

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
August 3, 2014

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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.: Some Questions About Heaven.....Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: A Simple InvitationDaniel Newell



I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.

Groucho Marx

Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.

Aesop

Items to Remember:

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

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: Vivian Pittman (6th), Claire Estes, Brenda Muncie, Homer Rice (7th), Jordan Dunn, Caleb Rice, and Lonnie Dale Stewart (8th)

Anniversaries this Week: Jack & Vivian Pittman (3rd), Dewayne & Felicia Estes (4th), Rob & Dana Little (5th)

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: Please donate as you can.

Pantry Item of the Week: Canned Meat

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Dan Newell Jr.
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Jody McCoy
P.M. Opening PrayerTerry Abney
P.M. Closing Prayer..... John Coffey

August:

Communion:

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

What is Love?

It is...

...silence when your words would hurt,

...patience when your neighbor's curts,

...deafness when the scandal flows,

...thoughtful for another's woes,

...helpful when one is in need,

...abundant in kind word and deed,

...promptness when stern duty calls,

...courage when misfortune falls.

Faith, Hope, and Patience

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth . . . But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for themö (Hebrews 11:13-16).

PROMISES ARE INTERESTING THINGS, AND THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE THE MOST INTERESTING OF ALL. Promises always have to do with the future. They create an expectancy, a forward-looking attitude toward some event that is not yet a reality but only an idea. Consider how the three great virtues ö FAITH, HOPE, and PATIENCE ö work together to determine our response to God's promises.

FAITH. The virtue of faith determines our öintellectualö response. It means that we believe that God's promises will be kept, that whatever God has predicted will come to pass just as He has said. It involves more than a merely intellectual processing of information, of course, but even so, it is an act of the intellect. When God says, öThis is going to happen,ö we must trust His prediction.

HOPE. Based on the faith that God's promises can be counted on, hope makes an öemotionalö response to those promises. It fervently longs for those promises to be fulfilled. In the confidence that whatever God brings to pass, or even allows to come to pass, will be better than any other possible scenario, we eagerly anticipate the fulfillment of His promises. We don't merely accept the realities that God brings about ö we embrace them joyfully.

PATIENCE. With this virtue, we come to a övolitionalö response to God's promises. Volition has to do with our will, and so patience means that we exercise the power of our will to obey God faithfully while we are waiting for His promises to come to pass. This is not easy to do, especially since we are looking forward to them with such eagerness and since the conditions in which we have to wait are so painful. When our hearts cry out öHow long, O Lord?ö and God says öNot yet,ö we must make the choice to be patient. Faith and hope are important, obviously, but without patience all is lost. Since the beginning of time, many have put their faith in God, and some even their hope. But few have had the patience to wait until He is ready to make all things beautiful . . . IN HIS TIME. Gary Henry-WordPoints