

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.: Jesus my Lord Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Being Content.....Daniel Newell



Our Fall Gospel Meeting is nearing!
November 2-6
Speaker: Dan Murphy

There will be a potluck meal today, immediately following morning worship, in the all-purpose room. Please stay for an hour of good food 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 October 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: Josh Begley (6th), Victoria Slone (11th)

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 Beef Stew

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Homer Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Jody McCoy
P.M. Opening PrayerBrian Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Luke Newell Jr.

October:

Communion:

Reading.....Kyle Lucas
Serving.....Rob Little & Charles Rice
Communion to the Sick..... Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection.....Walter Rice
Prepare Communion..... Mary Creed
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Rob Little & Greg Brewer

A Secret to Happiness

Someone has said, "If you would be happy, keep your wants few and simple." There is a great deal to be said for this. Unhappiness comes when there is a gap between what we desire and what we have. Our modern system of advertising seems to say that happiness lies in having the newest, the best, the most luxurious of all kinds of things. But there is no way that anyone can have everything that he might conceivably want. If he would be happy he needs to control his wants and desires, keeping them in close range with what he has the ability to provide for himself.

Jesus once said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God' (Matt. 4:4). King Solomon sought the secret of happiness, much as modern man does, in the pursuit of power, pleasure, knowledge, and wealth, only to conclude at the end that all was "a striving after the wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun" (Eccles. 2:11). His conclusion was, "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccles. 12:13). Batsell Barrett Baxter

COPING: "Success in life is not how well we execute Plan A; it's how smoothly we cope with Plan B. And for most of us, that's 99 percent of the time" (Sarah Ban Breathnach).

MOST OF US ARE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE CONCEPT OF COPING. Coping is "the process of managing taxing circumstances, expending effort to solve personal and interpersonal problems, and seeking to master, minimize, reduce or tolerate stress or conflict" (Wikipedia). In everyday language, that means doing the best we can to get by in the midst of less than ideal circumstances.

All of us want a more peaceful world, and we tend to define peace as the absence of stress. But that is unrealistic, at least in the world as we know it now. Peace is not the absence of stress but the ability **TO DEAL WITH STRESS IN THE RIGHT WAY.** That's what we should want.

Coping is one of the most powerful ways that we can contribute to the quality of our various relationships. Whether it's in the home, the workplace, or elsewhere, those with whom we interact from day to day need the hope that comes from seeing others cope effectively with difficulties. When we offer that example, we do a fine thing indeed.

But stress often takes the form of frightening circumstances, and consequently, most of us despair of being able to cope because we don't see ourselves as having enough courage to face life's fears. But I think that approach puts the emphasis in the wrong place, and I agree with Barbara Deming, who said, "Think first of the action that is right to take; think later about coping with one's fears." When doing what is **RIGHT** is our priority, we'll find that our fears give us less trouble.

The ability to cope involves more than picking up a few handy "coping skills" from a book or a seminar; it requires the growth and development of our most inward character "and that takes both time and hard work. As urgent as it is for us to be able to cope nowadays, there is no easy way to learn to cope. We have to grow up as human beings. We have to acquire strength and resilience of character. And in particular, we have to attain **UNITY** of character "harmony between our principles and our practice. If we are not at peace within our own hearts, living consistently with what we say we believe, then we will find it difficult, if not impossible, to deal with Plan B. "Integrity is essential if we are to cope with life's difficulties" (Euripides).