

WELCOME

Clayton Community Church
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Church Office Hours:
Tue.-Thu., 9AM - 4PM

Weekly Operating Budget: \$4,500
July 18 General Offering: \$3,846.25
B'shem Y'shua: \$40

The offering box is located in the hallway. CCC gives 15% of its regular offering to missions. Any additional offerings to missions should be a sacrifice beyond your regular commitment to the ministry of CCC.

"Now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Deuteronomy 26:10

Welcome to Musical worship at Clayton Community Church! We are a diverse collection of people who have one thing in common. His name is Jesus. He descended from kings but was born in a stable. The reason He binds us together is connected to Who He is, the creator of everything! He chose to be born. He chose His parents, His life and the means of His death.

He staged quite an encore! He didn't leave us alone and if you don't know what I'm talking about, stick around with an open mind and heart and you'll see why most of us keep coming back every Sunday. "He came to seek and to save that which is lost." Enjoy the music and the short gospel message. Bring a friend!

Would you like to know about Clayton Community Church? Please ask one of the Ushers for our Welcome booklet. Children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes at 11 a.m. The cry room is available for those with infants who need to be fed and cuddled. It's located to your right as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery is available for infants through 2 1/2-year-olds on the bottom floor of the Education Wing. Worship Bags (crayons & paper) are available during the service. Shalom!

The Kind of Person God Uses

The following excerpts are from the book Disciples Are Made Not Born by Walter A. Henrichsen. Jeanne Rosen is currently teaching a Discipeler-training class on Sunday mornings before church.

What are the qualifications for a faithful person? What qualities of godliness must be characteristic of his life? Let's mentally digest a few essential traits of the person who wants to qualify as "a faithful man."

1. He has adopted as his objective in life the same objective God sets forth in the Scriptures.

Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Rarely did the Lord Jesus ask people to seek something, but here He suggests we seek two things which are to become the twofold objective of every believer: His kingdom and His righteousness.

Notice that Jesus does not say to seek money or a wife or a dozen other things that could easily occupy our attention. Rather, He is saying that if we seek His kingdom and His righteousness, He will assume responsibility for meeting every other need in our lives.

A friend of mine is a lawyer in a prestigious law firm. Year after year he had the highest earnings in the firm, but his colleagues would not make him a senior partner. The reason was that all these men gave their lives, their time, and their energy to the firm. But because my friend was a Christian, he did not feel that the practice of law rated that high on his priority list. He was a superb lawyer and did a good job—as the financial records indicated. But his objective was Matthew 6:33. Being a lawyer was a means to an end, not an end in itself. I believe it was because of his commitment that God entrusted him with so much success.

Whatever your vocation is, it must never be your life objective; for your vocation, no matter how noble it may be, is, in the final analysis, temporal. The Scriptures teach us that we are to give our lives to the eternal and not to the temporal. A faithful man is a man who has chosen eternal objectives for his life.

2. He is willing to pay any price to have the will of God fulfilled in his life.

This is a crucial issue. After instructing Timothy to commit to faithful people the things that Timothy had learned from him, Paul goes on to say, "Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier" (2 Tim. 2:34, NASB). Having committed himself to God's objective, the faithful man steadfastly resists becoming ensnared in the world's glittering attractions.

Let me ask you: Is there anything between you and God? Are there any little pet sins that you have been unwilling to confess and forsake? Any areas that you have not put under His control? How about your finances? The question is not how much money you have in the bank, but rather who has the power to draw on your account? Do all of your financial assets belong to Jesus Christ? Do you know what it means to give sacrificially? And by that I mean to give what you know from a human perspective you cannot afford.

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How about “things”? Do your possessions play an inordinate role in your life? Paul says, “For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things” (Phil. 3:18-19). The Bible says that people “who mind earthly things” are enemies of the cross of Christ.

