

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
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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 Judgment Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Why Many People Are Not SavedDaniel Newell



Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.

Vincent van Gogh

The way you overcome shyness is to become so wrapped up in something that you forget to be afraid.

Lady Bird Johnson

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are TODAY, the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Joseph Newell.

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm. Next month's celebration will be on July 4.

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. Next month's meeting will take place on August 14th. This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. All ladies are welcome. Let us know if you need a ride. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays this Week: Charlene Brewer (20th), Noah Rice (22nd), Daniel Newell (24th)

Anniversaries this Week: None

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

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon Olinger, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe Slone, Gary Chaney. 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 the armed forces.

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: Meal & Flour

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Homer Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Lonnie Dale Stewart
P.M. Opening Prayer Rob Little
P.M. Closing Prayer.....Charles Rice

July:

Communion:

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

Saying Versus Seeing

by: Ron Adams

It's important that we teach our children to love one another. However, this becomes difficult when they hear us constantly criticizing and complaining about others.

What they see outweighs what we say. It's critical that we teach our children to obey all of the Lord's commands. However, the job becomes hopeless when they see us excusing ourselves from obeying certain commands we may find "too restrictive."

What they see outweighs what we say. It's crucial that we teach our children how the Lord wants them to act as husbands, wives and parents. However, there is more likelihood they will follow our example rather than follow our teaching.

What they see outweighs what we say. Unless, and until, what we say and what we do are one and the same, we will never be convincing.

GOD'S LOVE IS A STRONG THING, AND STRONG THINGS ARE NOT FULLY APPRECIATED UNTIL WE ARE SURROUNDED BY WEAKNESS. The ugly, painful hardship of human experience does not contradict or call into question the love of God. To the contrary, that is where we learn God's love the best. The way to God is not over, under, or around our difficulties ð it is *through* them.

Job is the classic example of how this works. He was not anything less than a godly man before his sufferings began (Job 1:8), but it was only afterward that he could say, ðI have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashesö (Job 42:5,6). God's trustworthiness had become so much more real to Job that he was ashamed to think how little faith he'd had before. Likewise, when Paul prayed for the removal of his ðthorn in the flesh,ö God's answer was, ðMy grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weaknessö (2 Corinthians 12:9).

But if God's love for us is best learned in hardship, the same is also true of our love for God. We value most highly those things that have cost us something significant, and it is not likely that we'd love God deeply until we've passed through some serious suffering with His love as our guide. When Jesus explained to Peter that Satan would sift him as wheat, He said, ðBut I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethrenö (Luke 22:32).

When we live for no higher goal than to be pain-free, supposing that God ölovesö us too much to let anything ðharmfulö happen to us, what happens is something very harmful indeed: *we lose our best chance to learn what God's love really means.* The best things in life get away from us when we grasp them too tightly. Life is found in the losing of it. ðTherefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake,ö Paul said. ðFor when I am weak, then I am strong.ö

ðThe love of God is the ultimate reality, the deepest and strongest force in the universe; and it is revealed to the man who resolutely girds himself to the conflictö (David Smith).

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