Passion for God.....Compassion for People January 15, 2012

Dates to Remember:

Men's Business Meetings are the first Sunday of each month, immediately following morning worship.

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Church Singings are the second Wednesday of each month.

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

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Waveline Teasley, Paula Rice, 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 Iraq and other war torn areas.

Greater love hath no manJohn 15:13

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NORMALLY I WOULD APPLAUD YOUR LAZINESS, BUT I REALLY NEED YOU TO PUT TOGETHER SOME NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS TO BREAK BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE



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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.: In The Name of Christ M.C. Rice Sunday P.M.: Words of The Dying Savior..... Daniel Newell



We navigate our whole lives, using words. Change and improve the words and we can change and improve our lives.

Christians are compared to craftsmen, handling the Word of God rather than tools. They should be proud of the work they've accomplished with their tools--that is, proud of the way they have applied God's teachings to their lives.

2 Timothy 2:15

ENTER TO WORSHIP ... Please turn off all cell phones and prepare to worship God.

Announcements and Sick	.Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship	Alvin Goldy
A.M. Closing Prayer	Jody McCoy
P. M. Opening Prayer	Mac Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer	Greg Brewer

January:

Communion:		
Reading	Jody McCoy	
Serving	Charles Rice & Greg Brewer	
Communion to the Sick	Daniel Newell & Dan, Jr.	
Collection	Walter Rice & Dan Newell	
Prepare Communion	Betty Jo Oliver	
Cleaning Outside	Pearl Brewer & Shane Burgher	
Van Driver	Shane Burgher	
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Food For Thought

By Bill Bonifay

If a boy rises before 4:00am to deliver papers, he is a go-getter. If the church asks him to rise at 4:00 am to do some work for the Lord, people would say, "That's asking too much!"

If a woman were to work eight hours at some community project, people would say, "She's a fine, energetic, public-minded citizen." But if she were to work eight hours for the church, some would say, "Her religion has gone to her head."

If an employer asks an employee to work each day, and not be tardy, people would say, "He's a sensible business man who requires that which is right." But if the elders of the church ask the members to be attend services three times each week, and to please be on time, some are ready to say, "You ask too much. And besides, it doesn't matter if I'm on time for services any way."

It's a strange, crazy world indeed, when the first things are last and the last things are first. However, we must remember:

"This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through, My treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue: The angels beckon me, from heavens open door, And I can't feel at home in this world anymore." The Merced Messenger church of Christ

The Broken Way

Do you feel like God has led you through the desert?

Do you trust that He can and will make a way for your broken paths to be made straight when you call on Him?

Every one of us doubts at times. We all fail to trust. But Scripture assures us that even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. As we walk broken paths that challenge our faith, the truth remains that God does deliver in and through the pain. Though there are struggles that we might take to the grave with us, God is still good. Each hard place is an opportunity for Jesus to show His power in and through our lives.

As God moved through the leadership of Moses to bring His people from captivity to freedom, from poverty to inheritance, the Israelites were not led the easy way. They didn't get to take the "paved" road even though it was shorter. They had to walk through the desert. God led them the harder way because He knew it was best for them in the long run. Sometimes we are led the harder way too. The broken way. Even though our minds conceive an easier solution, He knows what is unknown to us, He sees what is unseen to us, and His ways are trustworthy and best.

God has given us his Holy Spirit to lead us by day and by night, to be our Strength, our Power, and our Direction in the deserts of life. Just as God made a way for the Israelites when they called on Him as they faced a seemingly impossible Red Sea situation, He will make a way for you. Call on His name. Trust His plan. Reach for His hand.

Spend a few moments contemplating the circumstances of your harder way. Then lift your eyes from your situation to your Savior. Call on God, and say to your soul: Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today, the LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still (Exodus 14:13-14).



Worry is a total waste of time. All it does is taint your mind and steal your joy. Matthew 6