

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
March 1, 2015

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 March will be Daniel Newell.

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. 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. This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays this Week: Greg Brewer (3rd), Anna Rose McCoy (4th)

Anniversaries this Week: James & Hattie Jones (7th)

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

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe Slone. 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 Worshipí í í í í í í í í í í .11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worshipí í í í í í í í í í í í 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Eveningí í í í í í í í í í í í í 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: He Restoreth My Soulí í í í í í Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: How to Make the Church Strong...Daniel Newell



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Great minds have purposes, others have wishes.

Washington Irving

You cannot be a true man until you learn to obey.

Robert E. Lee, Lee to students at Washington College

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Homer Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer Kyle Lucas
P.M. Opening Prayer Rob Little
P.M. Closing Prayer Evan McCoy

March:

Communion:

Reading Charles Rice
Serving Shane Burgher & Homer Rice
Communion to the Sick Mack Rice & Homer Rice
Collection Greg Brewer & Lonnie Dale Stewart
Prepare Communion Jerri Lucas
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Greg Brewer & Rob Little

Lack of Desire

by: A. C. Quinn

Paul expresses, in simple terms, the meaning of the term "desire" in his letter to the Romans: "Brethren, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1). The salvation of his Jewish countrymen was his most ardent wish. He really wanted to see them saved. He had a longing--an insatiable craving for that outcome, and his works throughout his life attest to that desire.

The Lord's church suffers immensely today for lack of desire in those who should be the stalwarts in the faith. For instance, it is not a matter of not having qualified men to serve the church as elders. It is a matter of men not having the desire, which is a qualification in itself (I Tim. 3:1). . Too many men just don't want to serve.

The same is applicable to teaching and preaching. Capable people just don't want to do it. They don't have the desire (I Pet. 2:2). Failure to give, attend services, and all the other things that Christians should do have the same underlying problem--a lack of desire. To the contrary, God's people are to be peculiar and zealous of good works (Titus 2:14). A lack of desire kills initiative for all future growth of the church and her mission (Mark 1:15-16).

ōYou cannot serve God and mammonō

(Matthew 6:24).

THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY REACHING FORWARD IN LIFE WILL RUN INTO NO BIGGER OBSTACLE THAN òMAMMON.ō Money and material possessions, while not wrong in themselves, tend to draw our hearts and our hopes away from God, and their temptation is so powerful that none of us can say weøve mastered the difficulty. This is a problem that no human being can afford to ignore.

The problem of mammon affects every individual. When Jesus said, òYou cannot serve God and mammon,ō He was speaking to an audience that probably included more poor people than rich. The difficult decision about whom to serve, whether God or mammon, is universal. Itø the fundamental choice that every person who lives in the world must make, whether rich or poor.

Mammon has to do with *this* world. And all we have to do to òworshipō it is to make it our top priority or our main interest. Some of the man-made things in the world are evil, of course, and these should be avoided completely. But even if weøre talking about the things that God has made, all of which are good, we have to make a choice whether to worship the *creation* or the *Creator*. When we worship God, He gives us many gifts to enjoy (and then let go of) as we make our way to heaven, but if we have such a fixation on Godø gifts that He, the Giver, gets only whatø left over of our love, then weøve become worshipers of mammon.

The most foolish thing we can do is assume that weøve got it all under control. We are never in more danger that when we underestimate the power that mammon has to attract our own hearts. The fact is, it has a seductive, powerful pull on virtually every human being. And if we say weøve got our this-worldly desires under control, almost any objective person could probably look at the way we spend our time and see that we donø. When it comes to spiritual priorities versus worldly ones, many of us are attempting a juggling act that weøre not nearly skilled enough to pull off.

Gary Henry - WordPoints