

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
December 15, 2013

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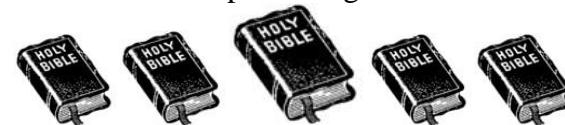
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Worship Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: The Obedience of NoahMack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Is Our Worship Pleasing Unto God?Daniel Newell



Most folks are about as happy as they make
up their minds to be.

Abraham Lincoln

No one can make you feel inferior without
your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are **TODAY**, the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for will be Mack Rice. Please make plans to attend.

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm.

Church Singing takes place the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Birthdays this Week: Randy Strange (20th), Mack Rice (21st)

Anniversaries this Week: Garry & Kathy Chaney (20th)

Our sermon airs each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.WSKV – 104.9 FM

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, family of Anna Vires, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie Slone, Jody McCoy, and Ellaray Campbell. Those undergoing medical tests, those going through personal trials, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, those who have lost loved ones, and those on the church prayer list.

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

Our men and women serving in Afghanistan and other war torn areas.

Greater love hath no man *John 15:13*

- The Church food pantry is a way to share with those in need. It is accessed weekly by members of our community. Please donate as you can.



Pantry Item of the Week: Pasta/Sauce

Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy
Songs of WorshipCharles Rice

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Brian Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Shane Burgher
P.M. Opening Prayer Rob Little
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Joseph Newell

December:

Communion:

Reading..... Jody McCoy
Serving..... Walter Rice & Charles Rice
Communion to the Sick..... Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection.....Kyle Lucas & Rob Little
Prepare Communion..... Paula Rice
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Shane Burgher & Brian Rice

In the Know

- **Romans 1:16** For I am not _____ of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
 - proud
 - hopeful
 - ashamed
- **Matthew 15:8-9** This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. ⁹ But in _____ they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.
 - earnest
 - vain
 - hope
- **Ephesians 4:4-6** *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one _____, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.
 - baptism
 - invitation
 - charity

Three Areas Under Fire

As I listen to the news, I notice three areas that are under fire today. These three areas used to be pretty clear. They used to be better than today. They were at one time plain for all to see. Not anymore.

- (1) **Authority.** There is a battle going on between federal and state rights. This is seen in the gun issue and gay rights. The Supreme Court is handling cases now that it would not have years ago. What is right or wrong depends on the individual today. For a person to declare there is one exclusive way is considered judgmental. Yet there is a way that is right that can never be wrong. God's way is always the best way. Yet man often considers God to be unfair. Jesus said all authority was given to Him in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18).
- (2) **Attitude.** It is obvious that many attitudes are changing. The attitude of many today is that of being a victim. Others believe the government owes them something. Personal responsibility and commitment are becoming ancient words from another time. The Bible tells us we are responsible for our behavior. Paul stated, "Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Long before this, Ezekiel stated, "The soul who sins will die" (Ezekiel 18:20). We bear the responsibility for our own actions. God wants us to make the good choices (Deuteronomy 30:15).
- (3) **Assurance.** With jobs being lost, homes being foreclosed, businesses closing and pensions being threatened, there is no assurance today. What once was a sure thing is now in question. We need assurance in our troubled times. God is always the same. He can give assurances that man cannot. He carries out all that He says. What God says will happen. Paul stated, "All the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him amen, to the glory of God through us" (2 Corinthians 1:20). Christians can be assured that God will answer prayer (1 John 5:15). The assurance of a better world beyond this one can take Christians to new heights (2 Corinthians 5:1-8). Thank God for His promise of eternal life to the faithful. Jesus promised, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). Salvation through His blood is possible when we obey Him. A crown of life awaits the faithful. Do you have that assurance?