

Passion for God.....Compassion for People  
November 23, 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 December will be Dan Newell Jr.

**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. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

**Ladies Group Meeting** takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 7pm in the multi-purpose room at the church building. This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

**Birthdays this Week:** Gwendolyn Overbee (24<sup>th</sup>)

**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, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe 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 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: Canned Meat**

### Elders:

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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.: The Seeker.....Mack Rice

Sunday P.M.: .....Daniel Newell



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Look to your health; and if you have it, praise God and value it next to conscience; for health is the second blessing that we mortals are capable of, a blessing money can't buy.

**Izaak Walton (1593 - 1683)**

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

**Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)**

## Privileged to Serve

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

### Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship..... Lonnie Dale Stewart  
A.M. Closing Prayer.....Terry Abney  
P.M. Opening Prayer ..... Brian Rogers  
P.M. Closing Prayer.....Charles Rice

### November:

Communion:

Reading..... Homer Rice  
Serving..... Jody McCoy & Walter Rice  
Communion to the Sick..... Shane Burgher & Jody McCoy  
Collection..... Charles Rice & Lonnie Dale Stewart  
Prepare Communion..... Tiffany Rogers  
Van Driver ..... Shane Burgher  
Cleaning Outside ..... Walter Rice & Jody McCoy

## This and That

Think about the earth and its inhabitants at the time of creation. Everything was exactly as God wanted it to be. The land was perfectly created, as was the streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans. The trees, grass, and shrubbery was designed and placed just so. The animals were created fully-grown and capable of reproducing after their kind. The birds were decorated in the most wonderful of colors and sang with voices and songs invented by the most Holy One. Fish inhabited the streams, lakes, and oceans, which, even now, are not fully explored and understood. Man and woman were ðfearfully and wonderfully made and placed in God's garden to enjoy the work of his hands. How beautiful everything must have been. Even today, the word Eden evokes thoughts of purity, innocence, and perfection.

Me think things have changed somewhat since God left off from creating. However, the word of God is designed to give us a little taste of heaven and the means of re-acquiring the beauty and perfection that once existed. Paul states that those in Christ are created new (2 Cor. 5:17). David resolves: ðAnd let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us:ö Psalms 90:17. True Christianity is a beautiful thing! Are you a Christian? You can become one today.

ðThe way of a superior man is threefold: virtuous, he is free from anxieties; wise, he is free from perplexities; bold, he is free from fearö (Confucius).

THE WILLINGNESS TO BE BOLD, WHEN NEED BE, IS A SIGN OF STRONG, MATURE CHARACTER. We may wish it were otherwise, but the world in which we live is full of danger and difficulty, and the bold are those who will go out and meet these realities head-on. So if we ourselves aren't bold, we're probably glad to know someone who is.

Boldness, like fire, must be handled with care. Great harm can be done by ðzeal without knowledge,ö as we all know, but that is not an argument against wise and disciplined boldness. The person who never acts boldly because he always plays it safe will never know the thrill of risk-taking and adventure in the service of a great cause.

Big problems often require bold solutions, and when bold action is called for, we shouldn't waste time looking for a risk-free way to do what has to be done. David Lloyd George, the British prime minister during World War I, said, ðDon't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.ö Indeed, there are times when the riskiest thing we can do is play it safe. ðIn difficult situations when hope seems feeble, the boldest plans are safestö (Livy) ð and the ðhardestö course often turns out to be the ðeasiest.ö

Not only do individuals need to be bold, but there are times when nations and communities do too. Especially today, when the problems that confront the world are so immense, we can't afford to be timid or squeamish. Addressing the challenges of the American people in his day, Theodore Roosevelt said, ðIf we shrink from the hard contests . . . then bolder and stronger peoples will pass us by.ö

Boldness requires a certain amount of character, obviously, but it also builds character. Just as lifting heavy weights builds stronger muscles, dealing boldly with difficulty makes us stronger spiritually. That being true, I urge you to choose the more difficult deed whenever you have the opportunity. Do it with all the boldness you can muster, and you'll find yourself growing in ways that may surprise you. Don't run away from choices that would require boldness. Welcome them! Gary Henry (*WordPoints*)