Passion for God.....Compassion for People November 15, 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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Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right. Many people today are prisoners of fear. They never attempt to pursue their dreams because the thought of reaching them seems impossible. But how do you know you can't succeed if you don't try? As he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Proverbs 23:7

**NOTE:** Remember to check the bulletin board for cards, gospel meetings, singings and other area events. Your support of these events will be a great benefit to you and an encouragement to neighboring congregations.

Please remember our sick and shut-ins. One phone call does make a difference



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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	
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Sunday A.M.:	Caring for the Aging	M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.:	A Christian's Disposition	Daniel Newell

### WELCOME VISITORS

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



Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney

A.M. Prayer	Thomas Newell
A.M. Prayer before Worship	
A.M. Closing Prayer	
P. M. Opening Prayer	Homer Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer	

### November:

Terry Abney
Greg Brewer, Walter Rice
.Dan Newell, Jr., Paul Napier
Paula Rice, Erica Rice
Greg Brewer
Duwain Watson

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# **Please Lift Up In Prayer:**

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

### **Food for Thought:**

"He who cannot forgive, breaks the bridge over which he must pass."

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Matthew 6:14 A priest is one who busies himself with offering sacrifices. It is one who represents man to God. A priest would offer a sacrifice to God on behalf of himself or another person. No one takes this honor to himself, but is appointed by the Lord himself. In the Bible we have three great priesthoods. Melchisedec, Aaron, and Christ. Lets take a look at each.

Melchisedec was king of Salem who was appointed to be a Priest by God. We first read of him in Genesis 14:18. Here it is said he was *the* priest of the most high God. He was apparently the priest during the Patriarchal dispensation of time. The Hebrew writer in chapter seven says he was "*without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.*" The writer is talking about the unique characteristics of this priesthood. He didn't inherit the position of priest, but rather was appointed to this position. There isn't a discernable beginning of his priesthood or end of it. He reigned as priest over those who lived during his priesthood.

Aaron was chosen to be the High Priest under the Mosaic dispensation of time. When the law was given, there were sacrifices to be made. The Levitical (Aaronic) priesthood consisted of the male members of the tribe of Levi. The priests offered daily sacrifices according to the needs of the people and the requirements of the Law. Aaron, Moses' brother, was the High Priest. He offered the blood of animals once a year in the Most Holy Place of the tabernacle for the sins of the people. This continued until Christ *"took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross"*, Colossians 2:14.

The Christian Priesthood began after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is the High Priest and we are priests. We are also under a new law as the writer says in Hebrews 7:12, "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law." We are all, male and female, able to offer our own sacrifices to God through Jesus. The New Testament is also the new law we are amenable to. Think about it. Daniel Newell

