

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
May 5, 2013

Clay City Church of Christ

Dates to Remember:

There will be a Men's Business Meeting the second Sunday of MAY, 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 the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for May will be Mack Rice. Please make plans to attend.

Church Singing takes place the 2nd 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, Ellaray Campbell, 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 in need of nonperishable food items. Please bring in donations as you are able.



Pantry Item of the Week: Macaroni and Cheese

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Worship Services This Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: Guest Speaker.....Phillip Rainwater
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Our Spring Gospel Meeting begins today. Our Speaker will be Brother Phillip Rainwater. Bro. Rainwater has been with us several times in the past and has always brought interesting and thought provoking lessons. Please clear your evening schedule as much as possible to be with us through Thursday night. Also, think of someone you may invite to the services this week. We do offer van service for those in the Stanton-Clay City area. Please let Shane, Mack or Daniel know if you or someone else needs a ride.

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Kyle Lucas
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Brian Rogers
P. M. Opening Prayer Jody McCoy
P.M. Closing Prayer.....Chris Chaney

May:

Communion:

Reading..... Greg Brewer
Serving..... Rob Little & Dan Newell
Communion to the Sick..... Jody McCoy & Shane Burgher
Collection..... Shane Burgher & Charles Rice
Prepare Communion..... Bettyjo Oliver
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Charles Rice & Pearl Brewer

Youth Group

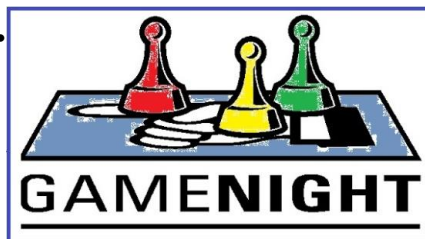
Game Night: Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and fun games, including Bible Trivia!

Devotional Topic: “Keep Your Head in the Game!”

Date: Saturday, May 11th

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: Multi-purpose room at the church building.



Consumer Religion Versus Christianity

When recently asked for their religious preference, fewer members of the “culturally relevant” churches called themselves “Christians” (*Christianity Today*). This does not surprise us, for Jesus does not bless those who strive to keep up with the culture. He blesses those who lose their lives in following Him. Many members today want a “consumer friendly” church that will meet their needs. Jesus considers such thinking an anti-gospel attitude of the flesh.

God's power is released only through the gospel of daily cross-bearing (Romans 1:16), which is reprehensible to the flesh. Did Jesus not warn that only the minority travel the road of self-denial? In their carnal desire to *please* rather than *deny* self, many church members demand a church “of their choice”. They want a church that provides good programs for all members, that is staffed by professionals who put on star-studded worship services of loud music and entertainment, and that know how to make all church activities fun, feel-good experiences.

What a contrast to brothers and sisters who assemble around the world under the threat of persecution! They walk or ride bicycles in the hot, blazing sun for miles to meet in a small, dimly lit room with no AC. They have no padded pews to sit on. They meet with open Bibles to study the Word of God, which they love - the very Word that threatens to send them to prison or have their tongues cut out to silence them from sharing the message so near and so dear to their hearts!

These Christians are today's real heroes of faith. They have answered the call of the Spirit to take up their crosses daily and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). They know the peace that comes from counting themselves crucified with Christ (Romans 6:11). They have found such pure love and joy in Jesus that they have no need for worldly amusements. They know that only when they are dead to the world can Jesus live His new life of the Spirit through them (Galatians 2:20). They know that His joy, peace, and love are worth dying for (spiritually and physically)!

Perhaps our brothers and sisters in developing nations have found a greater treasure than we Americans have found in our bank accounts. May we also discover their “hidden treasure” and be willing to sell all we have to purchase it (cf. Matthew 13:44)!

Ralph A. Weinhold (*Gospel Advocate*, May 2013)