

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
June 21, 2015

Clay City Church of Christ

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Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are TODAY, the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm. Next month's celebration will be on July 4.

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. Next month's meeting will take place on July 10th. The devotional will be "Fairytale Let Down". This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. All ladies are welcome. Let us know if you need a ride. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays this Week: None

Anniversaries this Week: Chris & Callie Rogers (21st), Terry & Bernice Abney (25th), Randy & Tina Sue Strange (27th)

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

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon Olinger, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe Slone, Gary Chaney. 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 the armed forces.

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 Pasta

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.: A Father's Love Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: Arise to Work.....Daniel Newell



Congratulations to Amanda and Daxten King on the birth of their daughter Mackenzie Grace, born Thursday June 18, weighing 4 pounds and 17 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.

- **Psalms 115:14-15 (KJV)** ¹⁴ The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. ¹⁵ *Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.*
- **Psalms 127:3 (NKJV)** ³ Behold, children *are* a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward.

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

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

June:

Communion:

Reading Jody McCoy
Serving Walter Rice & Greg Brewer
Communion to the Sick Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy
Collection Dan Newell Jr. & Kyle Lucas
Prepare Communion Tiffany Rogers
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Joseph Newell & Jody McCoy

The Incredible Shrinking Man

By Russ Lawson

The title sounds like a movie from the 60's doesn't it? Well, maybe the idea I have is a little like one of those. I heard a silly little joke this week that got me to thinking about life. It seems, a man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient.."

Yes, I know just how bad that joke is, but I wanted to make a point. For some of us, isn't it about time we started shrinking? Now I'm not talking about the size of your waist, but about your sense of self-importance, at least in relationship to God.

There an old favorite hymn of mine titled "None of self and all of thee." In the song there is a gradual transition, which takes place in our relationship to God. The first chorus says, "All of self and none of Thee." The second says, "Some of self and some of Thee", the third says, "Less of self and more of thee" and the last says, "None of self and all of Thee."

I believe the inspiration for the song probably came from what the apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20 where he said, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Take a look at your life. is it time you started to reduce? Reduce, that is, in dependence upon yourself, in your feelings of self-importance and started to let Christ grow in your life. You see our goal as Christians is to get to the point where we can sing to God, with conviction, "None of self and all of Thee."

ōA common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete foolsö (Douglas Adams).

WHEN YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, WHAT IS YOUR FIRST INSTINCT? Do you expect a friend or family member to fix it for you? Do you begin looking for a professional or an expert to hire? Or do you first bring your own ingenuity to bear upon the problem?

Certainly, there is a time and a place to rely upon others. Indeed, the person who is so stubborn that he won't ever ask for help (or too witless to know he needs to ask) has a serious problem. But many people have the opposite problem: that of asking too quickly for help. Today, let's think about the value of increasing our own ingenuity. If we can learn to be more imaginative and inventive, displaying more skill in solving our own problems, many benefits will come our way.

(1) *Ingenuity makes us less dependent.* When we show resourcefulness in finding solutions to our difficulties, we're able to survive in situations where no outside is available. (2) *Ingenuity helps us to take personal responsibility for our lives.* Rather than look to others to make our problems go away, we take responsibility and apply our own creativity. (3) *Since help is one of the things that is more blessed to give than to receive, we should be more interested in helping than in being helped.* Ingenuity puts us in a better position to do that. When others are in need, our ingenuity can sometimes lift their burdens.

- But finally, consider two specific areas where ingenuity can help us.

Education. For too long, many of us have assumed that it is somebody else's responsibility to educate us. But isn't education a personal project? If all you know is what you've been taught, you don't know much. So show some ingenuity in exploring ways to educate yourself!

Entertainment. A very bored society is what has resulted from the assumption that other people should keep us entertained. So I encourage you to go back to your childhood. Be ingenious. Be imaginative. Be clever and resourceful in having fun. Learn how to entertain yourself!

ōGrowing up, I didn't have a lot of toys, and personal entertainment depended on individual ingenuity and imagination. I would think up a story and go live it for an afternoonö (Terry Brooks). Gary Henry ö WordPoints.com