

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
January 5, 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 January will be Mack Rice. 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: 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, Joe & Debbie Slone, Jody McCoy, 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: Flavored Rice

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.: A New Beginning Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: A Higher Standard.....Daniel Newell



Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

Calvin Coolidge

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Joe Slone
A.M. Closing Prayer Brian Rogers
P.M. Opening Prayer Lonnie Dale Stewart
P.M. Closing Prayer Shane Burgher

January:

Communion:
Reading
Serving
Communion to the Sick Mack Rice & Walter Rice.
Collection.....
Prepare Communion.....
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside

In the Know

- **Genesis 45:25-28** And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, ²⁶ And told him, saying, _____ *is* yet alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. ²⁷ And they told him all the words of _____, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which _____ had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: ²⁸ And Israel said, *It is* enough; _____ my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.
 - Joseph
 - Isaac
 - Benjamin
- **Matthew 5:12** Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the _____ which were before you.
 - fathers
 - prophets
 - Israelites

Issues With Authority

Pilate believed he had authority during the investigation of Jesus. Pilate's actions connoted that he thought Jesus's future was in his control. Pilate handled this precarious authority hesitantly. He pulled all the political maneuvers in an attempt to avoid sentencing Jesus. He offered another criminal to satisfy the crowd; he refused to condemn Jesus; he rendered a judgment of innocence to the crowd; and he had Jesus beaten. Finally, Pilate washed his hands of the situation and turned Christ over to be crucified. During this whole drama, Pilate believed he held the position of authority. Pilate naively thought he had authority over Christ.

The perception of authority has become blurred in our culture and even in the church. Unfortunately, those without authority believe they have control. A spirit of rebellion pervades the church. Sometimes church members defy the elders of their congregation over non-doctrinal judgment calls. Instead of submitting in optional matters, church members refuse to listen to the guidance of the shepherds. Instead of submitting to those in authority, members attempt to gain control of the church. The end result is conflict and division.

One should not be too shocked that people reject authority in the church. Children are being raised to possess the authority in the home instead of the authority resting with the mother and father. Sometimes the children are the ones running the home. The family structure functions for the benefit of the kids. Mothers and fathers go crazy trying to entertain their precious ones. The kids pick the restaurants, the vacation spots, the church ó related activities, and the recreation. The kids become the central hub. This dynamic continues into the youth group years. Parents pick congregations based on the ócoolnessö of the youth program. The teens drive congregational selection instead of biblical faithfulness. We have a generation unfamiliar with submission. The world revolves around them.

The attitude of rejecting authority is manifested in people's interaction with the biblical text. People who do not respect authority will not submit to God's commands. The Bible becomes a book of suggestions; love letters from heaven; and old, wise teachings. Like Pilate before Christ, this generation believes it has the authority, not God. But it is fooling itself.

Matthew W. Morine

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