

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
December 23, 2012

Clay City Church of Christ

Dates to Remember:

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

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend.

Church Singings are the second Wednesday of each month. This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

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, 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 in need of nonperishable food items. Please bring in donations as you are able. This is a ministry we can all participate in. No one should go hungry.



Pantry Item of the Week: Vegetables

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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.: Five Truths You Dare Not Ignore.....M. C. Rice
Sunday P.M.: The Ark and the Church.....Daniel Newell



Revelation 21:1-4 ¹ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. ⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Joe Slone
A.M. Closing Prayer Alvin Goldey
P. M. Opening Prayer Kyle Lucas
P.M. Closing Prayer Joseph Newell

December:

Communion:

Reading Shane Burgher
Serving Dan Newell & Walter Rice
Communion to the Sick Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection Jody McCoy & Charles Rice
Prepare Communion Betty Jo Oliver
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Greg Brewer & Walter Rice

The story is told of David Lipscomb, a leader in the Restoration Movement, having difficulty giving scripturally. He is reported to have said that when he would attempt to give a certain amount, he would have doubts, thinking to himself, "Brother Johnson makes much more money than I do, and he gives less than I am giving."

Lipscomb realized that he was being tempted to be greedy, and he purposed in his heart to fight the temptation. He determined that each time he was tempted to give less, he would double the amount he planned to give. If he planned to give \$10 and nagging thoughts of stinginess crept in, he immediately doubled his giving to \$20. In a few short months, Lipscomb showed his bank account who was boss, and became the master of his money.

(V.P. Black, *Rust as a Witness*, 1968, 18)



Sound Doctrine: by James A. Allen

The common experience of mankind has proven it is best to obey God. All the reason in the universe shows that man should conform himself to the will of his maker. The history of the world, during its long and checkered career, has fully demonstrated that, "the way of the wicked shall perish" and that, in the end, God's truth is vindicated, while those who love it are exonerated and saved.

In all the varied fortunes of the human family, the rise and fall of nations and the ascendancy and decline of empires, those who love and obey truth have always felt the protecting hand of God. David said: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).

The institution called "the church" is the scheme of heaven to ameliorate and save the world. It is, indeed, the greatest and grandest institution ever known among men. In it are, and have been, all the wise, good and pure men and women that have ever lived on the earth. The world can never comprehend the extent to which it is indebted to the church of Jesus Christ.

All of those ennobling and uplifting energies that raise and benefit the human race in every sphere of thought, character, and action radiate from, and are exerted through, Jesus Christ. In His body, the church, alone, salvation is found. There is a feeling of security, contentment, a heaven-born peace of mind that comes to the immersed believer in Jesus to which the alien must always be a stranger.

To the church, as the tender of the gospel, "God's power to save," the Lord Messiah committed the great work of preaching it and teaching it to the tribes and peoples of the earth. "Go ye therefore," said He to His apostles, "and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The grand command, the cardinal extent of the responsibility, is to "go." To do so, the early ministers of the gospel, attaching much importance to the command, very gladly made the most rigorous sacrifices, endured dishonor, imprisonment, punishment and death.

To indoctrinate the peoples with the principles of the gospel, which alone can save, was the great aim, purpose and ambition of their lives. Whether at home or abroad, on land or sea, they remembered the command of their Lord to the apostles: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

(Adapted from the *Gospel Advocate*, March 28, 1929)