Passion for God .....Compassion for People Clay City Church of Christ **February 8, 2009** 

# **Dates to Remember:**

Men's Business Meetings 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 each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Please join us in making our congregation a light in the community.

Our Church Singing is 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 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

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Food Pantry: 23 families were blessed with food from our pantry during the holiday season. Please help restock our food pantry, so that we may help those less fortunate.

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Remind your friends of our free Bible Correspondence Course. If it has been some time since you have taken this course - why not consider taking it again as a refresher course?



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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.: The Prodigal Son	Brian Rice
Sunday P.M.: The "I Am's" of Jesus	Daniel Newell
Wednesday:	Singing

We are simply Christians without being members of any denomination. We accept the Scriptures as our only authority in religious matters. Please join us in worship often.





Announcements and Sick	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney

A.M. Prayer	Glen Hayes
A.M. Prayer before Worship	
A.M. Closing Prayer	Jody McCoy
P. M. Opening Prayer	M.C. Rice
P.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Newell

## February

Communion:

Reading	Jody McCoy
Serving	Joe Slone, Brian Rice
Collection	Willard Dunn, Dan Newell
Communion To The Sick	Brian Rice, Terry Abney
Prepare Communion	Bernice Abney, Betty Jo Hash
Cleaning Outside	Shane and Harold Burgher
Van Driver 2/8/09	Brian Rice
Van Driver 2/15/09	Duwain Watson

# **Please Lift Up In Prayer:**

Paul and Sue Napier, Fred Teasley, Patricia Fetters, Reva O'Hair, Anna Vires, Ellaray Campbell, Correne Hatton; Sharon Olinger, Kay Stewart, Pauline Powell, Luke and Dorothy Newell, Joe and Debbie Slone, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, all those on the church prayer list; and

Our men and women serving in Iraq and other war torn areas. Greater love hath no man.....John 15:13

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And I am convinced nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow--not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below--indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 NLT

### This and That

We read in Genesis chapter 22 of the testing of Abraham's faith. He was asked to offer his son as a burnt sacrifice to God. Of course, God did not intend for Abraham to literally follow through with the request. He wanted Abraham to realize the fullest expression of faith. A great test of faith must have been, when in verse 7, his son makes the following inquiry, "Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" What would be Abraham's response? He knew the reason for the journey. He must have fought back intense emotions. However, Abraham's response was this, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together." This God did, as a ram was caught by its horns in a thicket. This was used as a substitute for his son.

There was another substitute to be made in the future. The human family was guilty of the grossest offenses imaginable against God and his Christ. Due to man's sinful lifestyle, death was the just penalty. However, in John's gospel, chapter 1, verse 29, we hear John the Baptist exclaim, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Jesus had made himself the sacrifice for everyone's sins. Due to his death on the cross anyone who desires to be made free from sin can be liberated. As Paul states, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him", 2 Corinthians 5:21. Indeed, one can be made perfectly free from sin today by obeying God's commands. Not only that, but also one can become a member of the Lord's church and a child of God. The request God makes of us is to, "Repent and be baptized", Acts 2:38. And, "Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life", Revelation 2:10. We should be extremely thankful to and respectful of God's "Lamb". Jesus paid a debt he didn't owe, because we owed a debt we couldn't pay. Think about it. Daniel Newell

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Life is like a coin, You can spend it anyway you wish, But you can spend it only once.