

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
May 17, 2015

Clay City Church of Christ

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Items to Remember:

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

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: Walter Rice (22nd)

Anniversaries this Week: Greg & Charlene Brewer (17th)

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: Green Beans

Elders:

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Daniel Newell..... 859-498-7941

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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.: Godø Holy Hill Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: This is the Message Daniel Newell



Gardens are not made by sitting in the shade.

Rudyard Kipling

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes.

Washington Irving

For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others. **Nelson Mandela**

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Kyle Lucas
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Homer Rice
P.M. Opening Prayer Lonnie Dale Stewart
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Joseph Newell

May:

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

LITTLE THINGS

He stooped to pat a small dog's head--
A tiny thing to do;
And yet the dog, remembering,
Was glad the whole day through.
He gave a rose into the hand Of one who loved it
much; '
Twas just a rose--but, oh the joy That lay in its soft
touch!

He spoke a word so tenderly--
A word's a wee, small thing;
And yet it stirred a weary heart,
To hope again and sing!

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- Don't compare your goodness with other men's goodness, but with the goodness of the Man from Galilee.
- There are no losers with Christ and no winners with the devil

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).

THERE IS NO PLACE IN GOD'S KINGDOM FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SPIRITUAL POVERTY. Although we cannot see the depth of our need as fully as God sees it, we certainly can see something of it if we will open our eyes. The kingdom is for the honest. If we pretend to be full even though we are truly empty, our seeking of God will come to no good end.

As individual human beings, we are desperate to believe two things: (1) that we are worth something, and (2) that we are going to have what we need. Larry Crabb has helpfully described these as our needs for *significance* and *security*. We simply do not have any deeper needs. On an average day, most of our time is spent pursuing these things, and we've been endlessly creative in our efforts to get them on our own, apart from God. It turns out, however, that He is the only real source of significance and security open to us. And not only that, His plan requires us to admit the total failure of our own previous attempts at these things.

Yet rather than abandon our futile attempts to fill our own needs, we often try to bring these with us when we come to God, as if we think we've been partially successful in filling ourselves up and we just need God to supply the last little bit. This problem of coming to God thinking that we are already partly full is an old problem. Concerning some, Paul said, "For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:2,3). It is hard to admit the failure of our own systems and to come to God with a brokenhearted sense of our need, our poverty, and our emptiness.

But as painful as it is to admit our total bankruptcy before God, there is no other way to be receptive to Him. "In my hand no price I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling" (Augustus M. Toplady). It is only when our vessel has been drained of its last dregs that it is ready to be filled anew. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." "Only those who see themselves as utterly destitute can fully appreciate the grace of God" (Erwin W. Lutzer).