Passion for God.....Compassion for People September 20, 2009

Dates to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Service is today at 2:30pm. Please plan to attend. Your presence provides encouragement to those who reside there. Singing will envelope a short message from God's word.

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

Church Singing is the second Wednesday of each month. Singing night is an important part of our worship. Please plan to attend. Your presence encourages others.

There may be times when we feel deflated and weakened by the affects of the world. To be sure, even great men of God have felt this way. Elijah thought his life was in jeopardy and that he alone was fighting the battles for God. However, God instructed him that He had, "reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal", Romans 11:4 Remember that there are others that are pressing forward, and, along with yourself, shall overcome the trials of life. God is able to make you stand, Romans 14:4

A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes. ~Hugh Downs

Answer to question: The Earth



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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.: Heaven	M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.: Despised and Rejected of Men	Daniel Newell

I am round but I have four corners. I have a foundation but I am hung on nothing. I am very large but small as a footstool. I have extreme heights but am known for the lower depths. There is beauty everywhere but I can be very ugly. I am spoken of highly but trampled on by feet. I am a mother and cradle many close to my heart. Who or what am I? (Answer on the back page)



Privileged to Serve

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Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney
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A.M. Prayer	Walter Rice
A.M. Prayer before Worship	
A.M. Closing Prayer	
P. M. Opening Prayer	Homer Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer	
September:	
Communion:	
Reading	Walter Rice
Serving	Terry Abney, Greg Brewer
Collection	
Prepare Communion	Carla & Josie Watson
Van Driver 9/20/09	Donald Olinger
Van Driver 9/27/09	Duwain Watson

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Paul Napier, Fred Teasley, Patricia Fetters, Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, Brian Rice, Kay Stewart, Vivian Pitman, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, all those on the church prayer list;the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

This and That

Paul was constantly thinking of the stability of the young church and her Christians. In writing to the church at Colossae he insists that "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7. They were to follow faithfully the teachings of the Jesus and the apostles. Rooted and built up brings thoughts of a majestic oak that is firmly planted in the earth and not so easily swayed by storms. The tree is forever affected by the root structure and depth that is established in its early years. As a Christian our roots go back a long way. Paul told Timothy, and us, that God, "hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," 2 Timothy 1:9. We must put down roots in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to do this we must be "stablished in the faith". This means hearing the word of God, Romans 10:17. The Bible is able to give meaning and structure to our lives. It tells us where we came from, where we are in relation to God, and what our future is going to be based upon our acceptance or neglect of the truth. A love of the truth and a corresponding reliance upon it are necessary in order to be strong in the faith. This is imperative "lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Colossians 2:8. The word "spoil" in the passage above means to be carried away as booty. The less we study the scriptures and allow them to impact us, the more likely we are to become a spoil.

The regularly scheduled Bible Studies here at Clay City church of Christ are designed to teach God's word. By attending each service in its entirety, one becomes better suited to face those persons and things that attempt to allure us away from God. Are you rooted and built up in Jesus? Are you established in the faith? Can you become stronger through study? Think about it.

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