

**Passion for God.....Compassion for People**  
**July 27, 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 August will be Daniel Newell

**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:** John Coffey (28<sup>th</sup>), Nathan Coffey (Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Anniversaries this Week:** Charles & Crystal Rice (Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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 Meat**

**Elders:**

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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.: Life After Salvation ..... Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: Dealing With Anxiety.....Daniel Newell



**AN OPTIMIST is a person who sees a green light everywhere, while the pessimist sees only the red stop light. But the truly wise person is colorblind.**  
**Dr. Albert Schweitzer**

**THAT BOOK (the Bible) is the rock on which this republic rests.**  
**Andrew Jackson**

### 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..... Homer Rice  
P.M. Opening Prayer ..... Lonnie Dale Stewart  
P.M. Closing Prayer.....Luke Newell Jr.

### July:

Communion:  
Reading.....Walter Rice  
Serving..... Greg Brewer & Lonnie Dale Stewart  
Communion to the Sick..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr.  
Collection..... Charles Rice & Jody McCoy  
Prepare Communion..... Waveline Teasley  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside .....Evan McCoy & Walter Rice

## Glorious Exchange

I brought Him all my sorrow  
And all my falling tears;  
I brought Him all my loneliness  
And all my wasted years.

He took them all upon Himself,  
With all my load of sin,  
And gave me in exchange  
His love, His joy, His peace within.

He took away my sorrow  
And gave me back a song;  
And now my heart can only praise  
My Savior all day long.

## The Day of Our Death Is Coming

NOT MANY THINGS IN THIS WORLD ARE CERTAIN, BUT DEATH IS ONE THAT IS. For every one of us who is living today, the day of our death is coming. We may delay it, but we can't avoid it.

There is one exception, of course, and that would be the possibility that the Lord might come back before we die. If we happen to be living at that time, we will enter upon our eternal destiny without having died physically (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

But if the Lord tarries, we will die. And since that is true, I believe it's important for us to decide HOW WE'RE GOING TO THINK ABOUT THAT REALITY. Like every other subject, our own death can be looked at from a variety of perspectives, some more comprehensive than others, and some more helpful than others. For example, is the fact that we must die a curse or a blessing, all things considered?

Surely, the answer to that question has much to do with whether or not we die in a right relationship with our Creator. But even among those who, through Christ, expect to live with God in eternity, there might be a difference of opinion about our mortality.

If mankind still lived in the sinlessness of Eden, physical immortality would be a delightful, joyous prospect. But we don't live in Eden, and in the world as it presently is, how many of us would really want to live much longer than the current human lifespan? If only a few of us could die and the rest had to live here forever, wouldn't we see those who could die as the fortunate few?

From the vantage point of the faithful Christian, the day of one's death is not such a bad day after all. In Christ, life in this world can be viewed as good (because it involves service in the noblest of causes), but death looks like an even better prospect. As Paul said, "To live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

But to look at death in this way, we must be ready to die. And to be ready to die, we must reckon realistically with the fact that THE DAY OF OUR DEATH IS COMING. If you are like me, that is a very hard thing to reckon. We know it, but it just doesn't seem real to us. "So teach us to number our days," Moses prayed, "that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalms 90:12) May our own death be real to us . . . RIGHT NOW!