

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
February 8, 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 February will be Daniel Newell.

**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. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

**Ladies Group Meeting** takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 7pm in the multi-purpose room at the church building. This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

**Birthdays this Week:** Kiowa Muncie (11<sup>th</sup>), Amanda Chaney (12<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, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe 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 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: Canned Meat**

### Elders:

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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.: At a Cross Road.....Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: The Passover and Christ .....Daniel Newell



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As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so life well used brings happy death.

**Leonardo da Vinci**

Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.

**Vincent van Gogh**

## Privileged to Serve

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

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Jody McCoy  
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Brian Rogers  
P.M. Opening Prayer .....Charles Rice  
P.M. Closing Prayer.....Luke Newell Jr.

### February:

Communion:

Reading.....Greg Brewer  
Serving..... Lonnie Dale Stewart & Dan Newell Jr.  
Communion to the Sick..... Mack Rice & Walter Rice  
Collection..... Shane Burgher & Kyle Lucas  
Prepare Communion..... Charlene Brewer  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Charles Rice & Joseph Newell

## Ten Suggestions for Improving Your Experience at Church Services

- 1) Make church assemblies a priority. The more meaning worship has to you, the more meaningful it will be.
- 2) Prepare yourself ahead of time. A pre-focused mind and prepared heart becomes a precept for great worship.
- 3) Be on time. Rushing in late makes it difficult to settle into meditation.
- 4) Make your worship God-centered, not man-centered. Worship is giving to God. Focus on Him.
- 5) Bring your Bible. Following along in your own Bible makes the lessons more worthwhile and beneficial.
- 6) Participate heartily in the singing. Singing not only praises God, but it also instructs others, and it makes you feel better - all at the same time!
- 7) Sit in a spot where you can pay attention. Find a place where you are free of distractions so you can concentrate on worship.
- 8) Put your all into worship. Do not give God your leftovers. He deserves only your best. You will feel better for it.
- 9) Take notes. Writing down the main points of the class lesson and sermon helps with memory and provide resources for the future. Make every effort to apply what is learned.
- 10) Be friendly. Worship is enhanced when we are closer as a family.

## Is There A Word From the Lord?

by: Lance Cordle

During the last eleven years of Judah, the people were exposed to two distinct personalities: Zedekiah the king and Jeremiah the prophet. Zedekiah was a weak and vacillating man. Whatever he saw that would promote what he thought was his best interests, he was willing to do. If that meant allowing idolatry and false prophets to flourish, he allowed them. If he thought it was best to give an impression that he was listening to God, he would try to do that too.

Jeremiah, however, was a strong and godly man. He had resolved to say and do what God wanted him to say and do. For over forty years he preached a very unpopular message. Rather than glibly stating that the king and his kingdom would last in spite of his conduct before God, Jeremiah stated that God would judge both the kingdom and the king. His steadfastness caused him to be mocked and ridiculed, manhandled and rejected. He was beaten and spent time in prison for simply speaking the truth.

Imagine the scene, then, as the weak king looked about him and saw his world slipping away (Jeremiah 37:17ff). He sent for the prophet, the prophet he knew would speak the truth. In secret the king asked, "Is there a word from the Lord?" Why ask this? Jeremiah had been proclaiming God's message for years. Did Zedekiah hope that the message had changed so it would be a little more appealing?

No such luck. Jeremiah replied, "There is!" He then said, "You will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon!" This was not exactly what Zedekiah wanted to hear. The only way out of this fate was for the king to repent and turn to God. This was something he was not willing to do.

The sad end of the story is that Jerusalem fell and Zedekiah suffered through painful atrocities. He tried to escape at night, but was unsuccessful. He was forced to watch the execution of his sons. Then his eyes were put out. Apparently one of the last things he saw, if not the last thing, was the death of his sons. He was then taken to Babylon, where he later died in prison— blind, and broken. What a waste! What a tragedy!

How much personal sorrow we could save ourselves if we would but listen to the message of God! The question is not, "Is there a word from the Lord?" but "Does it matter enough for me to change my life?"