

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
January 25, 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 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: Rob Little (29th), Chris Chaney (30th)

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: Saltine Crackers

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.: Blessed are the Pure in HeartMack Rice

Sunday P.M.: Another GenerationDaniel Newell



Each person must live their life as a model for others.

Rosa Parks

This land of ours cannot be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

Richard M. Nixon

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Brian Rogers
A.M. Closing PrayerWalter Rice
P.M. Opening PrayerRob Little
P.M. Closing PrayerBrian Rice

January:

Communion:

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

IMPORTANT WORDS

by Ron Adams

SIX MOST IMPORTANT WORDS: *I ADMIT I MADE A MISTAKE*

Admitting faults and shortcomings is necessary. James 5:16

It clears way for forgiveness, correction, and the restoring of relationships.

FIVE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS: *YOU DID A GOOD THING*

Recognize the good in others. Philippians 4:14

Positive reinforcement promotes good behavior.

FOUR MOST IMPORTANT WORDS: *WHAT DID YOU SAY?*

We cannot properly respond without first listening. Proverbs 18:12-13

If one doesn't listen, there is no communication.

THREE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS: *IF YOU PLEASE*

Note Philemon 8-14. Gentle requests, not demands.

Favors are acts of kindness, not payments of debt.

TWO MOST IMPORTANT WORDS: *THANK YOU*

Gratitude. Colossians 2:6-7, 3:15.

When we express thanks we show our appreciation.

ONE MOST IMPORTANT WORD: *WE*

"We" not "I" is most single important word.

Think in terms of interdependence.

Mercy

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed ô
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes.
(William Shakespeare)

ALL TOO OFTEN, WE FAIL TO LEARN THE VALUE OF MERCY UNTIL WE OURSELVES ARE IN NEED OF IT. If we've never been guilty of serious moral failure (or if we've never recognized how serious our failures are), we may be among those who major in ôjustice,ö making sure that everybody gets just what they've earned, no more and no less. But it only takes about ten minutes as a ödefendantö to realize that justice is not the only desirable quality in the world.

When a wrong is committed, there is always some sort of debt that is created. The job of a judge, in effect, is to decide whether to release the debt (mercy) or require that it be paid (justice). And anyone who's ever had to judge someone else's case knows that it's not an easy job. It takes wisdom to know when to extend mercy, and wisdom is a quality that's often in short supply. So when we find ourselves in the role of judge, it's not to be expected that we'll always get the judgment right. We can't avoid errors in judgment, but what we can do is grow. We can improve our attitude toward both justice and mercy.

To learn to be merciful, we must grow in two specific areas: *humility* and *gratitude*. If we don't have the humility to see our own faults, it's not likely that we'll be merciful toward the faults of others. And likewise, if we're not grateful for the mercy that has been shown to us, we won't see the need to pass that mercy on to others. So we must learn two things: a humble recognition of our own failures and a grateful recognition of how tolerant of those failures others have been.

Even when wisdom indicates, as it sometimes does, that mercy must be withheld, there is a sense in which our *inclination* ought to be in the direction of mercy. But when we catch ourselves saying, öI really wish I could be merciful here,ö we'd better not be lying, because life has a way of getting even with us. In the long run, we need not expect mercy ourselves if we've not been willing to be merciful to others.