Passion for God.....Compassion for People May 27, 2012

Dates to Remember:

Men's Business Meetings are the first Sunday of each month, immediately following morning worship. All men are invited 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 make plans to attend.

Church Singings are the second Wednesday of each month. This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

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

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Anna Vires, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie Slone, Donald & Sharon Olinger. 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 manJohn 15:13

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"He didn't say we couldn't eat the snake."



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Worship Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:)0 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship)0 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship)0 p.m.
Wednesday	-

Sunday A.M.:	The Problem of Human Suffering	M. C. Rice
Sunday P.M.:	Christ, Our Example	Daniel Newell



This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall MEDITATE in it day and night, that you may observe to DO according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."-Joshua 1:8

Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	

Prayer:

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A.M. Prayer before Worship	Walter Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Slone
P. M. Opening Prayer	Jody McCoy
P.M. Closing Prayer	Greg Brewer

May:

Communion:

Reading	Charles Rice
Serving	Jody McCoy & Shane Burgher
Communion to the Sick	Daniel Newell & Dan Newell, Jr.
Collection	Dan Newell, Jr. & Shane Burgher
Prepare Communion	Sue Rice
Van Driver	Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside	Charles Rice & Jody McCoy

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James 1:21 tells us that the "implanted word will save your soul". What have you implanted in your mind today?

Like Feathers on the Wind

Webster defines gossip as "easy, fluent, trivial talk, talk about people behind their backs." It is repeating information about another person's private affairs. If you have to look around to make sure that no one can hear what you are saying, you are gossiping. If you would not say something in front of the person you are talking about, then you are gossiping.

But it takes two to tango the gossip dance. "Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down: (Proverbs 26:20). The Bible tells us to make every effort to avoid gossipers (Proverbs 21:19, 20:19). A good rule of thumb is if you are not part of the problem or part of the solution, then keep the information to yourself.

Paul warned, "Some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and wasting time meddling in other people's business," (<u>2 Thessalonians</u>

3:11 NLT). Other translations call such people "busybodies," (NAS, NIV). And listen, putting the words, "we need to pray for so-and-so" before the gossip doesn't make the gossip any less gossip.

One day a woman felt overwhelmed with guilt over her years of malicious gossip. She went to the local minister and confessed her sin. The minister was all too aware of her wagging tongue and had experienced the sting of her words first hand....or rather second hand.

What can I do to rectify all the damage I have caused with my gossip?" she asked.

"Gather a bag of feathers," he began. "Then go around to each house and place a feather at their door."

That seemed like a simple enough request, so the woman did just as the minister had instructed. After the task was complete, she returned. "I have done what you requested," she said. "Now what am I to do?"

"Now go back and retrieve each of the feathers," he replied.

"That is impossible," the woman argued. "The wind will have blown them all around town by now."

"Exactly," replied the wise minister. "Once you have spoken an ill word, it drifts through the air on wings of gossip, never to be retrieved. God has forgiven you, as you have asked. But I cannot remove the consequences of your hurtful words or gather them from the places they have landed."

If a friend approaches you with some "news" or a "concern" about another person, stop and ask, **"May I quote you on what you're about to tell me?"** That will usually "put a lid" on the conversation before it even begins

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." <u>Psalm 19:14</u>

.....J.Jaynes