

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
January 18, 2015

# Clay City Church of Christ

**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 Mack Rice.

**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:** Braxden Tharp (19<sup>th</sup>), Sue Rice (22<sup>nd</sup>), Lillian Chaney, Madison Tharp (23<sup>rd</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 Beef Stew**

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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.: Blessed are the Merciful.....Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: A Rest For the People of God .....Daniel Newell



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Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected.

**Steve Jobs**

Speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall.

**Oliver Wendell Holmes**

## Privileged to Serve

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

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship ..... Kyle Lucas  
A.M. Closing Prayer ..... Brian Rogers  
P.M. Opening Prayer ..... Terry Abney  
P.M. Closing Prayer ..... Lonnie Dale Stewart

### January:

Communion:

Reading ..... Shane Burgher  
Serving ..... Homer Rice & Jody McCoy  
Communion to the Sick ..... Mack Rice & Walter Rice  
Collection ..... Dan Newell Jr. & Charles Rice  
Prepare Communion ..... Waveline Teasley  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Kyle Lucas & Shane Burgher

## God Is Love by Cindy Harrison

Love's a light on the darkest night  
That warms the cold, cold heart-  
A lighthouse for the lonely soul  
That makes the fears depart.

Love's a torch that lights the way  
When everything seems lost-  
A smile that fills an empty room  
When life is tempest tossed.

Love's a star that leads the way  
To lowly Bethlehem-  
A light that shines in every heart  
Of those who worship Him.

Love's a never-ending light  
That shines from heaven above-  
A light illumined in the heart,  
Declaring God is love!

“What happens to the hopes and dreams and wonder with which every child is born?” (Jean Grasso Fitzpatrick).

IT'S QUITE NATURAL FOR CHILDREN TO HAVE A SENSE OF WONDER. They're easily impressed and delighted, and they find great joy in being amazed. Yet, as Fitzpatrick suggests, the wonder tends to fade as children grow older. There are many reasons for this, I suppose. The older we are, the more we've seen and the more it takes to impress us. The ease with which we can communicate and travel today means that we're presented with such an intricate variety of wonders, we grow accustomed to even the most amazing things. And to top it off, we're so busy, we don't have time to be filled with wonder. We encounter some truly wondrous things, but we hurry past them so quickly that they don't have a chance to work their magic on us.

Yet it's still true that we live in a “wonderful” world: it is filled with wonders beyond count. Many of the most wonderful things that we come in contact with should still be delightful to us even though we've seen them before. And we need to help our children retain their sense of awe in the presence of these phenomena: sunrises and sunsets, full moons, mountains, oceans — and yes, even skyscrapers and theme parks! It's a true tragedy not to wonder at what's wonderful.

Yet we can't become mere thrill seekers, always looking for some new thing “out there” that's more amazing than the last thing we saw. Wonder is essentially an internal characteristic. “We carry with us the wonders we seek without us” (Sir Thomas Browne).

Yet there are external things that can help, and good art is one of them. Whether it's visual, musical, literary, or performance art, art can awe us. Joseph Conrad, the novelist, made this observation: “The artist appeals to that part of our being which is not dependent on wisdom; to that in us which is a gift and not an acquisition — and, therefore, more permanently enduring. He speaks to our capacity for delight and wonder, to the sense of mystery surrounding our lives: to our sense of pity, and beauty, and pain.” So find yourself a Beethoven, a Tolkien, or a Michelangelo and let them stir up your astonishment!

Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there  
wondering, fearing,  
Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to  
dream before.  
(Edgar Allan Poe)