



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 Willing Workers
- May 6 Rick Sutton preaching
- May 7-11 Meals on Wheels
- May 13 Cherish Brandon from Oblong Christian Children's Home
- May 28 Kingdom Builders at Louisville Christian Church

Darrel and Sandy will be out of the office April 30 - May 7. Sandy is having surgery in Philadelphia, PA on May 2nd. Please call one of the elders: Larry Brant (676-1489), Gary Clark (676-1576) or Bill Staser (676-1160) if you have a need. They will also know how to get in touch with Darrel.



Sermon Titles

- May 6 Special Speaker Rick Sutton
- May 13 "Faithful as Mothers" I Timothy 1:5
Special Guest: Cherish Edwards of Oblong Children's Home
- May 20 "Faithful as Sons"
- May 27 "Faithful as Daughters" Numbers 26:33, 27:1-11, 36:1-12



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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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Thank You Mom

I know how often I took you for granted when I was growing up. I always assumed you'd be there when I needed you... and you always were. But I never really thought about what that meant till I got older and began to realize how often your time and energy were devoted to me. So now, for all the times I didn't say it before, Thank you, Mom...I love you very much!
- anonymous

Attendance

April 1	77
April 8	146
April 15	93
April 22	81



**Vacation Bible School
June 29-30**

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From Darrel's Desk

The last day of May is the last day of school for the 2006-2007 school year in Clay City. When we get to this time of the spring, my mind always goes back to a baccalaureate service I attended many years ago.



It was my sister's high school baccalaureate, I believe. I remember I was seated with my family in the bleachers in the gymnasium of Mt. Vernon Township High School. I remember that it was hot...VERY HOT.

Over the years, I have heard hundreds of sermons by scores of preachers. I can think of many occasions when I can recall the preacher but I do not remember what he said. This is one of the few occasions when I can recall the sermon but I do not remember the preacher. Trust me, that says something about the sermon!

The speaker brought an empty 2-liter soda bottle into the pulpit with him and he took the text for his sermon from the label on the bottle: "NO DEPOSIT. NO RETURN". Then he explained to us that these words are true of life. If you do not make a deposit in your life (that is, if you don't put something into it), you do not get any return (you get nothing out of it).

To this day (and my sister is pretty old!) I remember those words. I remember that message. No deposit, no return. The same is true of your life in Christ. Sometimes people tell me that they are not getting anything out of church or out of the Bible or out of their relationship with Jesus. But the fact is, if you don't invest anything into those areas of your spiritual life, you will not get anything out of them.

Do you want worship to be more enjoyable, more rewarding and more fulfilling for you? Sing, read, give, pray, think and participate in every other way you can. Put more into the service and you will get more out of it.

Do you want to get more out of your Bible reading? Then put more of yourself into it. Read more and read more often. Then use good books or the internet or your church leaders to answer any questions you may have.

Do you want a more fulfilling walk with Jesus? Put more into your relationship with him. Just like a marriage, a friendship or any other relationship, the more you put into it, the more you can expect to get out of it.

All these years later, "NO DEPOSIT, NO RETURN" is still a good message we all need to hear.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Johnnie & Ina Brant
- 4 Don Brant
- 6 Scott Staser
- 8 Mike Spitzner
- 9 Pearl Cash



- 12 Reid Travis
- 14 Linda Schnepfer
- 17 Carson & Cing Root
- 23 Marilyn Brant
- 23 Hunter Snell

Dear friends - To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.
Bob Phillips



Thanks seems like such a little thing to say ...when you've blessed my life in such a BIG way. Thanks to Sandy & Darrel as they were with my family in Springfield for the heart cath, for the candle from the church, prayers and calls; after re-

turning home for the carry in food and the errands for things I needed from the store. It was a blessing to me and may God bless you as you serve Him in this way.
Juanita Miller

To all the people, pastor and family of the Clay City Christian Church - Thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers, calls and visits while I've been sick. I am back with Barbara now and am doing better - not quite pain free yet. Praying for you as you pray for me.
Geneva Wilson

We thank everyone for the prayers, concerns, cards for our son Kenneth during his illness and loss. May God bless you all.
The family of Kenneth Bricker

Thank you to all who purchased DQ ice cream cakes and supported the youth. 94 cakes were sold.
Caralyn & the youth

Tracey had her stem cell transplant on Friday, April 6th. Easter will have another special meaning for us this year. Tracey is doing good. Thank you for all the prayers and support.
Mike Conley

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Blood Bank on April 12th; either in working or donating. 19 people presented to donate. 3 were first time donors. 18 productive units were collected.

Thanks so much for letting us sing for you all again! And a special thanks for the love offering for our ministry! You are special to us! God bless!
The Mitchells

In His Service for May				
	6	13	20	27
Greeters	Men's class	Women's class	Darrel's class	Men's class
Pastoral Prayer	Bill Staser	Darrel Brandon	Larry Brant	Gary Clark
Reading at the Lord's Table	Wayne Harris	Bill Staser	Darrel Brandon	Larry Brant
Video Projector	Ryan Herdes	Melissa Riley	Lynne Wilson	Sandy Brandon
Communion Preparation	Loretta Wilder			
Communion to the sick	Larry Brant			