

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
August 4, 2013

# Clay City Church of Christ

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### Items to Remember:

**Deacon Nomination:** Thank you for submitting your nomination forms. The drop box will be removed from the foyer table at the end of services tonight. The elders will then review the forms and contact the nominees for interviews. This is necessary to confirm eligibility and interest. The names of those meeting the qualifications will then be presented to the congregation for review.

**Stanton Nursing Home Services** are the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for August will be Dan Newell Jr. Please make plans to attend.

**Church Singing** takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Glen Oliver, and Nathan McCoy. 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: Canned Meat**

### Elders:

M. C. Rice ..... 606-663-5646  
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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.: Slightly Healed ..... Mack Rice  
 Sunday P.M.: The Seven Principles of Truth.....Daniel Newell



Our Fall Meeting has been scheduled:

Dates: October 6-10

Speaker: Jerry Sturgill

Jerry is the Associate Minister and also a Deacon at the Flatwoods Church of Christ in Flatwoods, Ky.

## Privileged to Serve

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

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Kyle Lucas  
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Joe Slone  
P.M. Opening Prayer .....Terry Abney  
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Dan Newell Jr

### August:

#### Communion:

Reading..... Dan Newell Jr  
Serving..... Greg Brewer & Rob Little  
Communion to the Sick..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr  
Collection..... Walter Rice &  
Prepare Communion..... Sue Rice  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside .....& Shane Burgher

## In the Know

- Acts 10:48: "And he \_\_\_\_\_ them to be baptized"
  - suggested
  - approved
  - commanded
- Genesis 6:8: "But Noah found \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the Lord"
  - favor
  - grace
  - salvation
- Romans 6:12: "Let not \_\_\_\_\_ reign in your mortal body".
  - lust
  - sin
  - greed
- John 11:25: "I am the \_\_\_\_\_, and the life."
  - light
  - Lord
  - resurrection

## Boring Worship

We're told that we need something more exciting in worship. The "traditional" way of worshiping God is boring and outdated. We need something more contemporary.

Good friends, since when is praising God a matter of personal preference and human approval? From what we can see in the Bible, anytime man has tampered with worship (as defined by God) he has always messed it up. At the dawn of time, Cain tried to reinvent worship services for God. Whatever God had expected of humans at that time had become insufficient from Cain's point of view. His brother, Abel, remained true to God's word and worshiped by faith in it (Heb. 11:4). But Cain wanted something new and different. The result? *"The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering"* (Gen. 4:4-5). Cain was guilty of sin (v. 7; 1 John 3:12).

When Jeroboam feared the loss of his kingdom, he reinvented worship for the Jews associated with him. He changed everything in public worship (as defined by the Law) to a pattern more appealing to the masses (1 Kings 12:25-33). The result? *"This thing became a sin"* for the people (v. 30).

Jesus taught, *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"* (John 4:24). We must mean what we say and say what we mean in worship....as we follow God's word. We don't get to determine the activities of worship; Jesus is the only One with all authority (Matt. 28:18). Everything we do in worship must be defined by Him as taught by His apostles (Col. 3:17; Acts 2:42). If it's not found in the New Testament we are worshiping in ways not acceptable to God, as did Cain and Jeroboam. Worship is a service to God, not a "serve us" of our senses and opinions. The only One qualified to determine if our worship is exciting or not is God, not sinful man who is unworthy of God's presence. **-Mike Thomas**

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