# Passion for God.....Compassion for People July 18, 2010

### **Please be Reminded:**

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** are <u>TODAY</u>, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Brother M.C. Rice. Please join us for around a half hour of song, prayer, and sermon. Your attendance may brighten the day for a resident.

Men's Business Meeting is the first Sunday of each 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.

Church Singing is the second Wednesday night 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 ......8:30 a.m. each Sunday Morning

# **Please Lift Up In Prayer:**

Anna Vires and Family, Waveline Teasley, Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, Brian Rice, Sharon and Donald Olinger, Reva O'Hair, 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

The word of God is like seed. When Jesus relates the parable of the sower, He speaks about seed falling on different kinds of soils, which He likens to the hearts of men (Luke 8:4-15). He then says, "The seed is the word of God."(v.11). We know that seed brings forth after its kind (cf. Gen. 1:11-12). Never have apple seeds brought forth oranges or potatoes. Without exception we can rely on God's word to bring forth Christians. It will produce a New Testament church in this modern era. We must admit that the pure Word of God, unmixed by human wisdom, will bring forth the church of Christ as it did in the first century. (Ed Wharton, The Church of Christ, pg. 20)

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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.: Many Lives Lack	M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.: The Lord's Birth	Daniel Newell

God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets.

2. has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; Hebrews 1:1-2 (nkj)



# Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Prayer List	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney
A.M. Prayer	Dan Newell Jr.
A.M. Prayer before Worship	
A.M. Closing Prayer	Greg Brewer
P. M. Opening Prayer	Charles Mac Rice.
P.M. Closing Prayer	Jody McCoy

# **Board Change for July:**

Communion:

Teens Youth Group meeting is scheduled for Tonight (Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>).

-Time: Following Evening Services

-Place: Mary Creed's House

-Topic: Humility

-Pick up time for parents is at 8:30 pm

Note: The van will leave the building shortly after services.

"For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth. 6. By You I have been upheld from my birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You." Psalms 71:5-6

# This and That

The church of our Lord Jesus Christ is a very special institution. It contains those who are saved from their sins through the sacrifice of Jesus. The church was started on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus. It was about 9am when Peter was preaching his stirring message that would lead three thousand to obey the gospel. Along with the Apostles, these constituted the church. The Bible refers to the church as several things. Consider the following:

The church is the *body* of Christ. Since Jesus is no longer here upon the earth to do good works, it follows that we are his representatives to the world. Paul states in Colossians 1:18, that Jesus is "the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." As head of the body, Jesus directs the operations of it. According to Paul's statement in Titus 2:14, Jesus "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, *zealous of good works*. We should be careful to behave in a way that would make Jesus proud of His church. The church is all about saving people.

The church is the *bride* of Christ. Paul told the Corinthians that he had "espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." Jesus expects and deserves purity from his church. Jesus loved the church so much that He gave himself up for it. Paul writes in Ephesians 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." We should attend services regularly and encourage others to come with us.

The church is the *temple* of the Holy Ghost, 1 Corinthians 3:16. Solomon built a temple in which to worship God and meet with Him. We no longer have the temple or its animal sacrifices. Instead we have the church with its pattern of worship as laid out in the New Testament. The Holy Spirit of God dwells within the church and guides it by means of the written word. It is a privilege to be a member of the Lord's church. Are you a member? Think about it.

\*\*Daniel Newell\*\*