



**APRIL** CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 3 Bob Larsson
- April 4-8 Meals on Wheels
- April 6 Willing Workers
- April 7 Volunteer at Wabash
- April 17 Elders' Meeting  
Board Meeting
- April 21 Seniors' Luncheon  
Mt. Vernon
- April 24 Community Sunrise Service  
and breakfast  
Easter Service
- April 25 Kingdom Builders  
Ingraham Christian Church



**Sermon Titles**

- April 3 The Enemies He Insulted  
Luke 11:37-54
- April 10 The Enemies He Inspired  
John 11:45-57
- April 17 The Enemies He Irritated  
Luke 19:37-40
- April 24 The Enemy He Defeated  
I Corinthians 15:1-28



Clay City Christian Church  
907 S. Main  
Clay City, IL 62824

**Return Service Requested**

Darrel Brandon, Minister Phone 676-1164  
Linda Schnepfer, Music Director Phone 689-3282

Sunday: 9 AM Bible School for all ages  
10 AM Morning Worship Service  
7 PM Evening Service  
Wednesday: 7 PM Youth Program (4-12 grades)  
7 PM Adult Bible Study

Email address: office@claycitychristian.com  
Web address: www.claycitychristian.com

Non Profit Org  
Permit No. 13  
Clay City, IL



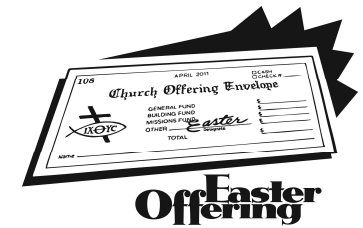
*Sunrise Service  
and Easter Breakfast*

*April 24 at 6:30 a.m.*

*at Community Southern  
Baptist Church*

*Speaker: Dean Brown*

visit us on the web at [www.claycitychristian.com](http://www.claycitychristian.com)



**April 24th at 10 a.m.**

**Goal: \$10,000**

to be used to meet revival expenses, landscaping in front of the New Life Center and a railing on the retaining wall between the parsonage and the church

**Attendance**

March 6	71
March 13	51
March 20	74
March 27	51

**From Darrel's Desk . . .**

In Isaiah 43:25, the prophet said, "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, **for my own sake**, and remembers your sins no more."

Isn't that a bit startling? Have you ever thought that God might have had a selfish (perhaps I should say "personal") motive for forgiving our sins? So this begs the question, "What does God get out of our forgiveness?"

In Ephesians 2:6 & 7, Paul says, "God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Scripture makes it clear that this physical world is only the tip of the iceberg of the total reality. A spiritual realm surrounds us and God's intention is to demonstrate His wisdom to those spiritual beings.

God's plan was to create people in His likeness and His image. Man's sin, however, spoiled God's creation so God sought to redeem us and restore us to Himself. Our forgiveness vindicates God and preserves his reputation in the heavenly realms.

Our forgiveness also permits God to be consistent with His character. He is, by nature, a forgiving God (see Exodus 34:7, Number 14:18, Nehemiah 9:17, Psalm 86:5 & 99:8 and Daniel 9:9). Scripture is abundantly clear that it is God's nature to forgive so His redemption of mankind is consistent with His character.

Also, for God to forgive us furthers His plan for the earth. One day, the redeemed of the Lord will inherit a new heaven and a new earth. If there were no forgiveness, His cosmic strategy could not be carried out.

Easter is so much more than a celebration of spring or even a remembrance of redemption. It is a recognition that we can collaborate with the Creator in a cosmic cause of colossal consequence. Please do not fail to make the most of our observance of the resurrection of Jesus.




Dear Clay City Christian Church,  
 Hope this finds you all joyous in Jesus! We appreciate the opportunity to minister in concert at your church recently. It was a blessing for us. Thank you for the generous love offering. It will be used to continue in god's will for Gospel Messengers. It was nice of you to provide a meal for us after the concert. Yummy! May God continue to bless your church and work through you all to bless others.

In Christ's Love,  
 Gospel Messengers  
*Daniel, Bart, Dennis, Carl*



Sunday evening  
 April 3  
 7 p.m.

Bob Larsson  
 Pinehaven  
 Christian  
 Children's Ranch

Come hear Bob Larsson and see the interesting slide show about the ranch.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who help me fold. The volunteers on Wednesday fold and assemble the Communicator every year and fold the newsletter monthly. And thanks to Bernetta Patridge who comes in on Fridays to fold the Sunday bulletins.

I appreciate you all!  
*Sandy Brandon*



**every week  
 9 a.m.**

**for all ages**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Larry & Michele Anderson
- 4 Gary Kittle
- 7 Loretta Wilder
- 10 Richard & Ruth Herdes
- 13 Sierra Roberts
- 14 Gary Schnepfer
- 20 Peyton Anderson



- 20 Paul Schnepfer
- 21 Jeanne Harbin
- 22 Michele Anderson
- 24 Faith Snell
- 25 Helen Frutiger
- 26 Bill & Elinor Staser
- 29 Amy Delonshaw Thornton

**In His Service for April**

	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>
Pastoral Prayer	Bill Staser	Darrel Brandon	Gary Clark	Wayne Harris
Reading at the Lord's Table	Darrel Brandon	Wayne Harris	Jim Cockerel	Larry Brant
Nursery volunteers	Jenny Osborn	Linda Griffin	Michele Anderson	Ruth Herdes
Communion Preparation	Loretta Wilder			