

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
March 29, 2015

# Clay City Church of Christ

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**Elders:**

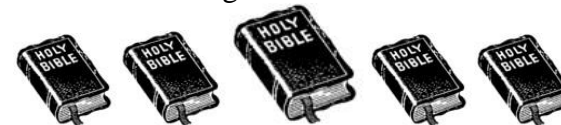
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**Worship Services:**

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.: Don't Doubt God's Ability ..... Mack Rice  
Sunday P.M.: This One Thing.....Daniel Newell



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Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on.

**Bob Newhart**

As we grow oldí the beauty steals inward.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

**Items to Remember:**

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for April will be Dan Newell Jr.

**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:** Owen Rogers (29<sup>th</sup>), Crystal Rice (30<sup>th</sup>), Felicia Estes (Apr 1), Anna Estes (Apr 2), Koda Muncie (Apr 4)

**Anniversaries this Week:** None

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, 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 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: Stuffing Mix**

## 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 .....Kyle Lucas  
P.M. Opening Prayer .....Terry Abney  
P.M. Closing Prayer .....Charles Rice

### March:

Communion:  
Reading .....Charles Rice  
Serving .....Shane 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

## Christian Point of View

by: Mel Martin

Philippians 4:6-7 "Be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

When Paul wrote the words of this text, he was in a Roman prison. From the standpoint of the world, he had ample reason to be discouraged and pessimistic. He did not, of course, know what might happen to him. The Roman authorities did not know and honor God as he did, and they were not interested in serving Him. He might have to linger in the prison for many years, or his life might be taken from him at any time.

But Paul was not thinking in terms of the world. He had long since learned to trust in the Lord (2 Timothy 1:12); and he had every reason to believe that whatever happened to him would result in God's glory and his good (Philippians 1:12; Romans 8:28). With this confidence, he could urge his brethren in Philippi to rejoice in the Lord always. So let all men know about the gentle disposition which Christians possess under the most trying circumstances. It was in this spirit that Paul wrote Philippians 4:6-7.

“For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have” (2 Corinthians 8:12).

STRANGE AS IT SOUNDS, WE ACCOMPLISH THE GREATEST THINGS SPIRITUALLY WHEN WE LEARN TO WORK WITHIN OUR LIMITS. If we expend our energy fretting about our obstacles and complaining about our limitations, we do little lasting good; yet when we accept our limits and get busy gratefully doing what we *can* do, productive things start to happen.

On one hand, the realization that God doesn't expect of us anything we can't do should relieve us of a great deal of stress. But on the other hand, the realization that God does expect of us what we can do ought to be a stimulant. When the time for judgment comes, our Judge will be concerned with what we've done with our abilities, the possibilities He placed before us. Even now, we can already see the harm that has come from failing to do little things in a timely fashion, things that were certainly doable at the moment we chose not to do them. A human lifetime eventually accumulates from these moments, and eternity will be the ultimate outworking of all these choices we're making right now.

If we're serious about making spiritual progress, one of the most helpful things we can do is to meditate on the virtue of “resourcefulness.” One old-fashioned definition says that resourcefulness is “figuring out how to do a lot with a little.” In regard to spiritual things, we surely do need to be more resourceful, don't we? Teddy Roosevelt used to say, “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” Applying that good advice to our spiritual lives, we can learn to grasp the simple, doable things that lie right before us and resourcefully squeeze the maximum good out of each moment. We grow toward God by just such steps.

British writer Lawrence Durrell once said in an interview, “It's idle to strive for things out of your reach, just as it's utterly immoral to be slothful about the qualities you have.” This principle is as true in the spiritual life as it is in the craft of writing. If a thing is not possible, neither is it necessary. What is necessary is the doing of what we *can* do.

“I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do” (Edward Everett Hale).