

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
January 6, 2013

Clay City Church of Christ

Dates to Remember:

Men's Business Meeting is TODAY, 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. Please make plans to attend.

Church Singing will take place next Wednesday. 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: Canned Meat or Soup

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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.: Let's Look at Time..... Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: You and Your Brother Daniel Newell



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 ¹To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ²A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted; ³A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy
Songs of WorshipCharles Rice

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Alvin Goldey
A.M. Closing Prayer Jody McCoy
P. M. Opening Prayer Dan Newell Jr.
P.M. Closing PrayerBrian Rice

January:

Communion:

ReadingKyle Lucas
Serving Brian Rice & Shane Burgher
Communion to the Sick..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr.
Collection.....Pearl Brewer & Rob Little
Prepare Communion..... Charlene Brewer
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Pearl Brewer & Charles Rice

A Child to Love

You may have your wealth and riches, all the things so many seek

Position, power, and success, the fame you long to keep

You can earn as much as you wish, reach a status high above
But none of these can equal having one sweet child to love

'Tis a great gift from heaven, little arms that hold you tight
And a kiss so soft and gentle when you tuck them in at night

A million precious questions and each story often read
Two eyes so bright and smiling and a darling tousled head

Man can never exceed the goodness of a trusting little face
Or a heart so full of laughter spreading sunshine every place

A child to hold and cuddle, 'Tis a gift from God above
And the world is so much brighter when you have a child to love

The Folly of Stubbornness: by S.H. Hall

We are slow to learn that facts are facts, and will so appear in the judgment. A fact is something that is done or comes to pass; an act or deed. To argue against it or to try to talk around it is the height of folly.

The command to Saul in 1 Samuel 15:3 was simple and nothing could have been more easily understood. There was nothing in this command to justify the sparing of Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good (Verse 9). Despite this, Saul contended that he has obeyed Jehovah, which called forth the following answer and stinging rebuke: Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams (verse 22). Saul had stubbornly contended that he had obeyed when he had not.

I sometimes wonder how much stubbornness is responsible for much of the trouble in the religious world, especially of that arising between brethren. Then, too, how much does stubbornness have to do in keeping troubles forever going and never settled! The right or wrong of any question certainly must be easy to be seen. If it is right, nothing but stubbornness, the outgrowth of perverse blindness, will keep us talking against it; if it is wrong, no amount of talking can make it right. And right or wrong, as it indeed is, just so will it go into the judgment. If it is right, then it is bad for me to go there with it, having fought it in this life; if it is wrong, I am in just as bad predicament to go there having defended it. It would be well for us to remember that Jehovah we must face and that all questions must ultimately be settled as they are, not as we try to make them appear to be.

It is sad to note the exceeding carelessness- and sometimes, I fear, extreme wickedness- of some when it comes to stating what others believe and practice. Should not things be said, as nearly as it is possible for us to say them, exactly as God sees them? How many of our scribes, when they go to write about the other fellow, ever think how God really sees the thing they are about to say? Better for us that we get in the habit of going about it this way, else some of us who have deceived ourselves into believing we are very truthful may turn out in the judgment to be first-class liars.