

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
February 15, 2015

Clay City Church of Christ

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Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are TODAY, the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Daniel Newell.

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm.

Church Singing takes place the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Ladies Group Meeting takes place the 2nd 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: None

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 Vegetables

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.: The Kingdom of Heaven Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: Something to Do.....Daniel Newell



The way you overcome shyness is to become so wrapped up in something that you forget to be afraid.

Lady Bird Johnson

You can't help someone get up a hill without getting closer to the top yourself.

H. Norman Schwarzkopf

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Homer Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Shane Burgher
P.M. Opening Prayer Kyle Lucas
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Rob Little

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Communion:

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

How Great Thou Art!

Humpback whales are about 40 feet long at maturity and weigh about one ton per foot. They carry a thousand pounds of barnacles, and when they jump or breach, they extend themselves totally in the air, and then free-fall back into the ocean. You can see the splash five miles away.

Humpback whales travel down to Hawaii from Alaska every year to calve in the warm Hawaiian waters. Year after year, each family comes back to the very same place around the island. When the calves are born (they weigh about five tons), they are born breech or tail first. If they were born head first, these air-breathing mammals would drown during the birth process. As a baby whale is born, another humpback whale comes alongside and pushes it up to the surface to help the bay take his first breath of air.

The humpback whale sings a song that can be heard more than 50 miles away under water. Every one of these whales sings the same song. Each year, the song changes slightly, and every humpback whale in the world will sing that year's song. Amazing! Incredible! What a display of the wonderful creative power of our God!

In This We Groan

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven. . . . (2 Corinthians 5:1,2).

CREATED FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD BUT LIVING IN A WORLD THAT IS BROKEN BY SIN, WE FREQUENTLY FIND OURSELVES CRYING OUT FOR RELIEF. We earnestly desire, as Paul put it, to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven. And most of us have observed that groaning is not too strong a word for what we do when the troubles of this world press down upon us.

We need to be reminded that groaning is not wrong. Rather than the act of a weak person, it's often that of a strong person whose eyes are open to what has gone wrong in the world. Isn't Jesus the most notable example of how a strong person can sorrow? As He approached the tomb of His friend Lazarus, He wept (John 11:35). Then the account says that He arrived at the tomb groaning in Himself (v.38). We need to dispense with the idea that spiritually mature people never hurt and never cry.

Not only is groaning not inconsistent with godliness, here is another thing, amazing but true: *groaning is not inconsistent with joy!* The most joyous of God's people are those who deeply, and even sorrowfully, cry out for His redemption. Indeed, it's often the bitterness of groaning that makes our hope so sweet. The godly life fits the definition of "bittersweet," and it's quite appropriately compared to childbirth, an ordeal full of groaning, surely, but not without the joy that comes from hope: "The whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now" (Romans 8:22).

The Psalmist sang that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5). "In this we groan," said Paul, speaking of our fleshly bodies. But if we're faithful in our walk with God, our groaning is helping us get to our goal more fervently. *Groaning* and *earnestly desiring* are simply two sides of the same coin. The gospel, after all, is good news, but only to those who've sorrowed over their separation from God. Having obeyed the good news, they're now yearning for a final homecoming with Him, reaching forward to that day with every ache of their hearts. Gary Henry - WordPoints