

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
February 24, 2013

Clay City Church of Christ

Dates to Remember:

Men's Business Meeting is the first Sunday of the month, immediately following morning worship. All men are invited 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. The speaker for March will be Daniel Newell. Please make plans to attend.

Church Singing takes place the 2nd 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; 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 in need of nonperishable food items. Please bring in donations as you are able. This is a ministry we can all participate in. No one should go hungry.



Pantry Item of the Week: Potatoes: Instant or Canned

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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 Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: Four Essential Beliefs for a Peaceful Heart ..Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: Qualities Paul Required of Timothy.....Daniel Newell



1 Peter 1:3-9 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

Pot Luck Meal

There will be a pot-luck meal immediately following church services today. Please stay and share some Christian fellowship and fine food.

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Alvin Goldey
A.M. Closing Prayer Shane Burgher
P. M. Opening Prayer Brian Rogers
P.M. Closing Prayer Terry Abney

February:

Communion:

Reading Rob Little
Serving Dan Newell Jr & Greg Brewer
Communion to the Sick Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection Kyle Lucas & Jody McCoy
Prepare Communion Paula Rice
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Rob Little & Greg Brewer

The Power of Believing

Tim woke up one morning, facing a challenging day. His car was making a strange sound, and Tim would be going by a mechanics shop on the way to his work. Family finances were tight; he didn't see how they could handle a large repair bill just now. Later that morning, Tim was expected to make a key presentation to his boss at work; he knew his job would hang in the balance. In the afternoon, he had a meeting with his physician to receive the results of a battery of tests. Tim was scared of what those tests would reveal.

Feeling the weight of these worries, Tim bowed his head and unburdened his heart before God. Feeling better, he went to face the day ahead.

As the mechanic looked up from under the hood of Tim's car, there was good news. A belt had come slightly loose and required attention. Tim left paying only the minimal service charge.

At work, there was more good news. Tim's presentation went better than he could have imagined. His boss said it was the best work he had ever done.

Leaving the doctor's office, Tim thought of the old saying about good things come in threes. The tests had revealed no cause for concern. It seemed that every good and perfect thing was falling into place for him.

In the evening, Tim took a few moments as was his custom to write in his journal. "What a change this day made," he wrote. "I started this day with so many worries; I had to pray to God about them. Guess I actually didn't need to bother Him since everything worked out on its own."

Signs and Wonders

Tim mistakenly assumed the only way God works is with a splashy miracle, ascribing the daily blessing of his life to fortune or happenstance.

Through faith, instead, he should have thanked God for the good things received from the hidden hand of Providence. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above," James 1:17 reminds us, "coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (ESV). Christians looking with the eyes of faith can see the work of God in every good thing that comes into their lives.

God's gracious works are no less extraordinary when He touches our lives through the countless ordinary means at His disposal. Although the Lord is fully capable of thundering down miraculously to show His power, God's grace touches us daily in the countless whispers of providential care.

The purpose of miraculous signs was to confirm the Word of God, now recorded in scriptures (Hebrews 2:4). Such confirmation was needed in apostolic times, and the ability to perform miracles was exercised not only by the apostles but also by those on whom the apostles laid hands (Acts 8:18). The ability to demonstrate God's power through miracles passed away with the deaths of the apostles, the work of confirming God's Word being complete.

God Works in His Church

Although the age of miraculous signs has ended, God still provides demonstrations of His power in order to bring faith into an unbelieving world. As Paul wrote: "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 3:8-10).

When men and women of faith believe what the Lord has promised, their lives become a demonstration of God's power to work wonders — not the wonders of miraculous signs but the wonder of God's light bursting into a world of darkness. "In the same way, let your light shine before others," Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, "so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." When we let the gospel guide our lives day by day, the world will see the wonder of lives transformed by the gospel's power.

The good God does for His people confirms His love in the lives of Christians, and the good God does through His people confirms His love to the watching world. *(Reprinted with permission, Gospel Advocate)*