

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
August 9, 2015

Clay City Church of Christ

Items to Remember:

- **Stanton Nursing Home Services** are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for August will be Mack Rice.
- **Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations** are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm. Next month's celebration will be on September 5th.
- **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. Next month's meeting will take place on August 14th. The topic will be "Make The Most of Your Day". This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. All ladies are welcome. Let us know if you need a ride. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays this Week: Jerri Lucas (10th), Baine Little (11th), Rachel Coffey (15th)

Anniversaries this Week: Brian & Tiffany Rogers (13th), Ricky & Mary Creed (15th)

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

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon 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 the armed forces.

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 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.: The Church.....Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Backsliding.....Daniel Newell



The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it.

George Orwell

Art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere.

G. K. Chesterton

Anger is never without Reason, but seldom with a good One. *Benjamin Franklin*

Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy
Songs of WorshipCharles Rice

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before WorshipKyle Lucas
A.M. Closing PrayerTerry Abney
P.M. Opening PrayerCharles Rice
P.M. Closing PrayerBrian Rice

August:

Communion:

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

Things Needed in the Church

by: Paul McClug

1. More open hearts and fewer open mouths. Prejudice closes the heart to the truth (Matt. 13:15, 2 Thess. 2:10). The TRUTH is the only thing which can save (John 8:32, 1 Pet. 1:24). If the heart were kept with all diligence (Prov. 4:23), it would be right before God and would speak only that which is good (Matt. 12:34).
2. More sound heads and fewer sore-heads. More lovers of truth and fewer rebel rousers. We are being plagued on every side by every kind of wild and fantastic idea. Frequently I read of young men who are set on delivering us from what they call "the bondage of orthodoxy." Many are being advised to seek God in strange and bizarre ways. The Bible says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).
3. More standing for the faith and less falling for the fanciful (Jude 3). The church has always been hurt by those who have a desire for that which is new and different. Many are constantly being blinded by such newness. But the truth never changes (Heb. 13:8, John 14:6). It is fixed, unalterable, and everlasting. Often the voices of the wise, those sound in the faith, go unheeded, while the voices of the foolish take over. Paul in 1 Cor. 16:13 says, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." The landmarks of Christianity are safely moored in the Holy Scriptures, and we must not allow them to be bypassed by modern Jeroboams. Anytime this is done, it will bring division and destruction, as it did in the days of Jeroboam and Rehoboam.

When did sports become more important than the Lord?

A few years ago my daughter was in gymnastics. She loved it. Because she was quickly identified as being gifted in this sport, the coaches started to move her up from level one to level two to pre-team and then to the club team in less than a year. With each step, she had to dedicate more of her time. What started with a one-hour practice a week turned into 13 hours a week, and this did not include the weekend gymnastics competitions. This sport was taking over her life.

The New Idol

Years ago, youth sports held an important place within a community, but there were some boundaries. Because Wednesdays and Sundays were times people went to church, the sports teams refused to compete for people's loyalty. How times have changed! Instead of families refusing to take children away from church, it has become commonplace to skip worship in order to attend the flag football championship for 9 year olds.

Attendance at sporting activities has become non-negotiable; attendance at worship is not. The same families not attending Wednesday evening services because it is too late for children will not have a problem staying at the ballpark until 10 pm on Thursday night. Families complaining of Bible study being too early in the morning muster enough energy to wake up on Sunday morning to drive three hours to participate in a travel basketball team's tournament. Parents say the budget is so tight there is no way to give on the first day of the week but have no problems dropping \$100 for private pitching lessons for the budding Major League starter. When did sports become an acceptable reason to shirk one's obligation to the Lord?

Refuse to Bow

As parents, we need to model priorities to our children's being as engaged with what our children are doing at church as we are on the field. We cannot cheer endlessly when our little one wins the MVP award but barely acknowledge our child's baptism. Every parent sends a message about priorities through actions more than words. Does Daddy attend all the volleyball games but refuses to lead in worship? Does Mommy provide transportation to the practices and games but whines about driving Sue to the teen devotional? If a sport is overtaking our time for the Lord, we need to be courageous and make the hard decision to repent. Sometimes gymnastics has to do. (Article by: Matthew W. Morine in August 2015 Gospel Advocate)