

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
March 31, 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 the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for April will be Dan Newell Jr. Please make plans to attend.

**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.

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: The cupboard is bare. Please bring in any food items you can.**

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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.: ..... Rob Little  
Sunday P.M.: Prices We Pay .....Daniel Newell



**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup>For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,

<sup>18</sup>while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

## Privileged to Serve

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

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Mack Rice  
A.M. Closing Prayer.....Walter Rice  
P. M. Opening Prayer .....Chris Chaney  
P.M. Closing Prayer..... Shane Burgher

### March:

#### Communion:

Reading..... Jody McCoy  
Serving..... Walter Rice & Charles Rice  
Communion to the Sick..... Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr.  
Collection..... Rob Little & Shane Burgher  
Prepare Communion..... Sue Rice  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Walter Rice & Jody McCoy

## Why Did God Make Us in His Image?

Most questions about God that start with "why" are speculative, probably including this one, but here are some things we know:

- After making the animals, birds, and reptiles, God made us, male and female, to be different. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27 ESV).
- One aspect of being made in God's image is that we have a sense of morality, an ability to know right and wrong. God commanded Adam and Eve, but no other, "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat" (Genesis 2:17).
- Before Adam and Eve broke God's commandment, they had fellowship with God, and He, with them. "And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day" (Genesis 3:8).
- After they sinned, they hid themselves from God (Genesis 3:8), and God cast them out of the garden (vv.23-24). Fellowship was broken.

Adam messed it up, ruined the fellowship. "Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin" (Romans 5:12). Adam's sin caused all of mankind to be shut out of the Garden of

Eden and away from the Tree of Life and so eventually to die. But we should not be too hard on Adam. If he had not messed it up, when you and I came along, we would have. "And so death spread to all men because all sinned" (v. 12).

God, however, was not content to leave it there. He announced a plan to restore the broken fellowship. The only plan that would work was one of great personal cost to Himself. Satan would bruise the heel of the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15), but God would crush Satan under His feet (Romans 16:20). God loved sinful man and woman so much that He gave His unique, divine Son as propitiation through His blood so that He could be just, exacting due penalty for sin, but still justify sinners who demonstrate obedient faith in Jesus. Jesus' death accomplished our redemption. His resurrection from the dead validated it.

Amazingly, God knew before He created Adam that his freewill creatures would choose wrongly. He planned even then for our redemption and reconciliation to renewed fellowship. Scripture speaks of "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8 NKJV). God, because of His omniscient foreknowledge, "calls those things which do not exist as though they did" (Romans 4:17). In His mind, God counted Jesus' redemptive death "from the foundation of the world" as though it had already occurred.

Mutual fellowship, therefore, between God and us is the desired end of God's redemptive plan. Heaven - with all of its attractive features, like its golden street and pearly gates - is primarily a place where Jesus and God are and where we can enjoy eternal, loving fellowship with them. Jesus said "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2-3 ESV). God said in Revelation: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God himself will be with them as their God" (21:3-5).

We do not, however, have to wait until judgment to enjoy this fellowship. John spoke of the in-the-flesh fellowship he and the other apostles had with Jesus during His earthly ministry. Then he added: "that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3). Glorious eternal fellowship! (Cecil May Jr.)