

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
December 28, 2014

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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.: Blessed Are The Meek, Gentle, Humble Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: A Challenge to Our Youth Daniel Newell



Educate your children to self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will, and you have done much to abolish misery from their future and crimes from society.

Benjamin Franklin

You know everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

Will Rogers

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for January will be Mack Rice.

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. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Ladies Group Meeting takes place the 2nd Friday of each month at 7pm in the multi-purpose room at the church building. This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays this Week: Tiffany Rogers (29th), Chris Rogers (30th)
Kay Stewart (3rd)

Anniversaries this Week: None

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

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe Slone. 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: Pork and Beans

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before WorshipTerry Abney
A.M. Closing PrayerBrian Rice
P.M. Opening Prayer Jody McCoy
P.M. Closing Prayer Shane Burgher

December:

Communion:

Reading Lonnie Dale Stewart
Serving Kyle Lucas & Rob Little
Communion to the Sick Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection Dan Newell & Walter Rice
Prepare Communion Pauline Rice
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Dan Newell & Shane Burgher

This and That

Have you ever wanted to help teach someone about Jesus or comfort a Christian in distress, just to discover you lack the resources to do something worthwhile? I would like for you to consider how many tools we can choose from versus those available to the New Testament Apostles. Just think:

- John attracted multitudes in the wildernessí without computer generated fliers, radio or television.
- Jesus preached to 5,000 men plus women and children at one timeí without a Public Address System.
- Peter traveled to Caesarea from Joppa to convert the Gentilesí without an automobile.
- Paul made at least 3 missionary journeys, totaling thousands of miles to establish congregationsí without an airplane.
- Peter and John went to the temple to worship God and teach Jews the Gospelí without any money
- Paul communicated with Timothy and Titus while separated by a great distanceí without a cell phone.
- The Bible was written and preserved for over 3,500 years í without a modern pen, paper, or computer.

Are we taking advantage of the tools available to us to spread the gospel, hope, and cheer?

Daniel Newell

Commonwealth

ōThat which is not good for the beehive cannot be good for the beesö (Marcus Aurelius).

THE CONCEPT OF öCOMMONWEALTHö IS ONE OF THE MOST BENEFICIAL IDEAS THAT WE CAN HOLD IN OUR MINDS. Our word öwealthö comes from the Old English *wela*, or öweal,ö which meant prosperity or happiness. Originally, öwealö (the opposite of öwoeö) referred to general well-being, not just to riches, and so the common öwealö or öwealthö was the good of the community, the conditions in which, together, the members of a society were able to enjoy the peaceful blessings of life. A government or nation could be described as a commonwealth if it existed for the common good of its citizens ö and, more importantly, if the citizens themselves were committed to the common good and not just to their own individual interests!

All of us are connected to other people. We are members of many groups: families, neighborhoods, organizations, cities, and states, to name only a few. We are communal creatures by nature, and we thrive on relationships. Yet while most of us know that our connections are important, we need to ask ourselves how deeply weäre committed to the principle of commonwealth. When it comes down to it, can we be counted on to seek the COMMON good? If the people weäre connected to would be damaged by our getting what we want, is it certain that weöll sacrifice our wants in order to protect the shared benefit?

Words like öcommunityö and öfamilyö engender welcome feelings in our hearts. But we need a commitment to our connections that goes beyond feelings. Whatever groups weäre privileged to be a part of, we need to serve those groups with a sense of personal responsibility to the öcommonwealth.ö The good life comes not to those who take whatever they want, but to those who show their gratitude for membership in the human race. And good relationships are built by people who value them enough to nurture them. When the common good is not served unselfishly, it soon becomes the common evil. Whoever wishes to assert his will as a member of a community must not only consent to obey the will of the community but bear his share in serving it. öAs he is to profit by the safety and prosperity the community provides, so he must seek its good and place his personal will at its disposalö (James Bryce). Gary Henry – *WordPoints.com*