

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
May 11, 2014

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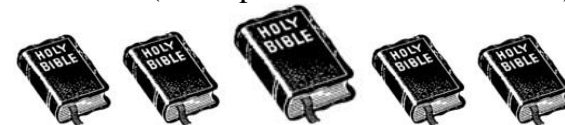
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Worship Services:

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.: What Makes a Mother Special Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: HEAR: (1st Step in the Plan of Salvation) Daniel Newell



Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

Plato

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.

Sir Winston Churchill

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for May will be Daniel Newell.

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 4th 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: Wyatt Rogers (14th)

Anniversaries this Week: Greg & Charlene Brewer (17th)

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

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie Slone, Inez Estep, and Ellaray Campbell. 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

- 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: Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Homer Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Brian Rogers
P.M. Opening PrayerBrian Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Mack Rice

May:

Communion:

Reading..... Greg Brewer
Serving..... Lonnie Dale Stewart & Dan Newell Jr.
Communion to the Sick..... Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection..... Shane Burgher & Charles Rice
Prepare Communion..... Paula Rice
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Charles Rice & Joseph Newell

Test Your Bible Knowledge

- (1) The Jewish queen of the Persian king Ahasuerus. She saved her people from a plot to destroy them.
- (2) The garden where Jesus was betrayed by Judas the night before His crucifixion.
- (3) He is called the "weeping prophet".
- (4) An affliction sent by God for punishment of sin and disobedience. There were ten sent upon the land of Egypt.
- (5) The third king of Israel and builder of the Temple in Jerusalem.

The "Me-ism" of Deism

Said the deist to his God, "Thank you for this magnificent, beautifully intricate world You have provided for me: now have a seat, and I will take it from here except for when I really need You."

Reducing our all-powerful Creator to a clockmaker or a tinkerer is dangerous, myopic, selfish and easy. Many Christians publicly espouse that God is everywhere, yet privately seem to gravitate toward the mindset that He resides only in heaven, perched atop our perceived systems of space and time, and rarely, if ever, makes a trip to this world He gave us. Our God does not need to "make trips."

God is. He exists at all times, in all places, on every plane of reality, physics and metaphysics. He is connected to all dimensions we have discovered or He put them there or as well as those we yet know not.

Often, we Christians don't quite seem to comprehend the "omni" in omnipresent. Our God defies our understanding of the physical world and its inner- and outer workings or the world He created and temporarily gave us, mind you. Our earthly knowledge belies the truth we have come to believe. Faith is organic, systemic, holistic, yet we allow our nearsighted, feeble, factual constructs of things scientific to dictate where God is.

People, by nature, are self-centered. This does not necessarily mean arrogant or narcissistic; it simply means that we base our knowledge of all things on our own perspective. When we are the center, we never have to wander far from our point of understanding. We would rather feel that we always "get it" than to feel the cognitive (or spiritual) dissonance that inherently accompanies growth, expansion and maturity. Therefore we leave God where it is safe to leave Him: detached from us, beyond the curtain that divides heaven and earth. We approach Him when we see fit, and then we leave Him there when we come back down to earth, telling Him we will be back to visit soon.

How can we pray to our God for action all the while believing He is just an observer? How can we talk with our Lord when we keep Him locked in heaven? Heaven is not ours to lock, nor is God ours to summon. We are His creation, His people, His property. Until we flip the reality of our perceptions and acknowledge that our worldly "wisdom" is wholly insufficient, we will never fully know or appreciate the God who lets us live on this earth and fills all places or yes even the secret ones or at all times.

Justin M. Williams – (Gospel Advocate, April 2014 Pg. 11)