## Passion for God.....Compassion for People April 29, 2012

#### **Please be Reminded:**

**Men's Business Meeting** is the first Sunday of the month, immediately following morning worship. The meeting takes place in the all-purpose room. Plan to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** will be the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for May will be Mack Rice. Please make plans to attend.

**Church Singing is the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM.** This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. You may also request that a particular song be sung. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

WSKV Radio 104.9 FM......8:30 a.m. each Sunday Morning

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### Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Anna Vires and Family, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Joe and Debbie Slone, Sharon and Donald Olinger, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, all those on the church prayer list.

.....the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

Nothing is more common or more universal than the desire to be happy. We all seek happiness. Happiness is never found in wealth, power, knowledge, or physical, sensual enjoyment. Not that there is no enjoyment in the things money can buy; not that great power and influence may not be heartwarming and gratifying; not that the accumulation of great knowledge is devoid of any satisfaction and happiness; not that there are no joys in the realm of the physical senses; but that, if one makes one or another of these the chief end of life, he will be disappointed ultimately. Happiness is often found in simple things.

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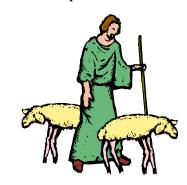
**Worship Services:** 

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Sunday A M : God: The Refuge of His People	MC Rice

Sunday A.M.: God: The Refuge of His People.......M.C. Rice Sunday P.M.: The Christian Life.......Daniel Newell

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:10-11



#### Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Prayer List	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Charles Rice
A.M. Prayer before Worship	Alvin Goldey
A.M. Closing Prayer	-
P. M. Opening Prayer	Dan Newell Jr.
P.M. Closing Prayer	
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#### April

Communion:

#### A Friend is a Person:

- Who will help you in the hour of sickness;
- Who will help you uphill when you are sliding down;
- Who will defend you in the hour when others speak evil of you;
- Who will believe in your innocence until you admit your guilt;
- Who will say behind your back what he says to your face;
- Who will shake hands with you wherever he meets you, even though you wear patches; and
- Who will do all these things without expecting any return.

-Dorothy C. Retsloff

#### This and That

The book of Hebrews was written to a people torn between the old and new laws. There was a risk of these people sinking back into obedience to the Mosaic Law. It was written to show these folks that the New Testament was superior to the Old. One of the familiar words found in the book is "better". Let's look at some ways in which the New is better than the Old.

"For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God", chapter 7, verse 19. We have a better hope than those under the Old Law. Their hope rested in a coming redeemer who was to rescue them from their enemies. Our hope is in the Savior who came to take away the sins of the world. Verse 22 says that Jesus was made a surety of a better testament. This testament was made sure by the death and resurrection of Christ.

The first covenant had faults, Hebrews 8:6-7. There was the need for sacrifices to be made yearly. These must be offered by a priest for the people. It was not possible for the blood of animals to take away sin. Under the New covenant, our sacrifices are not restricted as was theirs. Today we, as priests to God, offer our own sacrifices without respect to a national place. We also have a better sacrifice than they, in Jesus, Chapter 9:22-24.

"...knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Hebrews 10:34. The Israelites had hope and pleasure in their land given them by tribe, after the wilderness sojourn. However, due to disobedience, they were sometimes driven from their lands into captivity. So the land became another's and their labor was beneficial to their captors. Their homes, vineyards, fruitful fields, and wells became the property of a strange people and they did not know when or if they would be able to return. Those counted worthy of inheriting the land of forever will never be faced with sinful desires and will never be chased from their estate. It certainly endures forever.

We have a better promise. God has promised to dwell among His people and wipe all tears from their eyes. We have confidence that this will be in the home of God where there will be no more enemies, sin, death, sorrow, or pain. What Adam and Eve lost will be finally regained. The New certainly is better!

Think about it.

Daniel Newell