# Passion for God.....Compassion for People August 29, 2010

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

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.

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** will be each third Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for September will be Daniel Newell. Please join us for around a half hour of song, prayer, and sermon. Your attendance may brighten the day for a resident.

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, Ellaray Campbell, 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

- Please remember the food pantry when purchasing food for your family. Many people are helped by this ministry and it does please God.
  - o Matthew 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- Please participate in the Nursing Home ministry. There are visits by the church each Tuesday at 9am and each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:30PM.
  - o Matthew 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

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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	7:00 p.m.
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For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. 1 Thesssalonians 1:8



# Privileged to Serve

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

# **August:**

Communion:

THE BEDOUIN TRIBES who live in the desert have a story they tell their children that can teach us a great deal about how we make decisions...

According to the story, there was once a man living in the desert with his family. He saw a cloud of dust and sand approaching from the horizon and said to himself, "It is a terrible beast coming to eat me and my family!" As the cloud of dust got closer, he saw that it was actually a man dressed in black on horseback. He then said to himself, "It is my enemy, coming to take over my well!" He went to get his rifle to defend himself. The horseman got closer and the man could now see the rider clearly through the sights of his rifle. He recognized the rider and said to himself, "No, it is my brother."

The three lessons of this story are:

- 1. What we focus on determines what we believe.
- 2. What we believe determines what we expect.
- 3. We tend to see what we're expecting to see. Daniel R. Castro, "When Heroes Are Between a Rock and a Hard Place," Critical Choices, 35-36

THOUGHT: What are you focusing on?

### This and That

The nation of Israel was made of the descendants of Jacob who were enslaved in the land of Egypt. They stayed in Egypt for over 400 years until God sent Moses to deliver them. The deliverance was swift and complete as their enemies were destroyed in the Red Sea. God gave them laws and a government whereby they would know how to live and please Him. However it didn't take long for them to develop bad habits and start seeking after things of the world. They would do bad, receive evil for the deeds done, and then cry unto God. In His mercy and compassion, He would forgive their sin and bring peace unto them once more. This continued through the period of the judges and kings also. When Solomon erected the temple in Jerusalem for the people to worship God in, during its dedication, God says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land", 2 Chronicles 7:14. Let's look at this passage.

- God's people are called by His name. This is also true today, as we are called Christians and members of the church of Christ.
- We should be a humble people. This means to be subdued and in subjection to the Lord. To not think too highly of self.
- We should be a praying people. God wants us to talk with Him in prayer. When we pray we seek Gods help and approval through Jesus. Daniel the prophet had a devotion and prayer three times a day. We should make it a point to pray regularly.
- We should seek God's face. Those who do evil do not want to be in God's presence lest their sins be rebuked and punished. There is fear to those not living right when they are in a holy environment. As Christians, we can be confident when we are in God's presence.
- We must turn from wicked plans and inventions. Only by doing right can we be blessed and find approval from the Lord.
- God will hear, forgive, and heal. What a wonderful thought. Think about it. Daniel Newell