

Clay City Christian Church  
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Clay City, IL 62824



Non Profit Org  
Permit No. 13  
Clay City, IL

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Sunday: 9 AM Bible School for all ages  
10 AM Morning Worship Service  
6 PM Youth Program (age 3 - grade 3)  
7 PM Evening Service & Youth (grades 4-8)  
Wednesday: 6 PM Youth Program (age 3 - grade 3)  
7 PM Adult Bible Study & Youth (grades 4-8)

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- August 3-7 Meals on Wheels
- August 4 Willing Workers
- August 13 The Needhams in concert
- August 16 Elders' Meeting
- August 23 Fall Kick-Off Board Meeting
- August 24 Kingdom Builders at Clay City Christian Church  
Speaker: Joe Fatheree
- August 30 Youth Sunday "Word By Ten" presentation



**Sermon Titles**

- Aug 2 A Judge, A Cattle Prod and 600 Dead Philistines  
Judges 3:31; 5:6
- Aug 9 Defeating Life's Giant Problems  
I Samuel 17:1-58
- Aug 16 Dealing With the Dry Spells  
I Kings 17:1-16
- Aug 23 Money Matters  
Luke 21:1-4
- Aug 30 A Filet of Fish Meal - Supersized  
Luke 9:10-17



August 2009



making a return visit to  
Clay City Christian Church

**THE NEEDHAMS**

**Gospel Music Concert**  
with pure family harmony



**August 13**  
**7 p.m.**



at Clay City Christian Church

a free-will offering  
will be received

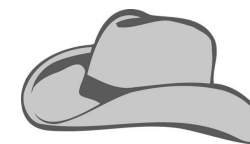
**Kingdom Builders**

**August 24**  
**7 p.m.**

at Clay City Christian Church

**Speaker: Joe Fatheree**  
**2007 National Teacher**  
**of the year**

this **IS** a Family Night



**Fall kick off**  
**August 23**  
**4-8 pm**

will include:  
Waterslide



horse rides

**Chuck**  
**Wagon food**



Golf cart rides

Other great "stuff"

**Attendance**

July 5	77
July 12	91
July 19	82
July 26	95

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### From Darrel's Desk

Bernie Madoff is in prison now. He is officially prisoner No. 61727-054 at the Butner Federal Correctional Complex, a penitentiary in NC.

I could observe that he had been in a prison of deception for many years. I wonder if sometimes, late at night perhaps, Madoff might have regretted getting involved in this pyramid of debt from which he could not have extricated himself even if he had wanted to. Had he thought ahead, he should have known he could not get away with this forever. Before it was all said and done, he was bound to be bound.

Many of the victims have vilified Bernie Madoff for his greed. And I am not without sympathy for those victims. But wasn't it their greed that got them into this mess? Madoff promised them returns on their money that were far in excess of the prevailing market rates. Some victims of this swindle have said it seemed too good to be true. But they gave him their money anyway. Why? Greed.

It was greed that made Bernie Madoff a crook. It was greed that made his "investors" victims.

It was greed that caused financial institutions to make risky loans. It was greed that caused borrowers to take the money.

It was greed that motivated unions to flex their collective muscle and demand the higher wages and increased benefits that eventually drove their jobs overseas or bankrupted their employers. It was greed that motivated these employers to acquiesce to the demands of their workers and give obscene bonuses to their executives.

In some ways, the entire capitalist system is built on a foundation of greed, is constructed of a framework of greed and is topped with a covering of greed.

The apostle Paul told Timothy where he could get a better return on the investment of his life. Paul wrote, "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6). Old Paul may have been onto something. Greed with discontent has led to a lot of ruin. Godliness with contentment will lead to great gain – and more durable than money, too.



Camp update – June 14-21 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade) Darrel and I had the opportunity to be faculty out at Oil Belt. There were 16 baptisms at camp! 3 decided to get baptized at their home church. I had the honor in baptizing 5 at camp. Praise to God for so many young people making the commitment to follow Christ!

As this month has passed, the youth at Clay City Christian have been busy. Painting, movie trip, clean ups, swim parties, movie night, vacation bible school, etc.. Thanks to **Romana Rodriquez, Bob, and Dixie Harper** for helping with our movie trip. They also contributed on painting the youth basement as well as **Crystal Snell and Caralyn Riley**. There is still painting to be done, but we are closer now than ever before! Thanks guys!!!! I would also like to say thank you to **Sherrie Kittle** for letting us invade her backyard and enjoying a nice swim with our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The month of August is just around the corner and for many of us that means it is time to get back into the routine of things. With all the summer vacations, ballgames, and family gatherings, there have been only a few times where I have been able to see all our students at the same time. But I am very excited for the next upcoming months. I have been working on new lessons and planning events for this upcoming school year so I can help your students grow deeper in their walk with Jesus. Keep the youth ministry in your prayers and have a blessed week!

Matt Bryan/youth minister

To Thank You - Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Alan & Gina Craig  
Fleeharty Family



Thank you everyone for the prayers and concern. Also thanks to whoever brought cakes and pies for the dinner. We really appreciated it.

Greg, Shannon,  
Cody & family



Lynne Wilson and Sandy Brandon, co-directors of VBS would like to thank

all the teachers, helpers, those who donated needed items, those who contributed in so many other ways to make VBS a success. We couldn't do it without you! Thanks!

In His Service August		
	Pastoral Prayer	Reading at the Lord's Table
2	Gary Clark	Bill Staser
9	Darrel Brandon	Larry Brant
16	Larry Brant	Darrel Brandon
23	Bill Staser	Dan Patridge
30	Gary Clark	Youth
	Communion Preparation	Delonshaws

To All at Clay City Christian Church, We would like to thank you for ministering to Teresa's spiritual needs. You were there when she needed you. Also we would like to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers throughout her illness. Teresa Borton's family

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This year we had 36 different students in VBS.



\$ 409.49 was raised to give to Cing Root for Myanmar Samaritan Mission.

A good time was had by all!



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Lou Anna Brant
- 1 Karen Delonshaw
- 9 Mason Spitzner
- 10 Mike Heinzmann
- 11 Alice Gill
- 11 Jasmine Herdes
- 11 Kim Travis
- 17 John & Caralyn Riley
- 20 Marcia Emmerich
- 21 Callie Lee
- 26 Larry Anderson
- 26 Bernetta Patridge
- 27 Jasper Rodriquez
- 29 Steve Staley
- 31 Charles Thomas