## Passion for God.....Compassion for People November 22, 2009

#### **Dates to Remember:**

**Men's Business Meetings** are the first Sunday of each month, 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.

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Please remember our sick and shut-ins. One phone call does make a difference

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#### **Worship Services:**

Sunday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	
Sunday Evening Worship	
Wednesday	<u> </u>
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Sunday A.M.: The Secret to Compassion	M.C. Rice

Our lives are on loan from God, a sacred trust of opportunities and decisions. And every one of our choices is made on a battlefield with heavenly ramifications.



Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. II Corinthians 9:11

## Privileged to Serve

Songs of Worship	Terry Abney
A.M. Prayer before Worship A.M. Closing Prayer P. M. Opening Prayer	Thomas Newell Glen Hayes Jody McCoy Homer Rice Joe Slone
November:	
Communion: Reading	Terry Abney
_	Greg Brewer, Walter Rice
Communion to Sick	Homer Rice, Walter Rice
Collection	Dan Newell, Jr., Paul Napier
Prepare Communion	Paula Rice, Erica Rice
Van Driver 11/22/09	Mary Jane Casey
Van Driver 11/29/09	Jody McCoy
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# Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Paul Napier, Anna Vires, Fred Teasley, Patricia Fetters, Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, Kay Stewart, Sharon Olinger, 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

### **Be Careful What You Choose**

Worship should really matter to you – whatever you worship, you become. In other words, whatever you value most will ultimately determine who you are. If you worship money, you'll become greedy at the core of your heart. If you worship some sinful habit, that same sin will grip your soul and poison your character to death. Simply put: We become what we worship. If you don't like who you're becoming, take a quick inventory of the things on the throne of your heart. "The Air That I Breathe"

#### This and That

In Paul's first letter to Timothy he refers to Timothy as his own son. No doubt Paul was thinking of how Timothy was converted under his teaching and obeyed the gospel. Paul, as well as John, thought of those whom they had taught and converted as their children. This indicates the love and concern they had for those people. Paul goes on to say he had left Timothy in Ephesus to "charge some that they teach no other doctrine." Timothy's other duty was to minister Godly edifying. Paul then states that the end of the commandment is, "love from a **pure** heart, from a **good** conscience, and from **sincere** faith", nkjv. This was the result which obedience should produce.

Love from a pure heart. Pure means free from corrupt desire, blameless, innocent. Free from sin and guilt. This is the type of love that God has expressed toward us. It is free of ulterior motives. Its only desire is the well being of those who receive it. Our love to others should resemble this. Our concern for others is that they are well and that they have an opportunity to know God's will for their lives. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.", 1 John 4:7-8

Love from a good conscience. Our conscience is trained from an early age. If it is taught the love of the truth, then one may well expect that it be a *good* conscience. It is the "soul that distinguishes between what is morally good and bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter", Vines Dictionary of Bible Words. Our love should be the attempt to do what is morally good.

Love from a sincere faith. God's word is all about love. From the creation of the world to the sacrifice of Jesus, love is the main expression. We should love because it is what God wants. Hatefulness and bitterness are characteristics of a sinful lifestyle. Love is characteristic of those who follow Jesus. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another", 1 John 4:11. Our love should be pure, good, and sincere. Think about it. Daniel Newell

