

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
September 21, 2014

**Items to Remember:**

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** are TODAY, the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker 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<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Gayle Stewart (22<sup>nd</sup>), Clara Brewer (24<sup>th</sup>), Cheryl King (26<sup>th</sup>), Pearl Brewer (27<sup>th</sup>)

**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*

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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: Pork and Beans**

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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.: Trials of Poverty and Wealth .....Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord? Enemies .....Daniel Newell



Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

**Thomas A. Edison**

I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying.

**Michael Jordan**

We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon.

**Jimmy Carter**

### Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy  
Songs of Worship .....Charles Rice

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Homer Rice  
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Kyle Lucas  
P.M. Opening Prayer ..... Brian Rogers  
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Joseph Newell

### September:

#### Communion:

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

### Our Deacons

It takes a lot to keep a congregation of 70-80 people going strong. Many people contribute to the overall success of the church. It takes working together, along with organization, to get anything done. No doubt, this is why the Lord ordained that we have officers in the church. The office of deacon is much needed to ensure things get done timely and properly. Things need fixed and supervised. Children must be taught, bills must be paid and finances need to be checked and balanced, supplies must be purchased and people needs must be taken care of. There are simply too many things to be done than any one person can handle. Our deacons do a terrific job addressing all these things and more. Please take the time to thank our deacons for the wonderful job they do.

Jody McCoy & Kyle Lucas (building and grounds), Rob Little (Classroom Instruction), Charles Rice (Youth Group) & Greg Brewer (Treasurer) deserve a pat on the back (and a little help sometimes also). Daniel Newell

### First Love:

IT IS GOOD FOR US TO RECALL THE ARDENT LOVE THAT WE HAD WHEN OUR GREAT DESIRE FOR GOD WAS NEWLY DISCOVERED. As time goes by, the demands and difficulties of earthly existence keep us busy and wear us out. If we don't frequently tend the fire of our love for God, it will die down. It is not impossible for the flame to flicker and go out altogether. Our first love for God is a fire that must be kept burning and if necessary, be rekindled.

Jesus Christ sent this message to the church in Ephesus: "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love." (Revelation 2:4) These were hardworking Christians who had made considerable sacrifices to maintain the integrity of the gospel. Yet so much time had passed since their conversion, they seemed not to remember the way they had loved the Lord at first. But the Lord remembered. And His words of warning to them recall the words that God spoke through Jeremiah to the people of Jerusalem: "I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your betrothal, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown" (Jeremiah 2:2). It is not a good thing to let slip from our memory something that God still remembers about us!

To those in Ephesus who had left their first love, Christ said, "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place - unless you repent" (Revelation 2:5). The words "remember" and "repent" should tell us that the love which the Lord desires from us is more than an elusive emotion. Ultimately, it is a love that springs from the will. And if we don't love Him as we used to, there are specific things we can do to rectify that problem. One of these would be to take some time off, go to a restful place, and remember - really REMEMBER - how we used to love God. This memory will be a refreshing, nourishing, energizing reflection on what once was and on what still can be.

"O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand: Fill our hearts, we beseech you, with such love toward you that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to your will; and grant that thus loving you, we may become daily more like you, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those that love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Brooke Foss Westcott).