Passion for God.....Compassion for People September 19, 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 **TODAY**, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker 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.

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

 Our internet site is a tool of the church. Its main purpose is to share the gospel with others. Therefore there are audio lessons available for download. There is also material that can be printed out and used to help evangelize. We have recently added a Youth Group page. It now contains some pictures of our youth during trips or meetings. Please take a moment to look over the internet site and use the contact page to leave suggestions or comments. The address is listed on the front page. Thanks!



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Worship Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday A.M.: Blessed Are They Which Hunger and...... M.C. Rice Sunday P.M.: Good and Faithful......Daniel Newell

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:20-21



Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Prayer List	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney

A.M. Prayer	Jody McCoy.
A.M. Prayer before Worship	
A.M. Closing Prayer	5
P. M. Opening Prayer	
P.M. Closing Prayer	

Board change for September:

Communion:	
Reading	Walter Rice
Serving	Dan Newell Jr., Jody McCoy.
Collection	Joe Slone, Pearl Brewer
Communion to Sick	Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr.
Prepare Communion	Carla Watson, Josie Watson
Van Driver 9/19/10	Donald Olinger
Van Driver 9/26/10	Greg Brewer
Cleaning Outside	Joe Slone, Greg Brewer

IN HIS BOOK *Wordly Amusements*, Wayne Wilson describes worldly entertainment as that which does at least one of the following...

1. Promotes an evil message. It presents evil as good. This can be done by celebrating sins, such as lying, stealing, murder, fornication, or adultery. Sin is presented in an attractive way.

2. Uses an evil method. Regardless of the point of the story, the performers are made to behave in ways that are shameless and immoral. A story may lead to the conclusion that adultery is bad, but if we must wallow through a sea of flesh to reach this conclusion, the work qualifies as worldly.

No matter how excellent the production or acting, no matter how true the moral of the story, if something promotes an evil message or uses an evil method, the discerning Christian will avoid it!

This and That

God has made available to each generation His words. In the beginning He spoke to the heads of the families directly. After this, the law was written by Moses and given to the people. He then began to supplement this material by speaking through judges and prophets. All of the subsequent writings were gathered together and formed into one canon of scriptures. By the time of Jesus our Old Testament was complete as it is now. The only difference in the scriptures as Jesus knew them and ours is in the arrangement of the books. The Hebrew Bible began with the books of the law and ended with the books of the Chronicles. This is why Jesus spoke of the martyrs Abel and Zacharias in Luke 11:49-51, "Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: 50. That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; 51. From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple:" The death of Abel is recorded in Genesis chapter 4 and the slaving of Zacharias is recorded in 2 Chronicles 24:20-21.

Most scholars agree that the New Testament was written within a 50 year period beginning about 50 A.D. and was completed near 96 to 100 A.D. Almost immediately the canon of scripture was accepted as it is today. This is,no doubt due to the foreknowledge of God. The original scriptures were written on papyri, a writing material readily available during this time period. Unfortunately these materials do not last very long. Therefore the original manuscripts have been lost. We do have some very good copies that were written on animal skins and produced in the second century. These agree together very well and along with later copies and translations provide us with a very reliable text.

It is remarkable that the entire Bible has been preserved for all these years. Moses began writing in about 1500 B.C. and John finished in about 100 A.D. When comparing manuscripts from different time periods the text is remarkably consistent. This is largely due to the care taken when handling the scriptures while translating or copying. But it is also due to the fact that Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away", Matthew 24:35.

Think about it.

Daníel Newell