

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
August 23, 2015

Clay City Church of Christ

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Items to Remember:

- **Stanton Nursing Home Services** are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for September will be announced soon.
- **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 September 11th. The topic will be determined soon. 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: Bernice Abney, Jake Rice (24th), Scottie Muncie (25th), Kathy Chaney (26th), Melissa McCoy (28th)

Anniversaries this Week: None

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: Pork and Beans

Elders:

M. C. Rice 606-663-5646
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Daniel Newell..... 859-498-7941
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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.: Building Courage to Tell Others about Christ. Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Tomorrow Daniel Newell



Happiness is as a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Idleness and lack of occupation tend - nay are dragged - towards evil.

Hippocrates

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Rob Little
A.M. Closing Prayer Kyle Lucas
P.M. Opening Prayer Terry Abney
P.M. Closing Prayer Charles Rice

August:

Communion:

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

A Spoken Word
By Ron Thomas

Proverbs 10:19 says, "In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise." Many years ago I learned that the value of a word fitly spoken penetrates powerfully. Though I learned this I did not always do what I learned. While I was in the USAF, stationed in Guam, I heard a brother in the Lord answer someone's question about why he spoke so little. He responded, "I'm tired of eating my foot." Those few words said more to me than all the philosophy classes I took in college. What is your impression of a person who seems to always be talking? My impression, sometimes, is that the person doing all or nearly all the talking doesn't have much to say, but it is going to be said anyway. The context, of course, of the circumstances (and words) will determine how this is to be interpreted. The proverb writer does not speak anything profoundly spiritual. He simply utters a truth that any mature adult can understand. I wish, though, that many adults would transfer this understanding of theirs into actions. Someone has said that if you give a man enough rope and he will hang himself. I think I'dl carry a short rope!

Impatience
By Jeff Arnette

How many times have you been in a hurry only to be slowed by someone or something?

How many times have you prayed for an answer from God only to be met with impatiently waiting until you gave up and made a decision for yourself?

The great New England preacher Phillips Brooks was known for his calm demeanor, but even he could have his patience tried at times. One day a friend observed him pacing the floor like a caged lion. "What's the trouble, Dr. Brooks?" Asked the friend. "The trouble is that I am in a hurry," he replied, "but God isn't."

Isn't that true of most of us at times in our life? We become impatient with the deliberate manner in which God operates. We want results now! We want that sapling to grow into that huge tree soon, we want to see that church grow to maturity, and we want to see that teenager who has been going astray turn their life around overnight.

I'm sure the foolish builder of Matthew 7:24-27, could have pointed out the length of time it took the other guy to cut a foundation out of bed rock, and to make his deliberate, painstaking preparations. But you know what happened when the wind and the rains came; the guy who was in a hurry was homeless!

It took Jesus three years to develop His apostles. It took eighty years to prepare Moses for leadership. It took thousands of years for the right time for God to send His son (Galatians 4:4).

And we want results yesterday. At the soonest. Are you kidding me? I wonder if the Lord operates on Greenwich Mean Time or Eastern Standard Time. I wonder who sets God's deadlines. I wonder if it wouldn't be better if we began to fit into His schedule rather than trying to crush Him into ours. "The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear" (Mark 4:28, ESV).

God has an eternity in which to do His work. Then again, we're eternal beings, too. Maybe we should work on His schedule and "wait on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

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Psalms 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.