

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
December 30, 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: Soup

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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.: Leadership is from God..... Rob Little
Sunday P.M.: Be Ye Thankful Daniel Newell



John 14:1-6 (NKJV) ¹ "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Rob Little
A.M. Closing Prayer Greg Brewer
P. M. Opening Prayer Charles Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer Glenn Hayes

December:

Communion:

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

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes, Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, And all your joys
in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes, Both my joys and
sorrows I stored, But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why, And I
saw, in the base of the box, a hole, Which my sorrows had fallen
out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused, "I wonder where my
sorrows could be!"
He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're all here
with me.."

I asked God, why He gave me the boxes, Why the gold and the
black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, The black
is for you to let go."

Little Sins: by Gregory Tidwell

As we remember our heritage, we recall the fundamental
issues of our day do not differ in substance from the issues
Christians faced in the past. David Lipscomb included a short
essay on *Little Sins* in the October 5, 1871 issue of the *Gospel
Advocate*, which is just as relevant today as it was 140 years
ago:

There are two ways of coming down from a church
steeple: one is to jump down, and the other is to come down by
the steps; but both will lead you to the bottom. So, also, there
are two ways of going to hell: one is to walk into it with your eyes
open . few people do that . the other is to go down by steps of
little sins, and that way, I fear is only too common. Put up with a
few little sins, and you soon will want a few more; even a
heathen could say, "Who was content with only one sin?+ and
your course will be regularly worse each day. Well did Jeremy
Taylor describe the sin in man: "First it startles him then it
becomes pleasing, then easy, then delightful, then frequent,
then habitual, then confirmed. Then the man is impenitent, then
obstinate, and then he is damned. Reader! The devil only wants
to get the wedge of a little allowed sin in your heart, and you will
soon be all his own. Never play with fire . never trifle with little
sins+.

Error seldom comes into our lives or into the church in
one great leap. Rather, we go into error step by step. We see
this digression in a looser view toward the work and worship of
the church and in a looser view of personal morality and
individual commitment. A congregation begins using
instrumental music at social events, then in devotional settings,
and eventually in worship on the Lord's day. A family begins
using wine for special celebrations, then occasionally in their
home, and eventually embraces social drinking. No one
introducing instrumental music at a youth event says, "This is
the first step toward unauthorized worship,+just as no one thinks
of taking a glass of wine as moving down the path to
drunkenness.

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in
much.+Luke 16:10 reminds us, "and one who is dishonest in a
very little is also dishonest in much+(ESV). We must keep diligent
to remain faithful in the small things. If we do, the larger things
will take care of themselves.

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