

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
December 21, 2014

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are **TODAY**, the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dan Newell Jr.

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm.

Church Singing takes place the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Ladies Group Meeting takes place the 2nd Friday of each month at 7pm in the multi-purpose room at the church building. This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays this Week: Mack Rice (21st), Joe Slone (25th), Steve Brewer (26th)

Anniversaries this Week: None

Our sermon airs each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.WSKV – 104.9 FM

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe Slone. Those undergoing medical tests, those going through personal trials, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, those who have lost loved ones, and those on the church prayer list.*the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

James 5:16

Our men and women serving in Afghanistan and other war torn areas.

Greater love hath no man John 15:13

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- The Church food pantry is a way to share with those in need. It is accessed weekly by members of our community. Please donate as you can.

Pantry Item of the Week: Canned Peas & Green Beans

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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 Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: Blessed Are Those Who Mourn Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: What is Death?Daniel Newell



Eighty percent of success is showing up.
Woody Allen

If we open a quarrel between the past and the present,
we shall find that we have lost the future.
Sir Winston Churchill

Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy
Songs of WorshipCharles Rice

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Charles Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Brian Rogers
P.M. Opening Prayer Rob Little
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Dan Newell Jr.

December:

Communion:

Reading..... Lonnie Dale Stewart
Serving..... Kyle Lucas & Rob Little
Communion to the Sick..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr.
Collection..... Dan Newell & Walter Rice
Prepare Communion..... Pauline Rice
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Dan Newell & Shane Burgher

This and That

Is it important what we listen to? In the last 75 years we have gone from listening to whippoorwills on the front porch, to listening to a blue-tooth enabled earphone on the way to a business meeting. It seems as though life has gotten faster as technology has increased. Our access to information is greater than it has ever been. This is not bad of itself, but I am afraid it has reduced our ability to sift through the information as well as desensitized us to its affects. We must instantly decide what is important and what is background noise. In matters of finance, a bad decision may cost us money. In religious matters it may cost us our future. Jesus said, "Take heed what ye hear", Mark 4:24. And again, "Take heed therefore how ye hear" Luke 8:18. We should determine to establish our future by listening to Jesus. He "hath the words of eternal life" John 6:68. Listening effectively does not come naturally to most people. It must be developed patiently. We should start by listening to Jesus. He speaks through his word, the Bible. *Daniel Newell*

It is important to hear God's Word Reverently

Words are powerful things. Because words convey ideas and ideas influence our thinking, words can move us toward being what God wants us to be, or they can pull us away from that. For better or worse, our basic character right now is mainly the result of all the words that have influenced us over our lifetime.

Satan does his deadly work, of course, by means of deceitful words. His lies lead us to disobey God, and when we follow that lead, we die spiritually and are lost. Untruth is at the bottom of all that the devil does. Words that come from him are malicious and destructive in their falsehood. Concerning the devil, Jesus said, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (Jn. 8:44).

In bold contrast, God's words are infallibly true. They give light and life. The writer of Hebrews went so far as to say, "it is impossible for God to lie" (Hb. 6:18). The power of God to salvation from sin is in the totally truthful gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16). Jesus said it plainly: "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Jn. 8:32). It is by words of truth that God breaks the power of the devil's deceit.

We need to have a deep, abiding respect for God's truth. No matter how powerful it is, the truth will not do us any good if we do not receive it properly. Since Jesus is "the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him" (Hb. 5:9), we must choose to listen and respond to God's word in an honest manner. And not only must we hear honestly, but we must be "doers of the word" (Jas. 1:22). As Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand" (Mt. 7:26).

IT IS IMPORTANT TO HEAR GOD'S WORD REVERENTLY AND OBEDIENTLY. It will be good if we make the coming week a week of growth in the quality of our "hearing." Jesus warned, "Take care then how you hear" (Lk. 8:18), and that's a warning we need to pay frequent attention to.