

**Passion for God.....Compassion for People**  
**February 10, 2013**

**Dates to Remember:**

**Men's Business Meeting** is **TODAY**, immediately following morning worship. All men are invited to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

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

**Church Singing** takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

**Please Lift Up In Prayer:**

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Anna Vires, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie Sloane; 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**

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The Church food pantry is in need of nonperishable food items. Please bring in donations as you are able. This is a ministry we can all participate in. No one should go hungry.



**Pantry Item of the Week: Canned Meat**

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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 Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: Prepare to Meet Thy God ..... Mack Rice  
Sunday P.M.: The Yoke of Christ ..... Daniel Newell



**Amos 4:12-13** <sup>12</sup>Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. <sup>13</sup>For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.

**Matthew 11:28-30** <sup>28</sup>Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

## Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy  
Songs of Worship ..... Charles Rice

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship ..... Brian Rogers  
A.M. Closing Prayer ..... Kyle Lucas  
P. M. Opening Prayer ..... Glen Hayes  
P.M. Closing Prayer ..... Shane Burgher

### February:

#### Communion:

Reading ..... Rob Little  
Serving ..... Dan Newell Jr & Greg Brewer  
Communion to the Sick ..... Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy  
Collection ..... Kyle Lucas & Jody McCoy  
Prepare Communion ..... Paula Rice  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Rob Little & Greg Brewer

## Dinner for the Widows:

**Activity:** Youth group members will prepare and serve dinner to the widowed members of the church congregation



Date: Saturday, February 23rd  
Time: 5:00pm to 6:30pm  
Location: Multi-purpose room

Youth group members will need to meet at the church at 4:30pm for devotional, craft, and preparation.

## The Red Menace

“We are all Socialists Now,” proclaimed the cover of *Newsweek* for Feb. 16. In the featured article, the authors described how American political culture has changed to embrace a more “European” approach of government control of the economy. As a citizen and a Christian, I find this notion troubling.

### Big Brother

As a lover of freedom, I oppose socialism for the reasons outlined by Friedrich Hayek in his 1944 classic *The Road to Serfdom*. Providing a defense of capitalism, Hayek demonstrated that all forms of collectivism create tyranny. Within a centrally planned economic system, a small group uses the coercive power of government to impose their vision on the whole of society. Central planning of the economy is the destruction of all individual economic and personal freedom. As the government increases its control of our lives through taxation and regulation, it transforms us from free man and women into slaves.

Socialism is also unattractive for practical reasons. Looking to the bottom line, the record of the 20<sup>th</sup> century should be evidence enough that socialism is not effective in producing prosperity. Repeatedly, as governments move toward socialism, productivity plummets whereas free market reforms uniformly produce economic growth.

### Political Atheism

More important than economic success and even more important than civil liberty, I am opposed to socialism because it is an enemy of Christian faith. Not all atheists are socialist, and not all socialists are atheist. There is, however, a strong correlation between atheism and socialism. Abandoning the God of the Bible, atheists are prone to make a god out of the state.

The animosity between socialism and religion runs deep. From its origin in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, socialism has often positioned itself as an opponent of Christian values. The more thoroughly socialist a nation becomes, the more it is prone to persecute religious conviction. Christianity teaches that human nature is not perfectible. This understanding argues strongly for limited government because all people are prone to sin and may abuse power if given the chance.

The Bible consistently champions the right to own and to enjoy private property. In the book of Philemon, Paul showed the freedom we have in Christ has a social dimension as well. Christianity has been the great source of liberty throughout the world.

Although the Lord’s church is not called to be involved in political activism, Christians must let their faith inform our politics. We must consistently stand for the truth that God has revealed, and we must stand opposed to any political system that undercuts the message of the Bible. (Gregory Alan Tidwell, *Gospel Advocate*, May, 2009)