

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
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# Clay City Church of Christ

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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.: Kneel at the Cross.....Mack Rice  
Sunday P.M.: Seven Uncertainties.....Daniel Newell



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All my possessions for a moment of time.

**Queen Elizabeth I**

A tough lesson in life that one has to learn is that not everybody wishes you well.

**Dan Rather**

Duty is ours, results are God's.

**John Quincy Adams**

**Items to Remember:**

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for April 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:** Kyle Lucas (5<sup>th</sup>), Charles Rice (6<sup>th</sup>), Boone Chaney & Dewayne Estes (9<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, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe Slone, Gary Chaney. 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 Meat**

### Privileged to Serve

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

#### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Rob Little  
A.M. Closing Prayer.....Terry Abney  
P.M. Opening Prayer .....Kyle Lucas  
P.M. Closing Prayer.....Evan McCoy

#### April:

Communion:

Reading.....Walter Rice  
Serving..... Greg Brewer & Lonnie Dale Stewart  
Communion to the Sick..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr  
Collection.....Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy  
Prepare Communion..... Mary Creed  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside .....Evan McCoy & Walter Rice

### President Garfield's Appointment

James A. Garfield was a gospel preacher, Civil War general, Congressman, Senator, and President of the United States. History will never be able to judge what kind of leader he might have been because he was shot by a crazed office seeker and died after only six months in office. However, the following story might be the standard one should use in judging his conduct as President.

Early one Sunday morning, a group of party leaders came by the White House to see him and discuss a bill they thought should be passed by Congress. They were surprised when President Garfield said he had a very important appointment and would talk to them later that afternoon.

But Mr. President, one man asked, What could be more important than this? Garfield arose and walked to the door, turned to look at the party leaders, and said, Gentlemen, I have an appointment at the Lord's table. He then left with Mrs. Garfield and went to a Sunday morning worship service.

## PREACHER FIRED!!!

There are many excuses used for not assembling with the saints. Through the years, we have heard just about everything imaginable. Some folks are kept away by a rainy day while others are homebound because their pets were unruly! As one man said, "Any excuse is as good as another." Read the article and see if it is not the mindset of many in the church today.

The story was told of a preacher who began showing up late for services and even missing the prayer meeting altogether. The straw that broke the camel's back was when he did not show up at all one Lord's Day because he had taken a drive in the country to see the beautiful fall colors. The elders met and decided to fire the man. The secretary summed it all up in the minutes of the meeting by saying, "It was clear he cannot be a minister here if he insists on acting like the rest of our members!"

I suppose we would all laugh if we could not see so much truth in the notation made by the secretary. Most preachers would be fired if they tried to get away with what some of the members do. Whether we admit it or not, like it or not, we do have a "double standard." I am not suggesting, by any means that the preacher should be allowed to get by with what some of the members get by with. Neither am I suggesting that we should hold the preacher up as our standard for Christianity, even though he should strive to be a good example (1 Corinthians 11:1). What I am suggesting is that we ALL bring our lives up to the standard Christ set for us. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

May we, one, and all, act like true followers of Christ, and not try to get away with behavior that is anything less. After all, it's a losing proposition to try and get away with anything that is wrong. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

(Adapted from an article by Tom Miller)