



May 2011

Clay City Christian Chronicle

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 2-6 Meals on Wheels
- May 4 Willing Workers
- May 5 Volunteer at Wabash
- May 15 Elders' Meeting
- May 22 Show Our Support Sunday Board Meeting
- May 23 Kingdom Builders Mason Christian Church



Sermon Titles

- May 1 A Ruined Reception John 2:1-11
- May 8 A Mourning Mother Luke 7:11-17
- May 15 A Frustrated Father Matthew 17:14-22
- May 22 Show Our Support Sunday Mark Luzadder
- May 29 A Disturbed Daughter Matthew 15:21-28



Show Our Support Sunday

May 22
10 a.m. worship service

Special Speaker
Mark Luzadder

Special Youth Participation

Attendance

April 3	64
April 10	65
April 17	73
April 24	88

◆ Show Our Support - for our church

Imagine the encouragement it would be to all the people if everyone who calls Clay City Christian Church their home church would attend one Sunday. May 22 is your opportunity to encourage one another with your attendance

◆ Show Our Support - for our youth

May 22 will also be a "Youth Sunday". We want our youth to be able to see and feel the support of the church. Please be in attendance to support our youth.

◆ Show Our Support - for our camp

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp is a vital partner in ministry. We send volunteers and send every kid who wants to go to a week of camp. Mark Luzadder, Assistant Manager, will be our guest speaker. Also we will be collecting paper products for the camp. Paper towels, toilet paper, and packages of copy paper can be brought to the church at any time and we will give these to the camp after the SOS Sunday.

◆ Share Our Spaghetti

After morning worship on the 22nd, we will have a spaghetti and salad fellowship meal in the New Life Center. Make plans to join us at no charge to you.



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Permit No. 13
Clay City, IL

Sunday: 9 AM Bible School for all ages
10 AM Morning Worship Service
7 PM Evening Service
Wednesday 7 PM Youth Program (4-12 grades)
7 PM Adult Bible Study

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From Darrel's Desk . . .



One of the finest preachers the church has ever known was Phillips Brooks. I love his definition that preaching is the "communication of truth through personality." Brooks thought it not beneath him to call on his church members. In fact, he believed that kept the pulpit in touch with the pew.

Brooks' biographers say, "He was shy, spoke rapidly, had a stiff sermon delivery and terrible eye contact -- usually staring at the sounding board above his head, according to his biographers. Yet Phillips Brooks drew tremendous crowds and became known as one of the great "princes of the pulpit" of the nineteenth century."

Phillips Brooks is immanently quotable. Germane to our series of sermons, "Just Jesus," is this gem:
Definers and defenders of the faith are always needed, but it is bad for a church, when its ministers count it their true work to define and defend the faith rather than to preach the Gospel. Beware of the tendency to preach about Christianity, and try to preach Christ. To discuss the relations of Christianity and Science, Christianity and Society, Christianity and Politics, is good. To set Christ forth to men so that they shall know Him, and in gratitude and love become His, that is far better. It is good to be a Herschel who describes the sun; but it is better to be a Prometheus who brings the sun's fire to the earth.

I believe the church, in general, and our movement in particular, were harmed by a few generations of preachers who preached about Christianity rather than about Christ. This year more than ever before, I am attempting to lift high the Christ. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." As I attempt to lift him up, will you come and "behold the man"?

2011 is one-third over but it is not too late to make a resolution to be in church every Sunday to see the exalted Christ and to become his.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2 Johnnie & Ina Brant
 3 Arthur Laughton
 6 Scott Staser
 8 Mike Spitzner
 9 Haley Sharp



12 Reid Travis
 14 Linda Schnepfer
 18 Harvey Cash
 23 Marilyn Brant
 23 Hunter Snell

Vacation Bible School Preview

VBS will be July 17-20 this summer for Kindergarten through 8th grade youth.

The Theme Is:
 Christmas in July



There are many ways in which you can help and you will not need to be available every night. We will be needing help with baking Christmas sugar cookies for snacks (specific cookie cutters will be supplied), help with crafts, and lots of general help and oversight. On Wednesday night, the 21st at 7 pm we will have a closing program and refreshments and invite all to come support our VBS program. Our mission project will be supporting Oil Belt Christian Service Camp. An offering will be received each night and Wednesday night. Please contact Sandy in the church office to volunteer your help and watch for future announcements.

A Godly Mother is a treasure-
 A gift more precious than
 gold . . .
 Her children rise up and call
 her blessed,
 And in high esteem do hold.



Her love is like that of our Savior
 Who sacrificed His own life . . .
 That we might live joyful, Godly lives
 In a troubled world of strife.

Her heart is like His, holding us close
 No matter how far we roam . . .
 And her arms are always open wide
 To forgive and welcome home.

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In His Service for May

	1	8	15	22	29
Pastoral Prayer	Larry Brant	Bill Staser	Darrel Brandon	Gary Clark	Wayne Harris
Reading at the Lord's Table	Dan Patridge	Wayne Harris	Gene Workman	Bill Staser	Darrel Brandon
Nursery volunteers	Regina Schnepfer	Lesli Spitzner	Lou Anna Brant	Beverly Clark	Evelyn Pierce
Communion Preparation	Gary & Linda Schnepfer				