## Passion for God.....Compassion for People September 7, 2014

### Items to Remember:

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

**Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations** are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm.

**Church Singing** takes place the  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

**Ladies Group Meeting** takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Reva OøHair (10<sup>th</sup>), Vincent Ray Stewart (13<sup>th</sup>), J.D. Watson (13<sup>th</sup>)

Anniversaries this Week: Lonnie Dale & Gayle Stewart (12<sup>th</sup>)

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

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• 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: Canned Fruit



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### Worship Services:



Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

## **Charles Dickens**

Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked, and never well mended.

# **Benjamin Franklin**

#### **Privileged to Serve**

Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Charles Rice

#### Prayer:

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A.M. Prayer before Worship	Lonnie Dale Stewart
A.M. Closing Prayer	Brian Rogers
P.M. Opening Prayer	Rob Little
P.M. Closing Prayer	

#### September:

Communion:	
Reading	Jody McCoy
Serving	Walter Rice & Greg Brewer
Communion to the Sick	Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr.
Collection	Dan Newell Jr. & Kyle Lucas
Prepare Communion	Jerri Lucas
Van Driver	Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside	Joseph Newell & Charles Rice

The church of Christ, in its universal sense, includes all Christians. It is the family of God; and, of course, contains all of Godøs children. There is no such thing known to the Bible as first becoming a Christian and afterwards joining the church. Some men of the present time may teach that sort of doctrine, but it has come as a result of the many religious parties and denominations which now exist, but which are all also unknown to the Bible. Certainly one may become a Christian before one joins any particular religious party, and one may live a Christian and never join any religious party or denomination; but when one becomes a Christian, one then and thereby becomes a child of God, a member of the family of God, which is the same as the church of God.

## G. C. Brewer in "The Model Church" copyright 1957

**1 Timothy 3:15**<sup>15</sup> but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

## This and That

The word prayer means to make a request, of things wished for. Prayer is mentioned throughout the Bible. The most common use of the word is to communicate wants, needs, or thanksgivings to God. Prayer is a part of our worship services when we come together. It is important to remember that our Lord taught His disciples to pray, Luke 11:1. We should make use of prayer on a regular basis. Unfortunately many people wait until there is a dire need before utilizing prayer. We can learn about the usefulness of prayer by looking at some examples of Jesus praying.

Jesus prayed to God *before* beginning His Galilean ministry. In Mark 1:35-39 Mark writes õ And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayedí . 38. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. 39. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.ö

Jesus prayed to God *before* choosing the twelve apostles. õAnd it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;ö Luke 6:12-13.

Jesus prayed to God <u>before</u> the transfiguration. õAnd it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. 29. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glisteringí ö Luke 9:28-29. They were talking about His impending death.

Jesus prayed <u>before</u> His arrest, mock trial, and crucifixion. õAnd he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42. Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.ö

Jesus used prayer to <u>prepare</u> for important things about to occur in His life. To Him, prayer was preparatory.

Think about it.

Daniel Newell