

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
February 23, 2014

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 March will be Dan Newell Jr. Please make plans to attend.

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

Birthdays this Week: Alexis Blevins (27th), Betty Jo Oliver (27th)

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, Joe & Debbie Slone, Inez Estep, 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: Canned Vegetables

Elders:

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Daniel Newell..... 859-498-7941

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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.: Confidence at Christ's Coming Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: When the World's on Fire.....Daniel Newell



It is easy to be brave from a safe distance.

Aesop

I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who overcomes his enemies.

Aristotle

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Rob Little
A.M. Closing Prayer.....Kyle Lucas
P.M. Opening PrayerTerry Abney
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Shane Burgher

February:

Communion:

Reading..... Homer Rice
Serving..... Chris Chaney & Jody McCoy
Communion to the Sick..... Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy
Collection..... Kyle Lucas & Dan Newell Jr.
Prepare Communion..... Jerri Lucas
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy

Test Your Knowledge

- (1) What was the name of Jacob's first wife?
- (2) Who is the oldest man recorded in the Bible?
- (3) Who was David's best friend?
- (4) How many people were saved from the flood in the ark?
- (5) Name two men who were translated that they did not see death.

"Do I Have To?"

Neal Pollard

Though I do not hear the question as much in recent years, I think that is because people have long ago asked and answered the question and are apparently content with what they decided. Or, it is because the question never entered their minds. The question is, "Do I have to be at every church service?"

We used to use the phrase "provisionally hindered." By that was meant that circumstances beyond our control prevented our attending. Obviously, God understands when one cannot be present. This would include health problems, unavoidable work demands, flat tires, and the like. It was usually made clear, in preaching, that entertaining company, engaging in leisure activities, volunteering for overtime, kids' ballgames and the like which led one not to attend fell into the category of poor choice and misplaced priorities. Perhaps the "hireling preacher," fearing for his job, learned that to tread on that ground was dangerous! Yet, I think, because the majority of Christians have their hearts in the right place, such members settled into a lifestyle for lack of being challenged, reminded, and encouraged.

May I confess that I hate the abovementioned question? It is absolutely the wrong question to ask. Asking the question betrays a heart and attitude problem. Do I have to worship God or collectively grow in studying His word? Do I have to commune with Christ and with the saints? Do I have to stimulate my spiritual family to love and good works? Do I have to want to be here more than any other place at those proverbial "appointed times"? Frankly, I have never understood the question. Just as Jesus did not "have" to go to the cross, God did not "have" to demonstrate His love toward us as sinners, He did not "have" to have the church in His mind from eternity to give us a spiritual community to encourage us on to heaven, and He did not "have" to give us a book that will keep us unspotted from the world.

The assemblies are special. Each and every service, including Sunday and Wednesday nights, are meaningful, powerful, and fruitful-even those services that are attended at personal sacrifice of secular activities or when fatigued, depressed, or stressed.

I want you to *want* to attend. I want you to *love* going. Yet, I know my limitations. It's not *my* choice. However, it is yours. Please want to be here every time.