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On July 4th, 1776, the Continental Congress signed the *Declaration of Independence*, which it had accepted on July 2nd. John Adams, patriot and delegate to the Continental Congress from the colony of Massachusetts, had no doubt that July 2nd would stand forever as the birthday of the United States of America. His convictions were expressed in a letter to his wife:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable in the history of America. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illumination from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward.

But this was not the first plan to celebrate independence day. In Exodus 13:3, Moses told the Hebrew people, “*Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*” To commemorate means to call to remembrance with a ceremony. God wanted the Hebrews to celebrate their independence day.

Every first day of the week is our Independence Day when we commemorate the day we came out of slavery. Our nation celebrates Independence Day once a year with fireworks. We celebrate our Independence Day once a week with a feast: The Lord’s Supper.

Will you come celebrate with us each week?

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Attendance	
June 3	110
June 10	88
June 17	80
June 24	76

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 JULY	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
July 2-6	Meals on Wheels
July 3	Willing Workers
July 22	Elder and Board meetings
July 23	Kingdom Builders Oak Mound Christian Church
July 29	7 pm concert - David Earl Herdes, Tim Schnautz, Matt Utley, Ross Herdes



Sermon Titles

July 1	“An Unfaithful Nation” Hosea 4:1 - 6:4
July 8	“An Unfair God” Hosea 6:4 - 11:11
July 15	“A Faithful God” Hosea 12:1 - 14:9
July 22	“A Bottle in the Smoke” Psalm 119:83
July 29	Youth Sunday



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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)
8 PM Youth Bible Study (High & higher)

Wednesday
6 PM Youth Program (age 3 - grade 3)
7 PM Adult Bible Study & Youth (grades 4-8)

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From Darrel's Desk



Perhaps you've seen the television ad for the Bank of Scotland. In the ad there is a group people sitting in a restaurant discussing business over lunch. A man at the table starts to choke. Another man at the table sees the man choking and starts describing the Heimlich maneuver while the first man continues to choke and turn blue. A second man even does a mock demonstration of how the maneuver ought to be done. The rest of the diners look worried. Finally, another man gets up from his table, walks across the room, grabs the first man and actually performs the maneuver. The piece of meat pops out of the first man's mouth, flies across the table and lands in the lap of a horrified female diner. The man who had been describing the Heimlich maneuver comments, "That's just what I was saying!" As the ad ends, you hear an announcer's voice saying, "Less talk" as the words "Make it happen!" appear on the screen.

In the church, we know the jargon, we speak the language, we teach the truth, we sing the songs. But sometimes I wonder if, in the courts of heaven, the voice-over might not be saying, "Less talk" while the word, "Make it happen" scroll above our heads.

Evangelism. Purity and holy living. Praise and adoration of God. Stewardship. Benevolence and charity. Confronting injustice. Not just going to church but being the church.

Less talk. Make it happen.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Bob & Dixie Harper | 14 | June Thomas |
| 3 | Matthew Hostettler | 14 | Nancy Litton |
| 6 | Gauge Staser | 25 | Ryan Herdes |
| 7 | Lynne Wilson | 25 | Sandy Brandon |
| 11 | Russell Harris | 27 | Lori Draper |
| 11 | Retha Murbarger | 30 | Evelyn Pierce |



Mary Patridge would like to thank all who helped serve the food at the Cancer Survivors' Meal. Clay City Christian Church provided over 20 servers. And the community took note. And thank you to Mary Patridge for organizing and recruiting the servers.



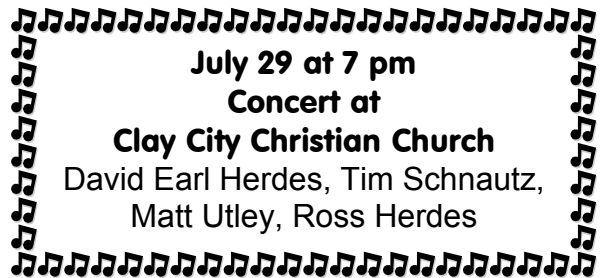
Dear friends,
Once again your love and support have been so overwhelming!!! Thank you to everyone who helped me make this last trip to Pennsylvania. I still do not know the success of this surgery. I have 6 more weeks of healing and return in July for my last appointment and then I believe I will have some therapy to do. Your continued prayers for me are appreciated.
Sandy Brandon

To the people that served us at the Relay for Life Dinner I would like to say "thank you." It was very nice to be served. Thank every one of you and may God bless you.
Leota McGee

Cheyenne Gibbs attended 1st Junior week of camp at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp in Flora June 10-15. She was baptized during that week



We welcome Lou Anna Brant into membership at Clay City Christian Church. Lou Anna placed her membership with us on June 24th.


July 29 at 7 pm
Concert at
Clay City Christian Church
 David Earl Herdes, Tim Schnautz,
 Matt Utley, Ross Herdes

In His Service for July					
	1	8	15	22	29
Greeters	Darrel's class	Men's class	Women's class	Darrel's class	Youth
Pastoral Prayer	Larry Brant	Bill Staser	Darrel Brandon	Gary Clark	Larry Brant
Reading at the Lord's Table	Jim Cockerel	Wayne Harris	Gene Workman	Larry Brant	Youth
Video Projector	Sandy Brandon	Melissa Riley	Lynne Wilson	Sandy Brandon	Ryan Herdes
Communion Preparation	Richard Herdes				
Communion to the sick	Cockerels				