Passion for God.....Compassion for People February 21, 2010

### Please be Reminded:

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

**Men's Business Meeting** is the first Sunday of each month, immediately following morning worship. The meeting takes place in the all-purpose room. Plan to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

**Church Singing is the second Wednesday of each month 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.

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## 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

God must love beauty – He has made so much of it. The Savior remarked on the beauty of the lilies of the field – in comparison, Solomon at the height of his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. And as to flowers, the ornaments and adornments of trees and plants, there is the same vast infinitude of variety in form and hue, in color, beauty and fragrance. They serve their purpose in creation, and in majestic, impressive silence proclaim the praises of God. G.H.P. Showalter



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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	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday A.M.:	The Sinne	r's Prayer	M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.:	Morality		Daniel Newell

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: Colossians 2:8-10



### Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney
A.M. Prayer	Dan Newell Jr.
A.M. Prayer before Worship	
A.M. Closing Prayer	Greg Brewer
P. M. Opening Prayer	
P.M. Closing Prayer	Jody McCoy

### February:

Communion:

Reading	Homer Rice
Serving	Jody McCoy, Dan Newell Jr.
Collection	Pearl Brewer, Shane Burgher
Communion to Sick	Shane Burgher, Jody McCoy.
Prepare Communion	Charlene Brewer, Sue Rice
Van Driver 2/21/10	Jody McCoy
Van Driver 2/28/10	Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside	Walter Rice, Shane Burgher

It is impossible for one to be saved, pardoned, forgiven, or reconciled to God, outside of Christ. One cannot be saved without being in the church, for salvation is in, and not out, of Christ's body, the church. If one is saved he is in the church; if he is in the church, he has been saved from his past sins. For this reason the conditions of church membership and the conditions of pardon are one and the same. Since the church is the body of saved people, one must be a member of the church to be saved. If one can be saved out of Christ's church, which is the body of Christ, he can be saved out of Christ; but the Bible teaches that this is impossible, for salvation is in Christ. Hence one cannot be saved and be a Christian outside the Lord's church. Perry B. Cotham

# This and That

Paul writes to the church at Colossae after hearing of their conversion to the truth. Epaphras, a fellow-servant, has been telling Paul about the affairs of the church there. Paul proceeds to establish the fact that Jesus Christ is the reference point to Christianity. He mentions the name of Jesus and/or Christ five times in the first 4 verses of the epistle. The church and Christ as its head is emphasized in the first chapter. Paul makes an interesting statement in Chapter two and verse ten. He says, "*ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power*". What Paul was saying is that the folks at Colossae have need of nothing else in religion. Jesus made them complete, perfect, whole, and entire.

The scriptures contained all the wisdom and knowledge necessary to serve God and, ultimately, have eternal life. The Bible is about Jesus and our salvation. It begins with our being created in God's image and ends with our being created anew in Christ. In both instances Jesus had a hand in accomplishing the will of God. While there are many books, religious and otherwise, we need none other than the Bible to instruct us into the wisdom and knowledge of God.

In the church we have the one institution ordained of God to make communion and fellowship acceptable and beneficial. Denominationalism is foreign to the Bible. As a matter of fact, it is against all that Jesus worked for. His prayer "*that they all may be one*" is violated by the division of many "churches" seen in the world today. In A.D. 33 there was but one church.

In Jesus we have the means to access God and receive forgiveness of sins. He is the "propitiation" for our sins and the assurance of eternal life. He said, "*Because I live, ye shall live also*", John 14:19. There is no need for another savior and can be none. Jesus has accomplished forever our salvation. All that desire acceptance with God and a future with Him can have that because of Jesus. He is the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him, Hebrews 5:8-9.

We are complete in Jesus. There may be perceived defects in the flesh or spirit, however Jesus makes us whole. Have you been made complete through Jesus? Think about it.

Daniel Newell