He said, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to *become* fishers of men.", Mark 1:17. Peter and Andrew had been fishermen by trade. Now Jesus wanted them to concentrate on catching people to serve the Lord. The most important job of the Christian is to help someone else *become* saved. How are we doing? Think about it. *Dawiel Newell*

Each day is a gift from God. Do we receive it graciously and live it wisely?