

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
January 13, 2013

Clay City Church of Christ

Dates to Remember:

Men's Business Meeting is the first Sunday of each 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. 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, Waveline Teasley; 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: Any donations will be accepted

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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.: Shepherds of the Flock.....Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: General Information about EldersDaniel Newell



1 Timothy 3:2-7 (NKJV) ²A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ³not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; ⁴one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence ⁵(for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); ⁶not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil.⁷ Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Chris Chaney
A.M. Closing Prayer Joe Slone
P. M. Opening Prayer Rob Little
P.M. Closing Prayer Shane Burgher

January:

Communion:

Reading Kyle Lucas
Serving Brian Rice & Shane Burgher
Communion to the Sick Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection Pearl Brewer & Rob Little
Prepare Communion Charlene Brewer
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Pearl Brewer & Charles Rice

As you may know, the church here at Clay City is in the process of identifying and installing qualified men to be Elders. During the most recent business meeting the following plan was agreed to:

- During the month of January there will be sermons and lessons delivered from the pulpit regarding elders
- The first two weeks of February (Feb. 1 through Feb. 14) nominations will be accepted from the entire membership.
- Afterward, those nominated will be interviewed by a group of elders from another congregation, led by Jack Hall of the Richmond congregation. This will take place from February 15th through March 16th. Recommendations will be made by this group to the church at Clay City.
- During the remainder of March (March 17th through March 31st), a time will be set aside for installations of Elders.

We ask that everyone be in prayer about this great undertaking. It will take all of us working together to have elders as God would have us to.

Developing the Elders of Tomorrow: Roger Shepherd

The most significant work in the world is being an elder of the Lord's church. Paul, a church planter, called it "a fine work" for one whose heart's desire is to be a leader of God's people (1 Timothy 3:1 NASB) - Shepherding seeks to transform the people of God into servants of Christ.

I posed the question "What is Leadership?" to several groups of people from the young men in future-preacher training camps to senior adults at church, and the following answers were the most common: (1) a leader is a man who leads. He is in front or the head of a team. (2) a leader is a man who has a following. A leader without a following is only taking a walk. (3) a leader is a man guiding or directing the service of others. (4) a leader is a principal player of an organization or team. He is in front of the team showing the way to work. (5) a leader is a person of determination and action. (6) a leader is a person with vision and a mission. (7) a leader is one with goals. (8) a leader is one who trains others to take his place. So how can these men be developed today?

Most people do not want to be managed. They want a spiritual leader, not a manager. Therefore, people desire shepherding to develop spiritually. Leadership is not the ability to achieve a position. Those who work toward a position, rank, or title, upon arrival, only think they have become a leader, experience the frustration of a few followers, and never develop their leadership skills.

A leader is not a boss. It does not take much skill to be a boss. It takes skill, personality, character, and servanthood to be an effective leader. The church must begin developing spiritual men early in life.

In my experience with ministry and training young men, the church has a lack of spiritual leaders for two reasons. First, very few men desire the work of an elder or church leader...

Second, the church has not developed men in regard to the quality of character and the ability required to do the work...

In respect to the ability to lead, one must have at least four qualifications: (1) the ability to shepherd, feed, and care for the church; (2) the ability to teach; (3) children who are believers; and (4) the ability to delegate the cares or things of others to other leaders such as deacons. The church must return to the Bible for the proper leadership model.