

Passion for God.....Compassion for People

September 2, 2012

Dates to Remember:

Men's Business Meetings are the first Sunday of each month, immediately following morning worship. All men are invited to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend.

Church Singings are the second Wednesday of each month. This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Our sermon airs each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. ....WSKV – 104.9 FM

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Estill Vires, Donald & Sharon Olinger, Carol Meadows, Ethan Daniel, Anna Vires, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie 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

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The Church food pantry is in need of nonperishable food items. Please bring in donations as you are able. This is a ministry we can all participate in. No one should go hungry.



Pantry Item of the Week: Pasta Meals

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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 ..... 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: Who Is Wise Among You? .....M. C. Rice

Sunday P.M.: What Shall The End Be?.....Daniel Newell



"We can choke God's Word with a yawn; we can hinder the time that should be spent with God by remembering we have other things to do. 'I haven't time!' Of course, you have time! Take time, strangle some other interests, and make time to realize that the center of power in your life is the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen!

Your life won't change just by reading scriptures. Change will begin when you start to TAKE ACTION and applying what you've read.

ENTER TO WORSHIP ... Please turn off all cell phones and prepare to worship God.

## Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick.....Jody McCoy  
Songs of Worship.....selected

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship .....Alvin Goldey  
A.M. Closing Prayer .....Jody McCoy  
P. M. Opening Prayer ..... Walter Rice  
P.M. Closing Prayer ..... Terry Abney

### September:

#### Communion:

Reading .....Greg Brewer  
Serving .....Jody McCoy & Charles Rice  
Communion to the Sick..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell, Jr.  
Collection .....Shane Burgher & Walter Rice  
Prepare Communion.....Paula Rice  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside .....Shane Burgher & Pearl Brewer



The moment a thing seems wrong to, you or a person's actions to be not what you think they should be, at that moment begins your obligation and responsibility to pray for those wrongs to be righted or that person to be changed. What is wrong in your surroundings or in the people you know? Think about these things and make these matters your responsibility. Not to interfere or be a busybody, but to pray that a change may come through your influence. You may see lives altered and evils banished in time. You can become a force for good wherever you are.

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#### Just In Case

If I knew that tomorrow there would be no dawn on earth for me; that I should have gone in the dark of night into eternity, I should do so many things for those I love, but, oh, I should be happy, too, with those above. So, just in case I might be viewing morning in celestial skies, Lord bring me those who need my love today, for otherwise the night may close a door on words I meant to say, and morning had my empty house with me away.

Submitted

*praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.*  
—Psalm 30:4

True story. A church group from New Bern, North Carolina, had traveled to the Caribbean on a mission trip. As part of the week's experience, their host took them to a leper colony on the island of Tobago—proof that cruise ships and exotic getaways see only a small part of what life is really like in these tropical “paradises.”

While there, they held a worship service in the campus chapel. As you can imagine, the sight of emaciated lepers filing into their seats on the bare pews bore deeply into the mind and heart of each visitor to this unfamiliar scene.

But no memory left its mark like this one: when the visiting pastor asked if anyone in the crowd had a favorite hymn they'd like to sing, a lone patient seated awkwardly on the back row, facing away from the front, turned her body slowly and with great effort in the pastor's direction.

“Body” would perhaps be a generous description of what remained of hers. Her face had no nose, no lips. Just bare teeth, askew within a chalky skull. And yet raising her bony nub of an arm to see if she might be called on to make a request, she appealed with croaky voice, “Could we sing ‘Count Your Many Blessings’?”

Leave it to a grotesquely deformed leper to remind us that *grateful people are characterized by thankful words, while ungrateful people are given to murmuring and complaining*. Some grumble at why God puts thorns on roses. Others notice, with awe and wonder, that God has put roses among thorns. May we still sing our old familiar songs even when overwhelmed by ever-present difficulties.

*In a typical day, do you speak more words of complaint or of thankfulness? What does your response reflect about your heart?*

There is such a need for revival in the Church, and it starts with "me." I've heard it said the world will never repent until the Church (God's people) does.

