

**Passion for God.....Compassion for People
August 23, 2009**

Clay City Church of Christ

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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.

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

WSKV Radio 8:30 a.m. each Sunday Morning

3 Things We Need To Do

1. Repent
2. And this is important, forgive yourself
3. Move on with your life.

Repent, forgive yourself and move on with your life. We have to realize that we can't change our past, but we can certainly do something about our present and our future. Yesterday ended last night!

The Danger of Drifting

Too often, Christians lose sight of God and wander away from Him. Strive to stay on course to reach our final destination.



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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.: Things We Can Do to Live BetterM.C. Rice
 Sunday P.M.: Singing as an Act of Worship Daniel Newell

At the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ the ground is level. We invite all who seek forgiveness and reconciliation to join us as we worship and our awesome and mighty God who "made him who had no sin to become sin for us."



Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick.....Jody McC oy
Songs of Worship..... Terry Abney

A.M. Prayer.....Glen Hayes
A.M. Prayer before Worship.....Alvin Goldey
A.M. Closing Prayer Joe Slone
P. M. Opening Prayer.....Jody McCoy
P.M. Closing Prayer Homer Rice

August:

Communion:

Reading Jody McCoy
Serving Joe Slone, Dan Newell
Collection.....Paul Napier, Shane Burgher
Prepare Communion Bernice Abney, Betty Jo Hash
Communion to Sick Greg Brewer, Jody McCoy
Van Driver 8/23/09Greg Brewer
Van Driver 8/30/09Mary Jayne Casey

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Paul Napier, Fred Teasley, Patricia Fetters, Pauline Powell, Joe and Debbie Slone, Brian Rice, Kay Stewart, Vivian Pitman, 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 men and women serving in Iraq and other war torn areas.
Greater love hath no man..... John 15:13

Stop, Drop and Pray Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



This and That

Singing is a wonderful expression of the heart. It has been an element of worship for a long, long time. However, there is a distinct difference in the singing of the church of Christ and denominational churches. One of the first things a person notices when he or she attends a worship service at the Clay City church of Christ is that no instruments are used to accompany the singing. Why is this the case? Why do we choose not to use instruments in our singing service?

- The New Testament simply does not authorize it and we cannot justify what we do in worship by the Old Testament. Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament and replaced it with the New, (Hebrews 10:9-20). Therefore all items of worship must be authorized and directed by the writings of the New Testament. There is not a passage of scripture that states or infers that we should, could, or must use instruments when we sing.
- Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:19 that we should make melody *in our hearts* unto the Lord. According to the usage of the word *psallo* in this passage, the instrument to be plucked or twanged is the heart. Therefore we allow our hearts to make melody unto the Lord.
- In 1 Corinthians 14:15, the apostle Paul said that “*I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*” If instruments were to be used would this not be an excellent passage in which to make that known? Instead Paul, again, mentions that the spirit and mind are to be involved in singing.
- Almost unanimously scholars agree that the early church used no instruments. Calvin said “*musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting up of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law. The papists, therefore, have foolishly borrowed this, as well as many other things, from the Jews.*” We believe that the Bible is the inerrant word of God and is profitable for instruction in righteousness. Therefore we attempt to do things in worship as the Bible dictates. Think about it.

Daniel Newell

***But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.** They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31