

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
December 1, 2013

# Clay City Church of Christ

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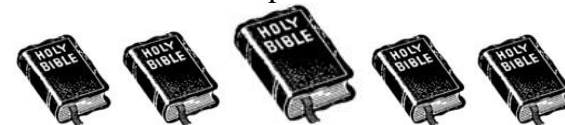
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**Worship Services:**

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.: Dealing With Pain..... Mack Rice  
Sunday P.M.: A Christian's Disposition..... Daniel Newell



The bread and fruit of the vine of the Lord's Supper are memorials of the body and blood of the Lord. We partake on the first day of the week because He rose from the dead that day. As we partake, we proclaim His death until He comes. Jesus' death, resurrection and promised return are all brought to mind.  
*Cecil May Jr.*

**Items to Remember:**

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for December will be Mack Rice. Please make plans to attend.

**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. This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

**Birthdays this Week:** Eugene Estep (7<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, Anna Vires, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie Slone, Jody McCoy, 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: Oatmeal**

## Privileged to Serve

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

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Kyle Lucas  
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Dan Newell Jr  
P.M. Opening Prayer ..... Rob Little  
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Brian Rogers

### December:

Communion:

Reading..... Jody McCoy  
Serving..... Walter Rice & Charles Rice  
Communion to the Sick..... Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy  
Collection.....Kyle Lucas & Rob Little  
Prepare Communion..... Paula Rice  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Shane Burgher & Brian Rice

## In the Know

- **Joshua 24:15**<sup>15</sup> And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my \_\_\_\_\_, we will serve the LORD.
  - children
  - Family
  - House
- **Isaiah 53:4**<sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our \_\_\_\_\_, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
  - sins
  - griefs
  - troubles
- **John 17:17**<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them through thy \_\_\_\_\_: thy word is truth.
  - word
  - righteousness
  - truth

## Special Providence

### A.B. Lipscomb

Sometimes we are asked, "Do you believe in special providence?" This is tantamount to asking, "Do you believe in the Bible?" or "Do you believe in the God of the Bible?" Can anyone accept the story of how a pillar of cloud went before the Israelites by day and a pillar of fire by night or how the sun stood still for Joshua or how the child Jesus was protected from the atrocities of the cruel Herod or how Peter was delivered from prison or how Paul was saved from shipwreck and not believe in special providence? People who believe in the Bible automatically believe in special providence. It is a case of "things equal to the same thing are equal to each other."

### The Dark Thread

In Joseph's case we note that neither innocence nor virtue nor both combined exempted him from bitter trials. His character was marked by childish innocence when he was sold into slavery and by the loftiest virtue when he was cast into prison. Yet he was the victim of the grossest injustice. It certainly tries our faith to realize that wrong is heaped upon us when we are conscious of entire integrity of motive and conduct. Nothing embitters a good man more quickly than to be falsely accused, yet he must learn to be patient under it. This thing perplexed Job greatly. It was a sore puzzle to David. He said, "For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning" (Psalm 73:14). David's unrest on account of the seeming prosperity of the wicked and the defeat of his own plans is one of the vexation problems of the ages. We might say it is the dark thread strangely interwoven into the methods of God's providence.

But this trouble has its compensations. Adversity brings out in grand development, as nothing else can, qualities of soul and attributes of character that otherwise would have remained latent. This is one of the bright spots in the dark storm cloud of war that hangs over the world. If adversity can do so much for the proud and rich, it can do for the humble child of God far more abundantly than he could ask or think, "that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7)

*(Adapted from Gospel Advocate, May 10, 1917)*