

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
March 9, 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 March will be Dan Newell Jr. Please make plans to attend.

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

**Church Singing** takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Mary Creed (10<sup>th</sup>), Mary Jayne Casey (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries this Week:** Mack and Sue Rice (12<sup>th</sup>)

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: Dry Beans**

### Elders:

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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.: What Makes the Great Commission Great?..Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: Who is a Wise Man?.....Daniel Newell



Representatives from Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries will be in Clay City to accept donations from our congregation for their Commodities Outreach Program April 13-18.

Items requested are: Confectioner's Sugar, Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags, Canned Tuna, Apple Juice, Body Wash, Splenda, and Vegetable or Canola Oil.

Please participate if you can.

## Privileged to Serve

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

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship ..... Rob Little  
A.M. Closing Prayer ..... Shane Burgher  
P.M. Opening Prayer ..... Homer Rice  
P.M. Closing Prayer ..... Joseph Newell

### March:

Communion:

Reading ..... Lonnie Dale Stewart  
Serving ..... Dan Newell Jr., & Kyle Lucas  
Communion to the Sick ..... Mack Rice & Walter Rice  
Collection ..... Rob Little & Shane Burgher  
Prepare Communion ..... Mary Creed  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Walter Rice & Ian McCoy

## Test Your Knowledge

- (1) How many brothers did Jesus have? (Matt. 13:55)
- (2) Jesus was about what age when He was baptized? (Luke 3:21-23)
- (3) How many books of the New Testament did Luke write?
- (4) On what day did God create grass and trees?
- (5) How old is God? (Psalm 90:2)

(1) four, (2) thirty, (3) two, (4) three, (5) everlasting

## Consumer Religion Versus Christianity

When recently asked for their religious preference, fewer members of the "culturally relevant" churches called themselves "Christians" (*Christianity Today*). This does not surprise us, for Jesus does not bless those who strive to keep up with the culture. He blesses those who lose their lives in following Him. Many members today want a "consumer friendly" church that will meet their needs. Jesus considers such thinking an anti-gospel attitude of the flesh.

God's power is released only through the gospel of daily cross-bearing (Romans 1:16), which is reprehensible to the flesh. Did Jesus not warn that only the minority travel the road of self-denial? In their carnal desire to *please* rather than *deny* self, many church members demand a church "of their choice". They want a church that provides good programs for all members, that is staffed by professionals who put on star-studded worship services of loud music and entertainment, and that know how to make all church activities fun, feel-good experiences.

What a contrast to brothers and sisters who assemble around the world under the threat of persecution! They walk or ride bicycles in the hot, blazing sun for miles to meet in a small, dimly lit room with no AC. They have no padded pews to sit on. They meet with open Bibles to study the Word of God, which they love - the very Word that threatens to send them to prison or have their tongues cut out to silence them from sharing the message so near and so dear to their hearts!

These Christians are today's real heroes of faith. They have answered the call of the Spirit to take up their crosses daily and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). They know the peace that comes from counting themselves crucified with Christ (Romans 6:11). They have found such pure love and joy in Jesus that they have no need for worldly amusements. They know that only when they are dead to the world can Jesus live His new life of the Spirit through them (Galatians 2:20). They know that His joy, peace, and love are worth dying for (spiritually and physically)!

Perhaps our brothers and sisters in developing nations have found a greater treasure than we Americans have found in our bank accounts. May we also discover their "hidden treasure" and be willing to sell all we have to purchase it (cf. Matthew 13:44)!

Ralph A. Weinhold (Gospel Advocate, May 2013)