

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
January 26, 2014

Clay City Church of Christ

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Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for February will be Daniel Newell. Please make plans to attend.

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm.

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.

Birthdays this Week: Rob Little (29th), Chris Chaney (30th)

Anniversaries this Week: None

Our sermon airs each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.WSKV – 104.9 FM

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Correne Hatton, Joe & Debbie Slone, Inez Estep, and Ellaray Campbell. 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 a way to share with those in need. It is accessed weekly by members of our community. Please donate as you can.



Pantry Item of the Week: Corn and Beans

Elders:

M. C. Rice 606-663-5646

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Daniel Newell..... 859-498-7941

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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 Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: Treasures in Heaven.....Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: Working Out Salvation.....Daniel Newell



No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

Charles Dickens

At twenty years of age the will reigns; at thirty the wit; at forty the judgement.

Benjamin Franklin

Privileged to Serve

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

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Homer Rice.
A.M. Closing Prayer..... Rob Little
P.M. Opening PrayerTerry Abney
P.M. Closing Prayer..... John Coffey

January:

Communion:

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

In the Know

- **Proverbs 3:9-10(nkjv)** ⁹ Honor the Lord with your _____, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
 - Mind
 - Possessions
 - First Fruits
- **Romans 8:32** ³² He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also _____ give us all things?
 - Freely
 - Lovingly
 - Grudgingly
- **Isaiah 53:5** ⁵ But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his _____ we are healed.
 - Suffering
 - Scars
 - Stripes

Boring Worship

We're told that we need something more exciting in worship. The "traditional" way of worshipping God is boring and outdated. We need something more contemporary.

Good friends, since when is praising God a matter of personal preference and human approval? From what we can see in the Bible, anytime man has tampered with worship (as defined by God) he has always messed it up. At the dawn of time, Cain tried to reinvent worship services for God. Whatever God had expected of humans at that time had become insufficient from Cain's point of view. His brother, Abel, remained true to God's word and worshiped by faith in it (Heb. 11:4). But Cain wanted something new and different. The result? *"The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering"* (Gen. 4:4-5). Cain was guilty of sin (v. 7; 1 John 3:12).

When Jeroboam feared the loss of his kingdom, he reinvented worship for the Jews associated with him. He changed everything in public worship (as defined by the Law) to a pattern more appealing to the masses (1 Kings 12:25-33). The result? *"This thing became a sin"* for the people (v. 30).

Jesus taught, *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"* (John 4:24). We must mean what we say and say what we mean in worship....as we follow God's word. We don't get to determine the activities of worship; Jesus is the only One with all authority (Matt. 28:18). Everything we do in worship must be defined by Him as taught by His apostles (Col. 3:17; Acts 2:42). If it's not found in the New Testament we are worshipping in ways not acceptable to God, as did Cain and Jeroboam. Worship is a service to God, not a "serve us" of our senses and opinions. The only One qualified to determine if our worship is exciting or not is God, not sinful man who is unworthy of God's presence. **-Mike Thomas**