

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
September 14, 2014

Items to Remember:

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

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: Jericho Muncie, Debbie Slone, Hattie Jones (15th), Terry Abney (18th),

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

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- 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: Dry Pasta, Pasta Sauce

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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.: Important Questions Asked in the Book of Job: Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord? Daily Supplies: Daniel Newell



Before all else, we seek, upon our common labor as a nation, the blessings of Almighty God.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

As we grow oldí the beauty steals inward.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A multitude of rulers is not a good thing. Let there be one ruler, one king.

Homer, The Iliad

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Rob Little
A.M. Closing Prayer Terry Abney
P.M. Opening Prayer Mack Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer Charles Rice

September:

Communion:

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

The Little Things Do Make a Difference

There was a man taking a morning walk at or the beach. He saw that along with the morning tide came hundreds of starfish and when the tide receded, they were left behind and with the morning sun rays, they would die. The tide was fresh and the starfish were alive. The man took a few steps, picked one and threw it into the water. He did that repeatedly. Right behind him there was another person who couldn't understand what this man was doing. He caught up with him and asked, "What are you doing? There are hundreds of starfish. How many can you help? What difference does it make?" This man did not reply, took two more steps, picked up another one, threw it into the water, and said, "It makes a difference to this one."

James 5:19-20 ¹⁹ Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; ²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Esteem

Man's life would be wretched and confined if it were to miss the candid intimacy developed by mutual trust and esteem (Edwin Dummer).

IN THE END, IT'S USUALLY ESTEEM THAT GIVES HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS A CHANCE TO BLOSSOM AND BE JOYFUL. If people don't regard one another with respect, if they don't look upon one another favorably, if they don't see the very relationships themselves as a privilege, then many of life's best qualities are missed. As Edwin Dummer said, our lives would be wretched and confined if we missed the candid intimacy developed by mutual trust and esteem.

Unfortunately, very few people today exert any effort to esteem those around them. If they ever think about the subject of esteem, it's usually only self-esteem that concerns them, or perhaps the question of whether others esteem them as highly as they would like. Rarely do we raise the issue of whether we are esteeming other people as highly as they deserve. Yet that is mainly where the value of esteem lies.

I have a theory concerning the shortage of genuine esteem in the world, and it has to do with the lifestyle of so many of us nowadays: we live such busy, self-centered lives that we disconnect from those around us and make very little real investment in the lives of anyone other than our own families. And since our relationships cost us so little in terms of time and effort, we have a good deal less appreciation for others than we would if we invested ourselves more sacrificially in them. As Thomas Paine wrote during the American Revolution concerning the prize of political freedom, "What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly." No less is true in the realm of human relationships. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly.

In all of our relationships, esteem ought to be a more highly valued commodity. We need to work on building mutual esteem with those around us, and more important, having built it, we need to maintain it. Esteem is fragile and needs our protection. It is far too precious to be destroyed by a moment's reckless folly. So when we've learned to esteem others and we've lived so that they esteem us, let's be careful not to tear down what we've all worked so hard to build up.

Raised voices lower esteem. Hot tempers cool friendships. Loose tongues stretch truth. Swelled heads shrink influence. Sharp words dull respect (William Arthur Ward).