

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
April 18, 2010

Clay City Church of Christ

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Please be Reminded:

Men’s Business Meeting is the first Sunday of the month, immediately following morning worship. The meeting takes place in the all-purpose room. Plan to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

Stanton Nursing Home Services will be the third Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for April will be M. C. Rice. Please make plans to attend.

Church Singing is the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM. This is an opportunity to praise God together in song. You may also request that a particular song be sung. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

WSKV Radio8:30 a.m. each Sunday Morning

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Anna Vires and Family, Waveline Teasley and Family, Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, Brian Rice, Sharon and Donald Olinger, Reva O’Hair, Beth Pittman, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, all those on the church prayer list.

.....*the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16*

- Our website has been up for nearly two years now. We still need to complete the “Our History” portion of the site. This is to inform those who visit about how we started meeting together, the when, where, who, etc. Please help complete this. If you could write something down on paper and give it to Daniel Newell, it would be greatly appreciated.
- For the next 12 Wednesday nights (except the 2nd and 5th) we will have a special presentation from Apologetics Press. See Daniel Newell for more details.

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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 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: God is Able..... M.C. Rice
 Sunday P.M.: 22 Points to Ponder on Baptism # 2 ...Daniel Newell

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:15-16



Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick.....	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney
A.M. Prayer	Dan Newell Jr.
A.M. Prayer before Worship.....	Joe Slone
A.M. Closing Prayer	Homer Rice
P. M. Opening Prayer	Charles Mack Rice.
P.M. Closing Prayer.....	Jody McCoy.

April:

Communion:

Reading	Jody McCoy
Serving	Walter Rice, Joe Slone.
Collection	Shane Burgher, Pearl Brewer
Communion to Sick	Shane Burgher, Jody McCoy
Prepare Communion	Carla Watson, Josie Watson
Van Driver 4/18/10.....	Duwain Watson
Van Driver 4/25/10.....	Greg Brewer
Cleaning Outside	Joe Slone, Greg Brewer

The (rapture) theory alleges that there are two comings of the Lord, at the end of this age. The first has Him appearing in the clouds, but not to the earth itself, and that at His appearance the saints will be caught up to meet Him and to remain with Him during the “tribulation”, which is envisioned as a time of great trouble here on earth. The “tribulation”, according to this view will last seven years, following which the Lord will come “with” His saints (the first coming, they say, was “for” them), and the thousand years reign of Christ begins. 1st Thessalonians 4:14-17 is the passage relied on by them to sustain their view of the first coming, and they cite Matthew 24:21 in support of their “tribulation” theory.

Even the most casual reading of the chapter (Matt. 24) shows the utter and complete falsity of their position. Not only does 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 provide no support for the “rapture” theory, it proves it to be positively false. Before *any* are caught up, faithful saints will arise, and all together will go forth to meet the Lord “in the air”, and thus evermore to be with Him. *Guy N. Woods, Questions and Answers Vol. 2, pages 177-178.*

This and That

The word prayer means to make a request, of things wished for. Prayer is mentioned throughout the Bible. The most common use of the word is to communicate wants, needs, or thanksgivings to God. Prayer is a part of our worship services when we come together. It is important to remember that our Lord taught His disciples to pray, Luke 11:1. We should make use of prayer on a regular basis. Unfortunately many people wait until there is a dire need before utilizing prayer. We can learn about the usefulness of prayer by looking at some examples of Jesus praying.

Jesus prayed to God *before* beginning His Galilean ministry. In Mark 1:35-39 Mark writes “ And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.... 38. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. 39. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.”

Jesus prayed to God *before* choosing the twelve apostles. “And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;” Luke 6:12-13.

Jesus prayed to God *before* the transfiguration. “And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. 29. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering...” Luke 9:28-29. They were talking about His impending death.

Jesus prayed *before* His arrest, mock trial, and crucifixion. “And he was withdrawn from them about a stone’s cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42. Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

Jesus used prayer to *prepare* for important things about to occur in His life. To Him, prayer was preparatory.

Think about it.

Daniel Newell