

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
August 17, 2014

# Clay City Church of Christ

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**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 Daniel Newell

**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:** Josie Watson (19<sup>th</sup>), Willard Dunn (20<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries this Week:** Vincent & Kay Stewart (21<sup>st</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:** Meal Mix & Flour

**Elders:**

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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.: Why Do I Need Saving? ..... Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: -Till I Come.....Daniel Newell



There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.

**John F. Kennedy**

To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old.

**Oliver Wendell Holmes**

## 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.....Terry Abney  
P.M. Opening Prayer ..... Brian Rogers  
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Joseph Newell

### August:

Communion:

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

## Just As I Am

By: Charlotte Elliot, William B Bradbury

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidst me come to thee  
O' Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O' Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, tho tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within, without  
O' Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because Thy promise I believe  
O' Lamb of God, I come! I come!

## Alone With God

ōAnd when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone thereö (Matthew 14:23).

IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EASY TO DO, BUT JESUS MADE THE SACRIFICES NECESSARY TO SPEND TIME IN SOLITUDE, ALONE WITH HIS FATHER. We can hardly comprehend the demands that others made on His time, nor can we imagine how tired He must have been some of those nights when He stayed up to pray. But apparently there was great value for Him in solitude. Even He, the very Son of God, needed significant time alone with the Father.

But think of it in the other direction. Even in terms of human relationships, we understand that we confer honor on those with whom we are willing to spend private time, and we withhold honor from those that we're only willing to be with in a group. What would you think if you were in a group with someone you had always wanted to talk to privately, and the group left the room? There you are, finally face to face, and after greeting you with a rather formalistic hello, that person says, öWell, I'd better be going now.ö How would you feel? How do you think God feels?

We need to hear again the words of W. D. Longstaff's familiar old hymn, öTake Time to Be Holy:ö öTake time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.ö In His teaching on prayer, Jesus emphasized the need for private, solitary prayer (Matthew 6:6). Yes, it's true that public prayer is permitted, and we have plenty of examples of Christians praying together in Acts. But let us not fail to heed Jesus' emphasis on private prayer. That is where our greatest growth comes from.

It is especially in times of pain and sorrow that we need to spend time alone with the Lord. We may also need counsel and companionship, it's true, but why are we so afraid for someone who is suffering to be alone? Are we afraid they might actually think about what is happening, see its significance, and open their hearts to God more fully? I may be wrong, but I think it's in solitude that suffering has its greatest opportunity to bless us.