

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
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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.: The Sin of Laziness.....Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Greater Works than TheseDaniel Newell



I know in my heart that man is good.
That what is right will always eventually triumph.
And there's purpose and worth to each and every life.

Ronald Reagan

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

Dr. Seuss

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for November 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 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: Jeff Burgher (15th)

Anniversaries this Week: Willard & Angel Dunn (12th), Donald & Sharon Olinger (13th)

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

- 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: Macaroni & Cheese

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before WorshipTerry Abney
A.M. Closing Prayer Shane Burgher
P.M. Opening PrayerCharles Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer Brian Rogers

November:

Communion:

Reading Homer Rice
Serving Jody McCoy & Walter Rice
Communion to the Sick..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr.
Collection..... Charles Rice & Lonnie Dale Stewart
Prepare Communion..... Tiffany Rogers
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Walter Rice & Jody McCoy

ON PRESIDENT GARFIELD'S first Saturday in Washington as President, a member of the Cabinet insisted that a Cabinet meeting must be called...

Garfield refused on the grounds of another engagement. The Cabinet member insisted. Garfield still refused on the grounds that the other was a prior engagement. The Cabinet member then insisted that the national matter was of such grave importance that the President should break the engagement. Garfield refused. Then the Cabinet member remarked, "I should be interested to know with whom you could have an engagement so important that it could not be broken." Garfield replied, "I will be as frank as you are. My engagement is with my Lord to meet Him at His house and at His table at 10:30 tomorrow, and I shall be there." The crisis passed. The nation survived. President Garfield had been faithful to his obligation.

When Our Love for Christ Grows Weak

öBut He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healedö (Isaiah 53:5).

REACHING FORWARD NORMALLY REQUIRES LOOKING AHEAD, BUT THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH IT ALSO REQUIRES LOOKING BACK. We will not reach forward to God as lovingly as we should if we don't regularly remember the crucifixion of His Son for our sins. If, as I believe, gratitude for grace is the most powerful motivator in the world, then the cross of Christ, the greatest and, on our part, the most undeserved act of God, should move us the most.

Yet as powerful as the cross is to move us in the right direction, we tend to forget it. It fades from our minds. But that is the way it is with all things that are important to us. If their reality and their importance are not constantly refreshed, they fade. And so it's no surprise that God designed the Lord's Supper to remind us on the first day of every week that He gave His Son to die for us.

Anytime our passion for God begins to fade, the most important thing to do is return to the cross. The old, familiar hymn said it very well: öWhen my love to Christ grows weak, when for deeper faith I seek, then in thought I go to thee, Garden of Gethsemane. / When my love for man grows weak, when for stronger faith I seek, Hill of Calvary! I go to thy scenes of fear and woe. / Then to life I turn again, learning all the worth of pain, learning all the might that lies in a full self-sacrificeö (J. R. Wreford).

It is, of course, the vicarious nature of Christ's death that exerts such an emotional force upon us ö He died in our place, for our sins. öHe was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him . . . ö

Going back to the cross is a painful thing to do. No sensitive human being could think of the agony that was involved in death by crucifixion and not be gut-wrenched, but to know that our own sins made it necessary for God's Son to endure such torment makes us want to turn away from the scene in shame and sorrow. But there is no other way for us to be healed of what hurts us.

öFor him to see me mended I must see him tornö (Luci Shaw).