

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.: WorryMack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Seven Reasons for EncouragementDaniel Newell



Our Fall Gospel Meeting is nearing!

November 2-6

Speaker: Dan Murphy

Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast - you also miss the sense of where you are going and why.

Eddie Cantor (1892 - 1964)

Items to Remember:

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

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: Kim Hayes, Paula Rice (12th)

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, 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 Worship Charles Rice

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Lonnie Dale Stewart
A.M. Closing Prayer Terry Abney
P.M. Opening Prayer Brian Rogers
P.M. Closing Prayer Shane Burgher

October:

Communion:

Reading Kyle Lucas
Serving Rob Little & Charles Rice
Communion to the Sick Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy
Collection Walter Rice & Jody McCoy
Prepare Communion Mary Creed
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Rob Little & Greg Brewer

Salvation and the Church

It is impossible for one to be saved, pardoned, forgiven, or reconciled to God, outside of Christ. One cannot be saved without being in the church, for salvation is in, and not out, of Christ's body, the church. If one is saved he is in the church; if he is in the church, he has been saved from his past sins. For this reason the conditions of church membership and the conditions of pardon are one and the same. Since the church is the body of saved people, one must be a member of the church to be saved. If one can be saved out of Christ's church, which is the body of Christ, he can be saved out of Christ; but the Bible teaches that this is impossible, for salvation is in Christ. Hence one cannot be saved and be a Christian outside the Lord's church. Perry B. Cotham

Faith and Love Firmly Fixed

ō . . . keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal lifeō (Jude 21).

STABILITY IN OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST SPIRITUAL NEEDS. Most of us have some degree of love for Him, and we're willing to follow His lead in at least some circumstances. But our devotion to God is too variable; it is too much at the mercy of up-and-down external circumstances. We need to appropriate the hope that the Hebrew writer described as an āanchor of the soulö (Hebrews 6:19), so that at least the more extreme fluctuations are taken out of our devotion.

It is interesting, and maybe even embarrassing, to consider the kinds of things that cause our love for God to diminish. It is somewhat understandable that we lose our spiritual focus during times of stress, sickness, and so forth. But isn't it a fact that we also tend to forget God during times of ease and comfort? It almost seems that the more we have to be thankful for, the more we forget to be thankful. One reason for this is probably that when our earthly goals are being met and we're enjoying the kind of lives we want to have, we tend to attribute this to the effectiveness of our own efforts. We don't recognize our need for God's help as long as we're getting along comfortably ōwithoutö Him. In any case, however, we need to be aware of the danger posed to our devotion by both the good times and the bad. Whether a particular day is good or bad, we do not need God any more or less on that day than on any other. And the constancy of our need for God should be reflected in the constancy of our love for Him.

Without any doubt, the single greatest thing that can stabilize our attitude toward God is meditation on THE CONSTANCY WITH WHICH HE LOVES US. His faithfulness to us does not wax and wane. He continues to love us faithfully even on our worst days. By rebellious choices we may remove ourselves from the benefits of His love, to be sure, but when we turn back toward Him penitently, He is there waiting for us with a love that is no less than it ever was before. Since He is so faithful to us, how can we not be moved to be firmly fixed in our faith and love for Him who is ōthe same yesterday, today, and foreverö (Hebrews 13:8)?