## Passion for God.....Compassion for People **January 8, 2012**

### **Dates to Remember:**

Men's Business Meetings are the first Sunday of each month, immediately following morning worship.

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

**Church Singings** are the second Wednesday of each month.

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

## Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Our congregation, 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 Iraq and other war torn areas. Greater love hath no man ......John 15:13



God delights to deliver us from our hard places in and through the pain. Hang in there, friend. He knows each tear you've cried and He has never left your side. In the words of a beloved hymn by Helen Lemmel, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

Walking on the broken way? God delights to heal and transform lives including your own. The unconditional love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, can change your life and bring strength and healing to your heart. Give your life to Jesus completely. He can transform your life into something beautiful.

Dear Lord, forgive me for the times when I try to navigate the broken path of life on my own. When my heart is heavy with burdens, please give me Your strength and remind my soul to trust You. I need Your guidance and power In Jesus' Name. Amen. today.

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## **Worship Services:**

Sunday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	
Wednesday	•
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Sunday A.M.:	The Wisdom of God	M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.:	Righteousness	Daniel Newell



This is how the Lord Responds:

If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak good words rather than worthless ones, you will be my spokesman. You must influence them; do not let them influence you! Jeremiah 15:19

**ENTER TO WORSHIP ... Please turn off all cell phones and prepare** to worship God.

## Privileged to Serve

Announcements and SickSongs of Worship	
Prayer: A.M. Prayer before Worship A.M. Closing Prayer P. M. Opening Prayer P.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Slone
January: Communion: Reading	Charles Rice & Greg BrewerShane Burgher & Jody McCoyWalter Rice & Dan NewellBetty Jo OliverPearl Brewer & Shane Burgher

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#### The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once. No man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed, but to lose one's health is more. To lose one's soul is such a loss that no man can restore.

Today only is our own, to live, love and toil with a will.

Place no faith in tomorrow, for the clock may soon be still.

Robert Smith

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If Christians are "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20), and an effective one delivers the King's message with wisdom and diplomacy, what kind of ambassador are we?

#### FAITH IS...

# Reading the good between the lines

"You know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke."

Joshua 23:14

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"Reading between the lines" is something we all do. It's like "putting two and two together," a mental activity in which everyone engages. The difference between the person who's living by faith and the negative-thinking person is that the pessimist reads only bad news between the lines where the optimist reads good news.

Two birds—a vulture and a hummingbird—fly over the California desert. One sees a rotting carcass; the other, a fragrant flower. Each sees what it looks for!

If you are a believer and have received guidance from God Himself, you don't blind yourself to upcoming problems; but you do keep your eye on the possibilities! You never allow problems to overpower the possibilities.

The truth is you can always read either good or bad between the lines. There is something negative and something positive in every person, proposal, and project.

The most fantastic idea contains the seeds of problems as well as the seeds of possibilities!

Both success and failure exist in every project. Your vote can go either way, but you cast the deciding vote and determine the destiny positively when you choose to read the good instead of the bad.

Here is a powerful truth: What you see is what you will be. Our firmly focused imaginations tend to become self-fulfilling prophecies. The vulture finds a carcass, while the hummingbird finds honey in a flower half-hidden in a cactus behind barren roots.

God's Word tells us to believe the best in the worst of times. Question: Are you practicing positive thinking or negative thinking today?

Believe the best! And live with zest!