Passion for God.....Compassion for People December 7, 2008

## **Dates to Remember:**

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

**Prayer Meetings** are held the first Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend but have a prayer request, please contact Bro. M.C.

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

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

**Our Church Singing** is this Wednesday night. Singing night is an important part of our worship. Please plan to attend. Your presence encourages others.

**Radio** Our weekly sermons are taped for broadcast and can be heard each Sunday morning, beginning at 8:30. Please make an effort to listen to our lesson on the air. You may pick up a message you missed the first time around. **WSKV – 104.9 FM** 

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**Food Pantry:** Help those less fortunate by contributing to the food pantry. Please bring non-perishable items. With the Christmas holiday approaching, our food pantry is very important to those less fortunate. Please make this part of your personal ministry.

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The churches of Christ greet you. Romans 16:16





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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.

Sunday A.M.	Fail Not Ought	M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.:	Your Life: Abomination or Blessing?	Daniel Newell
Wednesday:		Singing

We invite you to worship with us at every opportunity. It is because of Jesus that we assemble to praise and glorify His name as instructed in God's Word. We look forward to seeing you often.



# Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney

A.M. Prayer	Alvin Goldey
A.M. Prayer before Worship	•
A.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Slone
P. M. Opening Prayer	Terry Abney
P.M. Closing Prayer	Brian Rice

### December

# **Please Lift Up In Prayer:**

Paul and Sue Napier, Fred Teasley, Patricia Fetters, Reva O'Hair, Anna Vires, Ellaray Campbell, Correne Hatton; Sharon Olinger; Pauline Powell, Luke and Dorothy Newell, Joe and Debbie Slone, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, all those on the church prayer list;

Our men and women serving in Iraq and other war torn areas. *Greater love hath no man.....John 15:13* 

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Because Abraham lived as a friend of God while on earth, he now lives in Paradise (Luke 16:23-31). Since God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34-35), we can have that same hope if we will live the same life. Let us all follow the example of Abraham and do what is necessary to be those who can be called friends of God. This and That

This time of the year folks are busy shopping for the best bargains. It is the holiday season and *everyone knows* that you must present loved ones (and not so loved ones) with the perfect present at an affordable price. Shopping will be done at night, early morning, lunch hour and whenever an opportunity presents itself. Much thought and little will be spent on finding the "perfect" gifts, many of which will be lovingly received, but a few thoughtlessly returned for credit at the nearest retailer. People will be mentally and physically taxed by the year's end. Please listen for a moment as I describe the perfect gift for the holiday season.

The Word of God is a great value. Where else can you find something that you can hide in your heart, Psalms 119:11, Never forget, Psalms 119:16, and keep forever, Psalms 119:17. It outlasts the heaven and the earth, Matthew 24: 35. It presents eternal life as obtainable by everyone who has obedient respect unto God, John 5:39. It is an ever present comfort, 1 Thessalonians 4:18. The Word of God is an abiding counselor, Isaiah 9:6 and a light for times of darkness, Psalms 119:105.

The word of God can be presented to someone as a whole book or offered in pieces that are easily digested. It can be shared on a one-time basis or continually through the season (and beyond). It is a life manual that will keep giving long after the holiday season is over. It presents a friend(s) that will always be with the recipient. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Isn't it wonderful to have Jesus as your friend?!? The local Church of Christ is full of friends and comrades that are awaiting discovery. Gift the gift that keeps on giving, God's Word. It makes the world go 'round. Think about it.

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