

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
March 8, 2015

Clay City Church of Christ

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: Mary Creed (10th)

Anniversaries this Week: Mack & Sue Rice (12th)

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: Pork and Beans

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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.: Evangelism Emphasis.í í í í í í Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Be Convertedí í í í í í íDaniel Newell



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Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.

Dr. Seuss

No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem.

Booker T. Washington

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Lonnie Dale Stewart
A.M. Closing Prayer Brian Rogers
P.M. Opening PrayerWalter Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer Jody McCoy

March:

Communion:
ReadingCharles Rice
ServingShane Burgher & Homer Rice
Communion to the Sick..... Jody McCoy & Shane Burgher
Collection..... Greg Brewer & Lonnie Dale Stewart
Prepare Communion.....Jerri Lucas
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Greg Brewer & Rob Little

The Fish Net By Ron Thomas

When Jesus began His ministry, He began with a fish story (of sorts). Not really a fish story, but an occasion where experienced fishermen worked all night and were preparing to return, having caught nothing. Jesus sees the men returning and they were somewhat downcast as a result of an empty night. The Lord then told them to take their nets and cast them over the side for a catch; somewhat doubtful, they do it. Amazed at the catch, Peter presents himself to the Lord humbly (Luke 5:8). This, as far as Luke presents it, is the beginning of Jesus' mission to the Israelite nation. When John finishes his gospel, we are again at the lake and, again, Jesus tells the fishermen to cast their nets over the side for a catch. They do, and the catch is great (John 21:1-8). At the beginning of the Lord's mission He taught His disciples how to catch men: the net used was going to be two parts. First, it would be the message of the Lord taught; and, second, it would be the message of the Lord lived. Some, unfortunately, are better able to teach than live. In such cases, the net has sprung a leak. Let us be sure to patch nets in order that we can teach and live the gospel.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12).

WHATEVER HARDSHIPS WE MAY YET HAVE TO FACE, THE HELP OF GOD THAT HAS BROUGHT US THIS FAR IS NO SMALL THING TO BE THANKFUL FOR. Boggled down as we often are in the painful particulars of daily living, our perspective may be so confined that we suppose the bad outweighs the good. Like Job, we may wish we'd never been born (Job 3:1-26). We may question whether there is any use in trying to go forward, or whether, if we do try to go forward, there is any possibility that we'll find the help we need. But consider this: the person who is alive to ponder such questions is always a person on whom God has not given up. Without His constant grace, we would not have made it this far.

The Scriptures teach that God is not only the Creator, He is the Sustainer of life. The Hebrew writer says that God "upholds" all things by His power (Hebrews 1:3). And Paul reminded the Athenians that it is in Him that we "live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). If God ever withdrew Himself from us completely, we would in that instant cease to enjoy anything that deserves to be called "life." And very likely, in that instant we'd also be stricken with the consciousness of the good we had taken for granted, including the gift of all the time we used up questioning whether God had been good to us. It is, after all, only by God's grace that we have the "opportunity" to doubt Him.

Do we despise the grace that has upheld us? Though we have more than mere survival to be thankful for, can we not see even in this survival evidence that God is willing to help us? He has not only proven His power, but He has proven His patience with us!

A failure of gratitude is one of life's more serious failures, and one that is fraught with danger. Without God's providence, we would have been vanquished long ago. If we don't acknowledge that He has graciously watched over us in the past, we may have to learn the hard way what the diminishing of His grace means in the future (Isaiah 5:1-7). But if we will look backward with the eyes of gratitude, we can look forward with the eyes of faith.