## Passion for God.....Compassion for People April 8, 2012

#### **Dates to Remember:**

**Men's Business Meetings** are 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** are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend. You may bring a smile to someone's face.

Church Singing is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 104.9FM......8:30 a.m. each Sunday Morning

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### Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Correne Hatton, Anna Vires, Joe and Debbie Slone, Sharon and Donald Olinger, Inez Estep; 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

- For those who need a ride to church, please call Bro. M.C.Rice to make arrangements. We can schedule to pick you up in the van or a private auto.
- For those interested, we still provide a Bible Correspondence Course, free upon request.
- Before you know it our VBS will be here. It is tentatively scheduled to take place JUNE 25-29, 2012. It's not too early to start making plans.

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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.	
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Sunday A.M.: Kneel At The Cross	M.C. Rice	
Sunday P.M.: The Difference between a Christian and a Sinner		

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:19-20



### Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	
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A.M. Prayer before Worship	Glenn Hayes
A.M. Closing Prayer	<del>_</del>
P. M. Opening Prayer	Charles Mack Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Newell Jr.

### **April:** Communion:

Suppose you try to name one thing that America needs more than it needs real homes. We need home more than we need a police force, a fire department, a health department with its hospitals, a playground with its parks, educational units, places of punishment, or a successful business period.

God has made home responsibilities for you and me. It does not matter what you and I think about it, God has put the responsibility on us, the homemakers; and we will have to give an account to Him for the way we carry out this grave responsibility. A well-regulated Christian home is one of God's prettiest institutions on the earth. It was the only institution God had for many centuries.

I.A.Douthitt (in *The Ideal Home*)

### This and That

That baptism is a part of the New Testament teaching none would dispute. It is mentioned in 12 of the 27 books of the New Testament and receives a prominent place in the gospels and Acts of the Apostles. However just what the Bible is conveying about baptism is disputed. Few would deny baptism to one who zealously desires it, but many refute the notion that it is necessary. There are also several different modes of baptism administered as well as a difference in who should be baptized. The Bible is really pretty clear about baptism, at least from my standpoint. I think it can be shown that baptism is part of what God wants us to submit to in obedience to Him.

Baptism is from God: the words baptize or baptism is not mentioned in the Old Testament although washings were a part of the requirements of priests and others on special occasions. The first mention of baptism is in Matthew chapter three. Here it speaks of John the Baptist and how he was baptizing people. In John chapter one, verses 33 and 34, John indicates that God sent him to baptize.

Baptism is common upon hearing about the kingdom and Jesus Christ. In the book of Acts, when people heard teaching about Jesus, they were baptized. The people at Pentecost, the eunuch, Saul, Lydia, the Philippian jailor, and the Corinthians all were baptized after they were taught.

Paul and Peter agreed upon the necessity of baptism. Peter taught it in the first recorded sermon after Jesus rose again. Paul said it was a form of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ in Romans chapter 6. Peter wrote that it was a means of saving us in First Peter one – twenty one.

Jesus said to teach and do it. He used some of the last sayings before His ascension to get the message across. In Matthew twenty-eight and Mark sixteen He made sure the apostles knew to administer baptism to those who believed.

Baptism is a burial in water. Paul taught this in Romans chapter six and also in Colossians chapter two. Any other means of administering baptism is foreign to the Bible.

Have you been baptized? Baptism is for the penitent believer to receive remission of sins and admittance into the Church of Christ. Think about it.

\*\*Daniel Newell\*\*