

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
August 31, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Ladies Group Meeting takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Ellaray Campbell (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Anniversaries this Week: Eugene & Inez Estep (1<sup>st</sup>), John & Rachel Coffey (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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: Oatmeal

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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.: Josiah: An Example For Youth ..... Mack Rice  
Sunday P.M.: Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord? Sickness? ....Daniel Newell



We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution is designed only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for any other.

John Adams

## Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy  
Songs of Worship .....Charles Rice

### Prayer:

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

### August:

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

## Glorious Exchange

I brought Him all my sorrow  
And all my falling tears;  
I brought Him all my loneliness  
And all my wasted years.

He took them all upon Himself,  
With all my load of sin,  
And gave me in exchange  
His love, His joy, His peace within.

He took away my sorrow  
And gave me back a song;  
And now my heart can only praise  
My Savior all day long.

(via the weekly bulletin of the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.)

## Boring Worship

We are told that we need something more exciting in worship. The traditional way of worshiping God is boring and outdated. We need something more contemporary.

Good friends, since when is praising God a matter of personal preference and human approval? From what we can see in the Bible, anytime man has tampered with worship (as defined by God) he has always messed it up. At the dawn of time, Cain tried to reinvent worship services for God. Whatever God had expected of humans at that time had become insufficient from Cain's point of view. His brother, Abel, remained true to God's word and worshiped by faith in it (Heb. 11:4). But Cain wanted something new and different. The result? *"The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering"* (Gen. 4:4-5). Cain was guilty of sin (v. 7; 1 John 3:12).

When Jeroboam feared the loss of his kingdom, he reinvented worship for the Jews associated with him. He changed everything in public worship (as defined by the Law) to a pattern more appealing to the masses (1 Kings 12:25-33). The result? *"This thing became a sin* for the people (v. 30).

Jesus taught, *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"* (John 4:24). We must mean what we say and say what we mean in worship as we follow God's word. We don't get to determine the activities of worship; Jesus is the only One with all authority (Matt. 28:18). Everything we do in worship must be defined by Him as taught by His apostles (Col. 3:17; Acts 2:42). If it's not found in the New Testament we are worshiping in ways not acceptable to God, as did Cain and Jeroboam. Worship is a service to God, not a "serve us" of our senses and opinions. The only One qualified to determine if our worship is exciting or not is God, not sinful man who is unworthy of God's presence. **óMike Thomas**  
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**John 4:23** <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.