Passion for God.....Compassion for People February 7, 2010

Please be Reminded:

Men's Business Meeting is <u>today</u> immediately following morning worship. The meeting will take place in the all-purpose room. Plan to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

Church Singing will be this Wednesday at 7:00PM. This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. You may also request that a particular song be sung. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Stanton Nursing Home Services will be the 3rd Sunday, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Luke Newell of the Bowen congregation. Please make plans to attend.

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Anna Vires and Family, Fred Teasley, Patricia Fetters, Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, Brian Rice, Kay Stewart, Sharon and Donald 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

A man's way in life is determined by his conception of God. If he thinks of God as some far-off, impersonal deity, he will have no deep indwelling urge to do things that will please God. If his idea of God is vague and abstract, he will not place himself under very strict discipline of the law of the Lord. But if God is real and personal to him, he will naturally try to harmonize his life with God's law. He will think of God as being near him, watching over him. C.R.Brewer



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Worship Services:

| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. |
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| Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 a.m. |
| Sunday Evening Worship | |
| Wednesday | |
| wednesday | 7.00 p.m. |
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| Sunday A.M.: | Three Vital Questions | M.C. Rice |
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| Sunday P.M.: | God Wants Happy People | Daniel Newell |

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. 2. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. 3. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. 4. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. Psalms 128:1-4



Privileged to Serve

| Announcements and Sick | Jody McCoy |
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| Songs of Worship | Terry Abney |
| A.M. Prayer | Glenn Hayes |
| A.M. Prayer before Worship | |
| A.M. Closing Prayer | Joe Slone |
| P. M. Opening Prayer | Homer Rice |
| P.M. Closing Prayer | Greg Brewer. |
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February:

A story is told of a sea captain who was accompanied on a cruise by his wife. During the voyage a terrible storm arose and the ship shuddered and rocked and was driven about by the waves. The wife wept and cowered in hysterical fright. After the tempest was over and her fear was allayed, she asked her husband why he was not afraid of the storm. Instead of answering he seized her by the throat and raised a knife as if to thrust it into her heart. After one startled moment she looked steadfastly at him and smiled. "Why are you not afraid", said he, "do you not see this knife?" She replied, "Yes, I see it, but I know who holds it. You will not harm me. Above the frown, I see the smile in your eyes."

"That", said the husband "is my answer. I know Him who holds the winds and the sea in His hand. He will not harm me".

This and That

Showers are falling from the partially lit sky as I write this morning. The forecast is for the showers to continue throughout the day. Although it may appear as though we are getting too much of a good thing, the rainfall is a blessing from the heavens. As the year progresses into the summer and fall seasons, the need for moisture will increase. God promised favorable rainfall totals for the Israelites. In the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 11, he says, "And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14. That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil." Rainfall is seen as a blessing from God.

In like manner we realize showers of blessings from the Father, given through His teachings. God speaks unto the children of Israel again in the thirty-second chapter of Deuteronomy. "*Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:*" By allowing God to instruct us into righteous and holy living, our lives are less complicated and immeasurably better. We should drink in His words as the thirsty soil soaks up the rain.

Also, God has invested much in humanity through the centuries. He has continued to reveal himself to man through nature and instruction. He poured out abundant blessings in the beginning of the creation and has done so again in the Christian dispensation of time, giving conditions favorable for growth. James refers to this as "the early and latter rain", James 5:7. All in between man has been blessed, materially and spiritually, with all that is needed for growth. God is looking for a harvest at the end of the ages. Not a harvest of worldly things, but a harvest of the souls of men and women. Are you producing the fruits desired by the Father? Are we reproducing His goodness? Think about it. Dawiel Newell