

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.: Guest Speaker..... Jack Hall
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Our spring Gospel Meeting begins today and continues through Thursday night. The guest speaker this week will be Jack Hall from the Richmond congregation. Please welcome Brother Hall and invite as many as you can to the meeting.

Also, there will be a pot-luck meal immediately following the morning services. Please stay and enjoy a meal and Christian fellowship.

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for May 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: Bailey Little (3rd), Chase Dunn (4th), Glen Hayes (8th), Caleb Rogers (9th)

Anniversaries this Week: Pearl & Clara Brewer (3rd), Koda & Bethany Muncie (5th), Glen & Kim Hayes (6th)

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, 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 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 Soup

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

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

May:

Communion:

Reading Rob Little
Serving Charles Rice & Shane Burgher
Communion to the Sick Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection Jody McCoy & Walter Rice
Prepare Communion Waveline Teasley
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Ian McCoy & Bailey Little

What Did Not Save Saul?

by: Mel Martin

1. A good, clear conscience (Acts 23:1; 26:9; 2 Corinthians 1:12)
2. A fantastic religious experience (Acts 9:3-9). How often will people say, "I know what I have experienced"? Saul saw the risen Jesus and heard His voice. Even though this was true, he was still lost. Seeing Jesus did not save him.
3. Fasting and prayer (Acts 9:9-11; 22:16). Prayer is essential, but it does not assure salvation.
4. A healing (Acts 22:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:14). It is not the case that sick people lose their souls, while healthy people go to heaven. A healing is not a calling.
5. Being a preacher (But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Corinthians 9:27; See also 2 Timothy 4:1-8).

“So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: “How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?” (Exodus 10:3).

RARELY HAS ANYONE DEFIED GOD AS BLATANTLY AS PHARAOH DID WHEN HE REFUSED TO LET THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL LEAVE THE LAND OF EGYPT. His contempt for the God of Israel was open and it was arrogant. When requested by Moses and Aaron, at the command of God, to allow Israel to leave Egypt, Pharaoh replied bluntly, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go” (Exodus 5:1,2). And indeed he did not. Throughout nine of the worst disasters any Egyptian could imagine, Pharaoh refused to bow before the mighty God who brought these plagues upon him. It took a tenth plague, involving the death of his own firstborn son, to break his pride. And even then, as soon as the immediate crisis was over, he changed his mind and sent his army after Israel. The very least we can say about this man is that he was extraordinarily strong-willed. Anyone who can hold out in rebellion against God as long as he did is no ordinary rebel (Exodus 10:1,2).

But as shocking as Pharaoh’s rebellion was, a similar stubbornness is at the root of every person’s sin. When we disobey what we know to be God’s will, we are saying by our actions, “Not Thy will, but mine be done.” Sin is always a refusal to acknowledge God. It is a declaration of our independence, a stiff-necked resistance to God’s sovereignty. And as long as we hold out in this resistance, God will be asking us, as He asked Pharaoh, “How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?”

The tempter’s argument is that we don’t need to humble ourselves. Adam and Eve found the “courage” to defy God only after being led to believe they could get away with it (Genesis 3:1-8). Satan had said, in effect, “Stand up and take care of yourselves. Don’t let God interfere with anything you want.” Once they imagined that such a rebellion could succeed, sin was not far behind. So from the beginning, sin has always disguised itself as strength. The only real strength in the world, however, is that which the devil denies: a simple willingness to acknowledge God.

“Independence is not strength but unrealized weakness and is the very essence of sin” (Oswald Chambers).