



Clay City Christian Church  
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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 (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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**JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- June 1-5 Meals on Wheels
- June 2 Willing Workers
- June 5 Seeker's Class Party
- June 14 Baby Shower for Amy Delonshaw Thornton
- June 21 Elders' Meeting
- June 22 Kingdom Builders at Bible Grove
- June 27 Chili Cook Off
- June 28 Board Meeting



**Baby Shower**

for Amy Delonshaw Thornton  
June 14 at 2 p.m.  
in the New Life Center

**All ladies of the church invited**

**Sermon Titles**

- June 7 The Secret of Patience
- June 14 The Secret of Communication
- June 21 The Secret of Courtesy
- June 28 Up

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**CHILI COOK OFF**

June 27<sup>th</sup>  
6 p.m.

for all the men  
and boys of the church

For those wishing to compete  
please bring a large pan of chili for  
one of the following categories:

- Sweet & Sassy (sweet)
- Subtle & Smooth (mild)
- Searing & Spicy (hot)
- Strange & Special (freestyle)

Entries will be judged by our guest  
celebrity judges.

If you don't wish to compete,  
come share a bowl of chili  
and some fellowship

**When on vacation**  
When on vacation, be with us in spirit.  
The rest of the summer, be with us in person.

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**Vacation Bible School**

July 21 registration  
7-8 pm

July 23 & 24  
6-8 pm

July 25  
3-5 pm

all church meal at 5 pm  
closing program at 6 pm

The mission for VBS is  
Myanmar Samaritan Mission.  
Offerings will be received at each VBS  
session and at the closing program.  
Cing Root will be with us.

**Attendance**

May 3	93
May 10	111
May 17	103
May 24	87



## From Darrel's Desk

I had the privilege of attending the graduation exercises for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and the high school. Graduation ceremonies are not always a privilege to attend but this one truly was.

First of all, the friends and family of the graduates conducted themselves in an appropriately respectful manner. Over the years, it somehow became fashionable for those attending graduation ceremonies to shout, scream, holler and draw attention to themselves in an effort to embarrass certain graduates. Some boorish clods never figured out that they are not the stars of the show. Nor are individual graduates the stars of the show. Graduation ceremonies are for the purpose of recognizing a class as a whole. The parties for particular students take place later. This is for the class as a group.

But at the commencement program for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and for the high school, those in attendance were courteous, considerate and mannerly.

The graduates themselves impressed me tremendously. Not only was their behavior similarly proper, several students showed themselves to be wise beyond their years in remarks they made from the platform. The speeches and the prayers by the students gave very sincere and meaningful testimony to their faith in God and their commitment to Jesus Christ.

Obviously these students have learned a lot and they have the diplomas to prove it. But they can teach a lot, too, if we are willing to learn from them. They can teach us that it is possible to be perfectly respectful and still give witness to your faith. How 'bout it? Will you learn from these young men and women?



## Are You Close...

Last weekend I had the opportunity to take my dad over to St. Louis and watch our favorite sports team, the St. Louis Cardinals.

Even though my face really took a beating from the sun, and you may have noticed that last Sunday, I still had a great time.

With Father's Day coming up, I realized that I need to spend more time with my dad. When I lived at home, I was close to him because we lived in the same house. Now, that I have moved out and away from home, I must make an effort to stop by or call.

Can you think of a time when you felt close to our heavenly Father? When I was a camper at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, I would come home and feel so much closer to God than ever before. It was such a wonderful feeling. You are learning and growing spiritually while you are there, however, when you come home, you are no longer at camp and you must make an effort to continue to grow in Christ.

Let me encourage you today in a few ways. First, spend some time with God. Allow Him to use you in a powerful way. Pray, and expect the unexpected. Second, send your child to church camp. Our church leadership is allowing me to spend 3 weeks this summer at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp in Flora with your kids. We are so blessed to be close to a wonderful camp like this one. Maybe your child has had a bad camp experience in the past or doesn't think they would like it. Well, I believe this is the summer to Start New. Here are the dates that I will be at Camp.

May 31-June 6 – High School

June 14-20 – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

August 2-8 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Come See Matt or drop by the Church Office and pick up a Registration paper.

Clay City Christian Church,

Thank you for your many acts of kindness during the passing of Ed Craig. Thanks to Darrel Brandon for being with us at the hospital, during the visitation and funeral and for checking in with our family.



Thanks to the women who prepared a special meal for our friends and family after the funeral. You provided a time for shared grieving and fellowship that meant a great deal to us. Thanks also for sending a candle/floral arrangement to the funeral home.

Our family is greatly appreciative of all the special things that our church and its many members have done to ease the pain of this difficult time. Our husband, father and grandfather served his time on this earth caring for lambs, special creatures in the eyes of the Lord. We equally appreciate your care for us.

- Marcia Craig  
Tami Craig Schilling & Family  
Cori Craig & Family

Thank you so much for your prayers and all you did to make the benefit a success.

Teresa Borton

**Paige Spitzner** was baptized on May 10.  
She is the daughter of Steve and Lesli.  
**Faith Snell** was baptized on May 17. She is the daughter of Crystal.

In His Service June		
	Pastoral Prayer	Reading at the Lord's Table
7	Gary Clark	Bill Staser
14	Darrel Brandon	Gene Workman
21	Larry Brant	Darrel Brandon
28	Bill Staser	Larry Brant
Communion Preparation		Gary & Bev Clark

Thank you for all the cards you sent for our 72nd wedding anniversary. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much.  
Johnnie & Ina Brant

As a cancer survivor who enjoyed a very nice meal Tuesday, April 28, I want to say, with much appreciation a big Thank You to all the church members who served it.

In Christian love  
Marilyn Patridge

To our church family -  
Thanks so much for everything! Your cards, calls, prayers, food, and expressions of sympathy meant more to us than you will ever know.

In Christian love,  
Gary & Linda Schnepfer

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Paula Henry
- 2 Leah Draper
- 3 Ray & Mary Lou Broadwater
- 6 Ninetta Wilson
- 7 Michael Henderson
- 11 Chelsie Lee
- 12 Charles & June Thomas
- 14 Mike & Michelle Heinzmann
- 14 Ross & Linda Herdes
- 16 Dan & Mary Patridge
- 17 Michael Riley
- 18 Mary Lou Broadwater
- 19 Jacob Shaw
- 21 Kolbi Kittle
- 21 Amanda Schnepfer
- 22 Macy Anderson
- 23 Gene Workman
- 25 Bryan & Lori Draper
- 25 Kiefer Shaw
- 26 Bob Harper
- 26 Steve & Lesli Spitzner
- 27 Brooke Anderson
- 27 Phillip Henderson
- 29 Johnnie Brant
- 29 Carter Steven Spitzner
- 30 Kent Henry