All that you hold dear to yourself—your family, your health, your dreams, your aspirations and goals—must be held with an open hand. If you desire to fulfill God’s will for your life irrespective of the price, the sum total of all that makes up you must belong to Jesus Christ. He must be free to do with you and take from you as He pleases. You need not open your hand to God with a sense of fear, for God loves you with a perfect love and has your best interests at heart. But having said that, the faithful person is one who is willing to pay any price to have the will of God accomplished in his life.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the Peace of Jerusalem & the Middle East

Our Soldiers in Harm’s Way:

- >Iraq - John Oros, Danny Burge, Patrick Owens, Chris Parker
- >Kuwait - Craig Rowland
- >Afghanistan - Kim Hitch
- >South Korea - Joshua Hudson
- >Westpoint - Mark Allen

Israeli Army - Sarah Mizrahi, Liel Meyuseff

If you have updates to this list, please contact the CCC office.

»» **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ««

- **The Urban Prayer Meeting** scheduled for July 28 has been canceled due to water damage at Fresh Start Bible Church. Please pray for this congregation!
- **Israeli Folk Dancing** will be taught at the Beit Chessed Shabbat Potluck THIS Friday, July 30 at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall.
- **Marty Zide** will be giving his testimony at the Beit Chessed Friday night service on August 6 at 7:15 PM.
- **Please help beautify the church grounds!** Donate a perennial or two-- from your personal garden or purchased--to be planted in front of the church. Call Heather Carson for details: 314-781-4523.
- **The nursery is looking for another helper!** If you are interested, please talk to Carolyn Sittser: 636-227-9894

»» **ONGOING EVENTS** ««

- **Adult Sunday School:** Sunday before church, 9:30-10:30 AM in the CCC fellowship hall. Open to all.
- **Kibbutz Girls:** Monday, 6:30-8:30 PM at CCC. Geri Weis, 314-849-2977
- **Chesterfield Small Group:** Tuesday, 7 PM. Jake Rosen & Jack Scharr, 314-504-8539
- **South City Small Group:** Tuesday, 7 PM. Roger & Debbie Phillips, 314-781-8482
- **Gazelle Group:** 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 PM in the CCC fellowship hall. Debbie Phillips, 314-781-8482 & Dawn Yourtee, 314-644-6638. Open to all women.
- **Beit Chessed Messianic Congregation Shabbat Service:** Friday, 7:15 PM in the CCC sanctuary. Jake Rosen, 314-504-8539

Short-Term
MISSIONS

- » **Dorothy Bethel** will travel to Barranquilla, Colombia Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2010. The cost is \$2,300 (\$1,150 due July 31, 2010); Dorothy has \$555 left to raise.
- » **Brenda Robinson** will travel to Barranquilla, Colombia Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2010. The cost is \$2,300 (\$1,150 due July 31, 2010); Brenda has \$1,169.50 left to raise.
- » **Elisa Doty** will be attending Youth With A Mission's Discipleship Training School September 19, 2010 to March 4, 2011, which focuses on Children At Risk. The first three months (the training portion) will be in Madison, Wisconsin, and the last 10 weeks (the outreach portion) will tentatively be in Thailand. Elisa has served our congregation well by leading Vacation Bible School and more. Here is our chance to serve Elisa! Pleaser consider supporting her financially. Deadline for financial support:

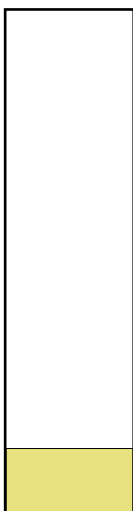
To support our short-term missionaries, make check payable to Clayton Community Church with the missionary's name on the memo line.

Raise the Roof!

\$2,259 received, \$9,341 left to raise!

\$11,600!

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\$8,000
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\$2,000
\$1,000



“Raise the Roof” donations are being collected to replace the fellowship hall roof. Envelopes are available in the hallway-- mark off the dollar amount of your donation in the star on the chart and drop your donation in the offering box.