

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
July 20, 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.: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: What If I Miss Heaven?.....Daniel Newell



The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.

William A. Ward

In order to get something done, a committee should consist of no more than three persons, two of whom are absent.

Robert Copeland

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 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: 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 & Donald Olinger, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie Slone, Inez Estep, 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: Canned Meat

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Rob Little
A.M. Closing Prayer.....Brian Rice
P.M. Opening Prayer Brian Rogers
P.M. Closing Prayer..... John Coffey

July:

Communion:
Reading.....Walter Rice
Serving..... Greg Brewer & Lonnie Dale Stewart
Communion to the Sick.....Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy
Collection..... Charles Rice & Jody McCoy
Prepare Communion..... Waveline Teasley
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning OutsideEvan McCoy & Walter Rice

The Fish Net By Ron Thomas

When Jesus began His ministry, He began with a fish story (of sorts). Not really a fish story, but an occasion where experienced fishermen worked all night and were preparing to return, having caught nothing. Jesus sees the men returning and they were somewhat downcast as a result of an empty night. The Lord then told them to take their nets and cast them over the side for a catch; somewhat doubtful, they do it. Amazed at the catch, Peter presents himself to the Lord humbly (Luke 5:8). This, as far as Luke presents it, is the beginning of Jesus' mission to the Israelite nation.

When John finishes his gospel, we are again at the lake and, again, Jesus tells the fishermen to cast their nets over the side for a catch. They do, and the catch is great (John 21:1-8). At the beginning of the Lord's mission He taught His disciples how to catch men: the net used was going to be two parts. First, it would be the message of the Lord taught; and, second, it would be the message of the Lord lived. Some, unfortunately, are better able to teach than live. In such cases, the net has "sprung a leak." Let us be sure to patch nets in order that we can teach and live the gospel.

Here Be Dragons !

Gary Henry

“And they commanded the people, saying, ‘When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before’ (Joshua 3:3-4).

I LOVE MAPS, AND THE OLDER THEY ARE, THE MORE THEY FASCINATE ME. Especially intriguing to me are maps of the world made in ancient times by cartographers who knew little of the world beyond their own immediate area. These mapmakers would draw the territory that was known at the time, and beyond that, they would just leave blank space and write, “Here be dragons.” It was assumed that if territory lay beyond the bounds of current knowledge, then dragons must surely dwell there, and any explorers who ventured into that mysterious zone should be on their guard.

Metaphorically speaking, there is a good deal of unknown “territory” in the lives of all of us. For example, the future lies off the edge of the map. Nobody has been there yet, and no one knows what that territory will be like. For all we know, “dragons” may dwell there. But even in the present, there are activities, endeavors, and experiences that lie beyond our present knowledge, and that which is unfamiliar often seems scary. Here be dragons!

If we are Christians, of course, God is our guide, so we don't need to know what the territory is like through which we will pass. We only need to trust that He will see us through, possible dragons notwithstanding. No doubt He would say to us, as He said to Israel when they were about to cross the Jordan, that we should follow His lead, “FOR YOU HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE.”

But to my way of thinking, the thrill of the unknown is a great part of the joy of being a Christian. Yes, prudence counsels caution when we face the unknown, but faith counsels courage. Here be dragons, you say? Fine. I am eager to see them and, if need be, fight them. Whatever else it may be, life in Christ is never dull. Of all the adventures in this world, it is truly the Great Adventure.