

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
March 10, 2013

# Clay City Church of Christ

## Dates to Remember:

**Men's Business Meeting** is the first Sunday of the month, immediately following morning worship. 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 of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for March will be Daniel Newell. Please make plans to attend.

**Church Singing** takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, the family of Estill Vires; Those undergoing medical tests, those going through personal trials, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, others 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 in need of nonperishable food items. Please bring in donations as you are able. This is a ministry we can all participate in. No one should go hungry.



**Pantry Item of the Week: Canned Meat**

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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 Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: The Good Old Days ..... Mack Rice  
Sunday P.M.: What is Truth?.....Daniel Newell



## John 18:36-38

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. <sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. <sup>38</sup> Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*.

## Privileged to Serve

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

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship ..... Brian Rogers  
A.M. Closing Prayer ..... Walter Rice  
P. M. Opening Prayer ..... Dan Newell Jr  
P.M. Closing Prayer ..... Shane Burgher

### March:

#### Communion:

Reading ..... Jody McCoy  
Serving ..... Walter Rice & Charles Rice  
Communion to the Sick ..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr  
Collection ..... Rob Little & Shane Burgher  
Prepare Communion ..... Sue Rice  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Walter Rice & Jody McCoy

## Let's Laugh a Little

A new employee came in late to work the first four days of the week. Then on the fifth day the upset foreman said, "Wait a moment, don't you know what time we start to work here?"

"No sir," said the employee, "everybody is always working when I get here."

There is the story of an ox and a donkey that worked together as a team, pulling the wagon and the plow. But the ox started playing sick to keep from working. He found it more enjoyable to lie around in the stall and eat hay. This put a double burden on the poor donkey.

One day when the ox pretended to be sick, the donkey had to pull the wagon to town and back all by himself. After the donkey got back home, the ox asked, "How did you make out?"

"Not very good," replied the donkey, "I got awfully tired." "Did the old man say anything about me?" queried the ox. "No", replied the donkey, "but he did have a long talk with the butcher."

## Patience Rewarded: (by: Willard Collins)

How long should it take for a non-Christian to learn the plan of salvation and be baptized? Most of us think a few hours should be sufficient because there are dangers in waiting too long: death of the candidate, serious incapacitating illness, loss of interest. But one retired Lipscomb teacher waited 18 years for a former student to be baptized into Christ.

In 1978, a young man, just hours after arriving in the U.S. from his native Middle Eastern home, was brought by a relative to the teacher's office with a plea that he help this boy adjust to a different language and culture. The teacher, an instructor in Bible and English, gladly accepted the request. The student, during the next four years, enrolled in every class this teacher offered and made excellent grades.

Although the Bible was completely new to this student, by listening carefully in class and reviewing the teacher's notes, he was able to give correct answers on every test. The gospel was thoroughly taught thusly. The student graciously declined to act upon what he had been taught, graduated, and later earned a master's degree and doctorate from other universities. Personal contact was never lost between the two now very dear friends.

As the years passed, no pressure for the student to change his religion was exerted, but genuine concern was always in evidence, as was respect for the teacher.

Eventually, during his annual New Year's call, the student said that he considered himself a true Christian, having repudiated his former religion. The teacher asked if the student had ever been baptized. The answer was "No. I feel quite comfortable without it." The teacher gave him a list of references on baptism, still not exerting pressure for compliance but knowing the respect the student now had for the Bible.

In a matter of days, the student called again, saying he was ready to be baptized and asking what he should do. (He had not attended any church in all the years since leaving Lipscomb.) The teacher said a preacher in his city would be contacted to baptize him. After a long silence, the student said, "But I had wanted you to baptize me." Although the distance between the two friends was more than 2,000 miles, the teacher quickly agreed to baptize his dear friend.

Why did the teacher not exert pressure for obedience sooner? The truth of the Bible had to be tested and tried by the student so as to change his view completely. Such drastic changes take time and patience, but the rewards are well worth the wait.