

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
July 7, 2013

Clay City Church of Christ

Dates to Remember:

There will be a Men’s Business Meeting today, immediately following morning worship. The main topic for today’s meeting will be deacons. All men are invited to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for July will be Daniel Newell. Please make plans to attend.

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.

Our sermon airs each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.WSKV – 104.9 FM

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Anna Vires, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie Slone, Ellaray Campbell, Glen Oliver and Nathan McCoy. 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 Carrots or Corn

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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.: Living the Blues.....Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Weightier Matters of the LawDaniel Newell



Updates:

Anna Vires is doing better following the treatment of her foot and toes. She is able to walk on it a little and is scheduled for a follow-up in about a week. She appreciates everyone’s prayers.

Nathan McCoy is feeling better after getting his hand (finger) hurt this past week. Part of a finger was sewn back on and it is now splinted for two weeks. He is not complaining about pain. The McCoy’s ask for our continued prayers that it heals well without complications.

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before WorshipChris Chaney
A.M. Closing PrayerWalter Rice
P.M. Opening Prayer Kyle Lucas
P.M. Closing Prayer M C Rice

July:

Communion:

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

A Friend is a Person:

- Who will help you in the hour of sickness;
- Who will help you uphill when you are sliding down;
- Who will defend you in the hour when others speak evil of you;
- Who will believe in your innocence until you admit your guilt;
- Who will say behind your back what he says to your face;
- Who will shake hands with you wherever he meets you, even though you wear patches; and
- Who will do all these things without expecting any return.

-Dorothy C. Retsloff

This and That

How much do we love God? Jesus? the Church?

According to the New Testament we are to love God, Christ, and the church a whole lot. You see God is the creator and sustainer of everything that lives. Jesus is the Son of God and the savior of all men, especially them that believe. The church is composed of the saved and is referred to as the *body* and *bride* of Christ. There are two passages of scripture I would like to examine.

Luke 14:26: ðIf any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.ö One's father and mother should be very special to him/her. We should love our parents and help them in every way we can. As a matter of fact we are commanded to do so. But here Jesus says our love for them could be considered as dislike when compared to how much we love Him. The love we have for our spouse and children should be as great as or greater than the love we have for *anyone*. However, when compared to our love for Jesus, it could be counted as a dislike. The same is true for the love we express for our brothers and sisters.

Next I want to consider Mark 12:30: ðAnd thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:ö The heart is the center of affections. We love from the heart. Jesus said that we should love God with *all thy heart*. There should not be any of our affections that do not include God. When we love anything else it is because of a love for God. We should love God with *all thy soul*. The soul of man is the life force within him. Our entire purpose in life should be to love God and do His will. We should love God with *all thy mind*. The mind of man is the seat of intelligence and purpose. Our thinking is done here. The things we plan or purpose to accomplish should be done as a result of love for God. We should love God with *all thy strength*. The things we do daily should not zap all the strength from us so as to keep us from serving our Lord. We must put Him first in everything we do.

Now, consider how much you love God. Is it greater than the love we have for others? Do we love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength? Think about it.

Daniel Newell