



July 25 at 8 p.m.

For K-8th grade youth

**Registration
July 20 from 6-8 pm**

**Vacation Bible School
July 22-23
from 6-8 pm
July 24 from 3-5:30 pm**

**Closing program
July 24 at 5:30 pm followed
by a time of fellowship**

This year's mission is Oblong Children's Christian Home. Offerings will be received each session & at the closing program.

Blood DRIVE here at Clay City Christian Church
**July 1
2-6 p.m.**

Attendance	
June 6	85
June 13	90
June 20	90
June 27	92

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JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 1 Blood Dive
- June 5-9 Meals on Wheels
- July 6 Willing Workers
- July 11 Elders' Meeting
- July 18 Board Meeting
- July 20 VBS Registration
- July 22-24 VBS
- July 25 Ice Cream Social
- July 26 Kingdom Builders at Xenia



Sermon Titles

- July 4 Meditating on the Word Nourishes the Heart Psalm 1:1-2
- July 11 Spiritual Poison Genesis 3
- July 18 Spiritual Junk Food Titus 3:9-11
- July 25 Corporate Bible Study Nourishes the Heart Proverbs 27:17



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Sunday: 9 AM Bible School for all ages
10 AM Morning Worship Service
6 PM Youth Program (K - grade 5) & (6-12 grades)
7 PM Evening Service
Wednesday 7 PM Youth Program (6-12 grades)
7 PM Adult Bible Study

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From Darrel's Desk . . .

This year, July 4th is on a Sunday. I got curious about how often July 4th falls on a Sunday. After careful investigation, I discovered that July 4th falls on a Sunday every year in which July 3rd falls on a Saturday. (OK, seriously, I do not know how often the 4th of July falls on a Sunday.)



On the 4th of July, we celebrate the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Sticklers for detail may tell you that the Declaration was not signed on July 4, 1776. And they would be correct. Most of the delegates to the Continental Congress actually signed the Declaration of Independence on August 2nd. The legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain actually occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence. But the delegates debated and revised the written Declaration of Independence for a couple of days and finally approved the wording on July 4th. And that is what we celebrate.

As I said before, I do not know how often the 4th of July falls on a Sunday but I know that Independence Day falls on a Sunday 52 times a year. Every Sunday, we gather to remember the price that was paid so that we could be freed from the consequences of our sin. In Galatians 5, when Paul wrote: *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery"* he was reminding us that we have been liberated from the obligations of the Old Testament Law.

For the Christian, every Sunday is Independence Day...to be celebrated with praise and adoration of the God of the universe, with a family meal at the Lord's Table and with sacrifices of His tithes and our offerings. Fireworks entertain us but worship exalts Him.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Bob & Dixie Harper | 14 | June Thomas |
| 3 | Matthew Hostettler | 15 | Alan & Joanne Herdes |
| 6 | Guage Staser | 16 | Brad Brown |
| 7 | Lynne Wilson | 22 | Romana Rodriguez |
| 8 | Brad & Tonya Brown | 25 | Sandy Brandon |
| 9 | Dwight Dufina | 26 | Ryan Herdes |
| 11 | Retha Mubarger | 27 | Larry Allison |
| 12 | Dwight & Landa Dufina | 27 | Lori Draper |
| 14 | Nancy Litton | 30 | Evelyn Pierce |



Thanks to Darrel for driving to Children's Hospital to be with us during Jocelyn's surgery & diagnosis. Thanks to all of you for the prayers and support you have given us. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.



God Bless You All!
Sharon Phillips & family

Our sincere thanks to the church for so many acts of kindness since my fall and surgery. Thanks for the lovely bouquet, balloon, cards and visits, most of all for your prayers

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AT NO EXTRA CHARGE:

In 1st Peter 2:13-16, the great apostle wrote: *13Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 16Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.*

It is an interesting juxtaposition for Peter to command us to submit ourselves "to every authority instituted among men" and then turn right around and urge us to live as free men. Freedom and submission? What is his point?

The key to understanding and practicing this teaching is to grasp the second phrase: "for the Lord's sake". As Christians, a way of bringing honor to the Name that we wear is to choose to live in submission to the authorities that have been put in place to order our society.

Ah, but Peter wouldn't have written that if he had anticipated rogue governments, would he? Well, Simon Peter suffered persecution at the hands of the Roman government. He believed that Christians should work through the system. That's something worth thinking about during these tumultuous times.

In His Service for July				
	4	11	18	25
Pastoral Prayer	Wayne Harris	Bill Staser	Gary Clark	Larry Brant
Reading at the Lord's Table	Gene Workman	Larry Brant	Darrel Brandon	Jim Cockerel
Nursery volunteers	Lou Anna Brant	Joanne Herdes	Mary Maxham	Michelle Anderson
Communion Preparation	Marilyn Brant			