

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
November 23, 2014

Clay City Church of Christ

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Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for December 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:

Anniversaries this Week:

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: Kool-Aid & Sugar

Elders:

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mackrice45@gmail.com

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.: The Open Books Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Are We Self-Righteous? Daniel Newell



All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

Charles Dickens

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 Rice
P.M. Opening Prayer Rob Little
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Joseph Newell

November:

Communion:

Reading..... Homer Rice
Serving..... Jody McCoy & Walter Rice
Communion to the Sick..... Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection..... Charles Rice & Lonnie Dale Stewart
Prepare Communion..... Tiffany Rogers
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Walter Rice & Jody McCoy

This and That

Doctrine. What is it? Where is it found? Is it important? These questions beg for an answer. Rather than be indifferent to doctrine we should be diligent enough to answer these questions.

First of all, doctrine is defined as *teaching*. That answers the 1st question, what is it? We are taught many things as we grow up and into adulthood. So far as this article is concerned, we are talking of the teachings of Jesus. Mark 4:2
“And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine”

Where is it found? In John 7:16, Jesus made the following statement: “My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.” This indicates that his teachings are found in God’s word.

Is it important? The 1st disciples continued steadfastly in it, Acts 2:42. The Romans obeyed it from the heart, Romans 6:16. Paul told Timothy to give attention to doctrine, continue in the doctrine, and the scriptures given by God’s inspiration contain the doctrine, 1 and 2 Timothy. It was said many years ago that we preached too much *doctrinal* gospel. By this it was meant that we stressed (argued for) church scriptures, Godly living, discipline, and fundamental truths too much. Folks, it looks like we ought to get back to that, for it was such that made the church strong and available for our generation. *D. Newell*

“There is no right without a parallel duty, no liberty without the supremacy of law, no high destiny without earnest perseverance, no greatness without self-denial” (Francis Lieber).

DOING OUR “DUTY” PROBABLY SOUNDS LIKE A DREARY CHORE, BUT PROPERLY CONCEIVED, OUR DUTIES ARE AMONG OUR HIGHEST PRIVILEGES. And in a culture where freedom often pushes duty aside, we need to be reminded of the need for duty. Without a sense of duty, our freedoms will soon get away from us.

Most of us engage in what T. S. Eliot called the “endless struggle” to think well of ourselves. We want to in fact, we need to be able to see ourselves in a favorable light. But how can we do that? There is only one way, really, and that is by paying serious attention to our conscience and doing our duty. Goethe was exactly right: “How shall we learn to know ourselves? By reflection? Never, but only through action. Strive to do your duty, and you will know what is in you.”

There is no better gift we can give to our loved ones than to discharge our responsibilities faithfully, not only to them but also to others. When people know that we can be trusted to do what we should, no matter what, then their relationship with us is surrounded and supported by trust. Not needing to wonder what we might do (or not do), our family and friends can relax in their relationship with us.

Chauncey Wright wrote, “What a fearful object a long-neglected duty gets to be.” I agree. There is nothing so tiring as the constant hanging on of some responsibility that we’ve been putting off. If you have ever finally stepped up to a duty and done something that you had been procrastinating for a long time, you know the wonderful feeling of freedom that results. So there is much to be said not only for doing what we should, but for doing it in a timely fashion: today!

On special occasions, duty can be a “big” thing, but more often it is ordinary. It consists of doing the many “little” things that each day’s work places before us. So if you think you can default on your daily duties but still have the character to do what is right when the big occasion arrives and you are in the spotlight, you are sadly mistaken.

“Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones” (Phillips Brooks).