



January CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 5-9 Meals on Wheels
- Jan 6 Willing Workers
- Jan 18 Elders' Meeting
- Jan 25 Board Meeting
Youth to Winter Jam Concert
- Jan 28 Youth Skating



Sermon Titles

- January 4 Little Is Much
Matthew 9:35-37
- January 11 When God Is In It
Exodus 3:1-14
- January 18 The Whisper of God
1 Kings 19:1-13
- January 25 The Little Book
Revelation 10



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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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THE AUDACITY OF HOPE

The title of this article is the title of the second book by President-elect Barack Obama. During his campaign for the presidency, Obama often spoke of hope. Why? Because this is a theme that resonates in the breast of every person.

Young people harbor hopes for their future. Parents embrace hope for their children. The ill are sustained by hope for a cure. The dying cling to hope for eternity. Even those who believe they have given up and have lost all hope, long for their hope to be restored.

Hope is a recurrent theme in Scripture. The word is used 185 times in the NIV translation of the Bible.

But you need to know that Biblical hope is not merely a wish, a desire or a longing. Biblically, the term "hope" is a confident expectation. Referring to the reliability of God, the author of the epistle to the Hebrews famously wrote:



We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

A secure anchor is essential for the sailor. And for the rest of us, too. The Christian has "an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the rock, which cannot move."

Do not drift into the uncharted waters of the coming year. Rather, be audacious enough to hope and wise enough to anchor you hope in almighty God.

Winter Jam Concert

January 25
for youth in 6 - 8 grade, high school
and college

at
The Family Arena
St. Charles, MO



for youth

January 28
Leave at 5:45 to go
to Olney Skating Rink

Attendance

December 7	98
December 14	107
December 21	107
December 28	105

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From Darrel's Desk

A few years ago Sandy and I went to a concert by David Phelps. During that concert, Phelps teased that he liked to fish as long as it didn't involve baiting a hook or touching a fish.



I jotted down the comment because I wanted to remember it. I know some "fishers of men" who are like that. They want to lead others to the Lord as long as they don't have to have any contact with sinners, lost folk or people who are "not respectable". They want to be fishers of men as long as the non-Christians just jump into their boat because they certainly don't want to make an effort to go to them. They want the lost to come to church as long as the lost like what we're already doing because we certainly don't intend to change to accommodate them. They'd like to help others become Christians but they don't want to have to change their plans, do something they don't enjoy or be inconvenienced in any way.

Let's all resolve that during 2009 we will be:

- More determined to be fishers of men.
- More effective fishers of men.
- More caring fishers of men.
- More consistent fishers of men.
- More committed fishers of men.

After all, a fisherman who never really fishes isn't really a fisherman, is he?

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Maytle Marie Harris | 19 | Courtney Cailteux |
| 3 | Cassie Lee | 20 | Darrell Jr. & Lynne Wilson |
| 10 | Pat Conley | 26 | Sarah Schnepfer |
| 10 | Shana Puckett | 27 | Marilyn Rinnert |
| 10 | Jeff Shaw | 27 | Dixie Harper |
| 18 | Beverly Clark | 31 | Paul & Regina Schnepfer |



To Clay City Christian Church
The youth would like to thank everyone for helping us make care packages for the Springfield Inner City Mission. We were truly blessed to have such a giving church to help make a special Christmas for those in need.



Youth Group and Caralyn Riley

On behalf of the committee and all children receiving toys and clothing, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your generosity and caring which enables "Christmas Joy for Children" to once again reach its goal for families in the Clay City school system. We acknowledge the many hours and effort put forth to keep the program working effectively. Again, THANK YOU and may God richly bless you all in a very special way during this holiday season and throughout the New Year!

Christmas Joy for Children Committee

Sandy and I want to thank all of you for the many acts of kindness and generosity that have been shown to us throughout the year. And, especially, in this Christmas season, you have overwhelmed us. We are so blessed to serve the Lord by serving you.

Darrel ><////>

Congratulations to:

- * Marilyn Brant, State's Attorney
 - * Mike Spitzner, County Board Member
- sworn in at a special ceremony on December 1st at the courthouse.

Congratulations to Andra Herdes upon the birth of a baby boy December 4th named Drake Anthony.



total received \$21,837.00

thanks to all who gave so generously

In His Service for January				
	4	11	18	25
Pastoral Prayer	Darrel Brandon	Bill Staser	Gary Clark	Larry Brant
Reading at the Lord's Table	Gary Clark	Wayne Harris	Bill Staser	Dan Patridge
Communion Preparation	Juanita Miller			