Passion for God.....Compassion for People October 18, 2009

## **Dates to Remember:**

**Men's Business Meetings** are the first Sunday of each month, immediately following morning worship. Plan to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Please join us in making our congregation a light in the community.

**Church Singing** is the second Wednesday of each month. Singing night is an important part of our worship. Please plan to attend. Your presence encourages others.

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'May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.'

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Everyone has an invisible sign hanging from his neck saying: "Make me feel important!"

It isn't the flowers we strew on the grave; it's the word to the living that tells.

Our upcoming fall revival begins next Sunday a.m. with Bro. John Brown!



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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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Sunday A.M.: The Last Day	M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.: The Day of the Lord	Daniel Newell

## WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for coming. Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate



## Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney

A.M. Prayer	Thomas Newell
A.M. Prayer before Worship	
A.M. Closing Prayer	Jody McCoy
P. M. Opening Prayer	
P.M. Closing Prayer	

## **October:**

Communion:

Reading	Jody McCoy
Serving	Dan Newell, Homer Rice
Collection	.Pearl Brewer, Shane Burgher
Prepare Communion	. Charlene Brewer, Paula Rice
Van Driver 10/18/09	Jody McCoy
Van Driver 10/25/09	Shane Burgher

# Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Paul Napier, Anna Vires, Fred Teasley, Patricia Fetters, Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, Brian Rice, Kay Stewart, 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

Psalm 111:10 says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise."

Fear in this case means respect and reverence. Because you recognize that God is the source of all that you are and all that you have, you make time for Him.

## This and That

Jesus stated in Matthew 16:18, "upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." When reading Acts the second chapter we find that those saved were being added to the church, verse 47. Therefore, there was one church in existence at that time that was built and maintained by Jesus. Yet, according to Wikipedia and the World Christian Encyclopedia, 2000 version, there are 33,820 denominations of "Christianity" in the world. How did this get to be?

According to Merriam-Webster online dictionary, a denomination is *a religious organization whose congregations are united in their adherence to its beliefs and practices*. It is necessary to pause here and stress that a denomination adheres to an organization's beliefs and practices. Therefore it follows that we have 33,820 denominations in the world that *differ* in their beliefs and practices.

Vine's dictionary of Bible words defines "Christian" as a follower of Christ. So how could nearly 34,000 organizations differ in beliefs and practices and still be a follower of Jesus? It cannot be. Therefore how do we find, and align with, the one church Jesus built and maintains? Those that were instrumental in starting the restoration movement of the 1800's insisted on the following:

- We speak where the Bible speaks and we are silent where the Bible is silent. This means we insist upon doing what the Bible says and do not bind where it is silent.
- We have no headquarters but heaven. This means there is no government higher than the local congregation. Each is to govern itself according to what Jesus says.
- We have no head but Christ. Though we may be in subjection to elders, deacons, or evangelists in the local congregation, it is only as authority ordained by God. They must "speak as an oracle of God", 1 Peter 4:11.

We have no creed but the Bible. If a creed contains more than the Bible, it has too much. If it contains less, it doesn't have enough. If it contains the same, we don't need it. We have the Bible. Think about it. Daniel Newell

