

**Passion for God.....Compassion for People
December 20, 2009**

Clay City Church of Christ

P. O. Box 492
5719 Main Street
Clay City, Kentucky 40312
606-663-0388

<http://www.online-claycity.com>

Dates to Remember:

Men's Business Meeting's are the first Sunday of each month, immediately following morning worship. Plan to attend and be a part of the decision making process of the congregation.

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Please join us in making our congregation a light in the community.

Our Church Singing is this the second Wednesday night of each month. Singing night is an important part of our worship. Please plan to attend. Your presence encourages others.

Radio Our weekly sermons are taped for broadcast and can be heard each Sunday morning, beginning at 8:30. Please make an effort to listen to our lesson on the air. You may pick up a message you missed the first time around. **WSKV – 104.9 FM**

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Paul Napier, Fred Teasley, Patricia Feters, Kay Stewart, Sharon Olinger; Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, all those on the church prayer list; Our men and women serving in Iraq and other war torn areas.
Greater love hath no man.....John 15:13

When you flee temptations, don't leave a forwarding address.

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22

**Please remember our sick and shut-ins.
One phone call does make a difference**

Ministers:

M. C. Rice 606-663-5646
mackrice@hotmail.com
Daniel Newell..... 859-498-7941
danieldaisy@bellsouth.net

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.: If You Have One More Day to Live(2)..... M.C. Rice
Sunday P.M.: I Believe in Jesus..... Daniel Newell

We trust that God will be pleased with our worship and pray that attending today will strengthen each of you. We welcome our visitors and invite you to join us again at every service. We appreciate your presence today. May God's richest blessings be yours all week long.

WELCOME



TO WORSHIP

Privileged to Serve

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

December

Communion:

Reading	Homer Rice
Serving	Jody McCoy, Walter Rice
Collection	Pearl Brewer, Shane Burgher
Prepare Communion	Sue, Amber & Amanda
Van Driver 12/20/09.....	Duwain Watson
Van Driver 12/27/09.....	Greg Brewer

Prayer is mankind's link with God. And though it may seem difficult and mysterious at times, prayer is simply talking to the heavenly Father. Give prayer a chance, you'll find that it becomes a vital part of your everyday life. Whether our prayers are happy, sad, angry, or loving, whether they're done while kneeling, standing, or sitting, God is always listening, wanting to answer our requests in His perfect time.

Pray without ceasing..... Thessalonians 5:17

Even as a child, Lord, I knew that things go wrong. Parents divorce, love is lost, pets die, and friends betray. As an adult, I know there are many things I cannot control, no matter how hard I try, and many of life's events break my heart. But still I hope, because through it all I have You. You can heal even the deepest loss. Thank you for this hope, for allowing me to lean on You in the bad times. With hope, anything is possible.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

Ps. 71:5



This and That

The word heaven or heavenly is mentioned eighty-four times in the book of Matthew, more than any of the other gospels. Therefore one would assume that it is of primary importance to those who are recipients of the gospel. According to the Apostle Paul there are at least three heavens. He says in 2 Corinthians 12:2, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one *caught up to the third heaven.*"

It is generally agreed that the first heaven is where the weather of earth is generated and manifests itself. This is usually referred to as the sky. In God's creation He said, "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.", Genesis 1:20. David, in rehearsing the greatness of God says, "For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. 11. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.", Psalms 57:10-11.

The second heaven is generally thought to be where the celestial bodies reside. "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; *and all the host of them* by the breath of his mouth.", Psalms 33:6. Also, when God appeared to Abraham and promised to bless him and his seed, God said, "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.", Genesis 15:5.

The third heaven is the place where God resides. "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.", Ecclesiastes 5:2. Back to the beginning text, after Paul had said one was caught up the third heaven, he said the one was "caught up into paradise", 2 Corinthians 12:4. Here the word paradise means heaven.

God wants us to dwell with him in heaven. This is why He created the Church, which is referred to as the *kingdom of heaven*. To those at Colossae, Paul speaks of *the hope laid up for you in heaven*, Colossians 1:5. This hope is eternal life. Think about it.

Daniel

Newell

