

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
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# Clay City Church of Christ

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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.: Jesus and the Mothers ..... Mack Rice  
Sunday P.M.: I Know That The Lord Is Great.....Daniel Newell



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Our spring Gospel Meeting concluded this past week. We would like to thank Brother Jack Hall for the wonderful sermons he brought to our hearing. As always, he did an outstanding job. We would also like to thank all of you for your attendance and for inviting others to join us. Gospel meetings are a great investment in our congregation for edification and soul-winning. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile ministry.

**Items to Remember:**

**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.

**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:** Terry Tharp (10<sup>th</sup>), Wyatt Rogers (14<sup>th</sup>)

**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: Meal and Flour**

### Privileged to Serve

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

#### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Terry Abney  
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Jody McCoy  
P.M. Opening Prayer .....Kyle Lucas  
P.M. Closing Prayer.....Luke Newell Jr.

#### May:

Communion:  
Reading..... Rob Little  
Serving..... Charles Rice & Shane Burgher  
Communion to the Sick..... Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy  
Collection..... Jody McCoy & Walter Rice  
Prepare Communion..... Waveline Teasley  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Ian McCoy & Bailey Little

### *Love and Pet Me Now*

**T.B. Larimore (1843-1929)**

Take my withered hand in yours,  
Children of my soul;  
Mother's heart is craving love;  
Mother's growing old.  
See, the snows of many years  
Crown my furrowed brow;  
As love loved and petted you,  
Love and pet me now.

Take my withered hand in yours,  
Hold them close and strong;  
Cheer me with a fond caress,  
It will not be for long;  
Youth immortal soon will crown  
With its wreath my brow,  
As love loved and petted you  
Love and pet me now.

When James A. Garfield was president of Hiram College, a father brought his son to enroll him in higher education pursuits. After reviewing what would be required, and wishing for a shorter course of study for the boy, the father said to Mr. Garfield, "The boy can never take all that in. He wants to get through quicker. Can you arrange it for him?" Garfield was quick to respond, "Oh yes. He can take a short course. It all depends upon what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak, He takes a hundred years, but He only takes two months to make a squash."

Many often dream of and sometimes even expect to grow to spiritual maturity in a very short time. However, there are no short-cuts when it comes to spiritual development and maturity. Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness of Midian preparing to be the one to lead God's people out of Egypt. Jesus spent 30 years preparing for his 3 year ministry. It takes 20 years to be considered an adult, and many more years to actually become a mature adult. Why then are we surprised that it takes a considerable amount of time to reach spiritual maturity?

Yet even time itself does not ensure maturity. The writer of Hebrews pointed out that there were some Christians who ought to be mature enough to be teaching others, but were, in fact, still needing to be bottle-fed themselves on milk (the elementary principles of God's word - Heb. 5:12-14). Some of these baby Christians had been Christians close to 30 years. Can you imagine? 30 years and still not mature enough to feed on meat; they still needed milk. Sad, isn't it?!

Spiritual growth requires a steady diet of God's word. Peter, addressing this same subject, wrote, "like new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation" (1 Peter 2:2). Paul adds that by "speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him" (Eph. 4:15).

Learning takes place in consistent, regular, small doses. Many years ago, a friend of mine, Dan Lightfoot, said that he doesn't remember what he learned on any given day during his school days, but he knows each day a little progress was made. That's why regular Bible study is so important. That's also why God wants parents to teach their children His ways as they go about their daily activities (Deut. 6:6-9). Just 15 minutes of focused Bible study each day will pay rich rewards. There are no short-cuts. Do you want to be an oak or a squash?