

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
November 30, 2014

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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.: Rob Little
Sunday P.M.: When the Lost Get to HellDaniel Newell



Determine never to be idle...It is wonderful how much
may be done if we are always doing.

Thomas Jefferson

A great city is that which has the greatest men and
women.

Walt Whitman

Items to Remember:

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

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm. Next month, on the 6th, the youth group will be singing carols at the nursing home in conjunction with the birthday celebrations.

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: None

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

- 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: Tuna/Tuna Helper

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Kyle Lucas
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Shane Burgher
P.M. Opening Prayer Rob Little
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Homer Rice

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

This and That

The church of Christ is a unique organism established by Jesus upon earth. It is comprised of those who have separated themselves from the world by acceptance and application of His teachings. They are thus made free from sin. By carefully following His example and meeting together as commanded, they grow closer to one another and to God by adhering themselves to a common cause or purpose. The church grows as each member increases knowledge and faith with works. It also increases as others are evangelized to the body by a reaching out of the disciples to others around them. This is a fulfillment of the command: **Matthew 28:19-20** ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

The church lives and succeeds as it continues as leaven in dough or a seed sewn in good soil. The fruit produced is pure and holy living that has a favorable impact on the world around it. God is magnified to the people of the earth and Jesus is recognized as the savior for everyone who believes and continues steadfastly in the teachings of Christ. It is indeed a wonderful organism that will live until Jesus returns to receive it to heaven.

Daniel Newell

Choosing Focus

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy meditate on these things (Philippians 4:8).

WE ARE COMMANDED TO CENTER OUR THOUGHTS ON THINGS THAT ARE VIRTUOUS AND PRAISEWORTHY. Living as we do in environments where there is much that lacks virtue, it is not easy to keep our thoughts filled with the kinds of things suggested by Paul. But if we are willing to pay the price required by self-discipline, there are immensely valuable benefits that come from making these things our meditation. Those who are careful about their thinking are much more pleased with the quality of their lives.

It is true that passing thoughts that are less than pure will present themselves to us on a fairly regular basis. As long as we live in the present world, there is no avoiding the temptation to think evil thoughts. But while we cannot keep these thoughts from presenting themselves to us, we can and must refuse to let them lodge in our meditations. Passing thoughts will come and go, but we are in control of the habitual patterns of our thinking, and it is these deliberate thoughts that Paul has reference to when he says, "Meditate on these things." That which we hold in our hearts and continue to reflect on is a matter of choice, and if we are serious about seeking God that choice must be made carefully.

The fact is, there are still many good things in the world that we can focus our thoughts on if we are willing to make the choice. The enemy has not so marred the world of God's creation that there are not many fine treasures left: wonderful things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. These we must seek out and learn to enjoy reflecting on. It is undeniable that our minds grow by what they feed on, and what we feed on right now will determine the characters that will carry us into eternity, for better or worse. "Good thoughts bear good fruit, bad thoughts bear bad fruit" and man is his own gardener (James Allen). Much in life depends on the simple matter of "focus," and learning to focus wisely the minds that God has given us is one of the greater challenges of the spiritual life.

As nothing is more easy than to think, so nothing is more difficult than to think well (Thomas Traherne). Gary Henry –

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