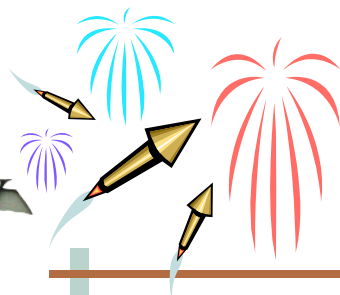


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July 4, 2010 | 22 Tamuz 5770

Clayton Community Church
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St. Louis, MO 63144
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Prayers & Presidents

Inspiring Faith from Leaders of the Past

Excerpts from the book by William J. Federer.

Pastors: Charlie Bethel, Wayne Carson
& Jake Rosen

Secretary: Gina Edwards

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

Weekly Operating Budget: \$4,500
June 27 General Offering: \$2,944.04
Brian Ziebarth STM: \$353
Barb Foy STM: \$25

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.

It is Lord's Supper Sunday! On the first Sunday of every month, we devote a vital portion of our Sunday morning to communion. If you are familiar with the practice and are a believer in Jesus please join in, but don't feel like you need to do it because the rest of the people are. We believe worshipping God is best done with understanding. Feel free to participate or not as the Spirit leads.

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!

From George Washington's orders for troops to attend divine services, to Abraham Lincoln's annual day of thanksgiving, to Harry S Truman's annual day of prayer, America's leaders of the past have a tradition of faith, especially in times of crises! In the book, there is a chapter on every President of the past, from George Washington through George W. Bush, filled with excerpts from Proclamations, Addresses to Congress, Executive Orders, Personal Correspondence and Memoirs. The following are a few:

"Went to church and fasted all day."-GEORGE WASHINGTON, Diary Entry, June 1, 1774, day British blockaded Boston's harbor.

"Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions..."-THOMAS JEFFERSON, Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

"That the citizens of these States, abstaining on that day from their customary worldly occupations... acknowledge before God the manifold sins and transgressions... as individuals and as a nation, beseeching Him... through the Redeemer of the World, freely to remit all our offenses, and to incline us by His Holy Spirit to that sincere repentance and reformation."-JOHN ADAMS, Day of Fasting declared during a threatened war with France, March 23, 1798.

"In the present time of public calamity and war a day may be recommended to be observed by the people of the United States as a day of... humble adoration to the Great Sovereign of the Universe, of confessing their sins and transgressions, and of strengthening their vows of repentance."-JAMES MADISON, Day of Fasting, November 16, 1814, after British burned the Capital.

"In a time of war humbly and devoutly to acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God and to implore His aid and protection... I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby... exhort my fellow-citizens... to pray Almighty God that He may forgive our sins."-WOODROW WILSON, Day of Fasting May 11, 1918, during World War I.

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion and our civilization... Help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice."-FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, June 6, 1944, D-Day Prayer on Allied Invasion of Normandy, France.

"America needs God more than God needs America. If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."-RONALD REAGAN, August 23, 1984, at Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast, Dallas, Texas.



ONE NATION, UNDER GOD
Happy Independence Day!

»» ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **A key was found** in the church kitchen. Please call the church office to inquire.
- **Items left at Church in the Park** are on a table in the fellowship hall. Please claim your items!
- **The nursery is looking for another helper!** If you are interested, please talk to Carolyn Sittser: 636-227-9894
- **The next Urban Prayer Meeting** will be Wed., July 28, 7 PM at Fresh Start Bible Church, 3620 Finney Ave., 63113.
- **Would you like to host a high school foreign exchange student for the 2010-2011 academic year?** STS Foundation are looking for warm, loving homes with host families of all types. Contact Julie Orr at 314-298-1228.

Short-Term MISSIONS

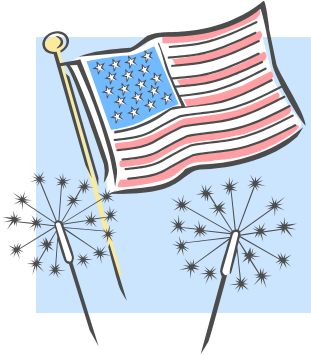
» **Brian Ziebarth** is in Juarez, Mexico July 3-10, 2010. He will be working with Casas por Cristo. Visit casasgrandesmissions.org for more info and pictures from prior years' missions trips!

» **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 \$1,731 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).

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

Happy 4th of July



"What sees us through--what has always seen us through--is our strength, our resilience, and our unyielding faith that something better awaits if we summon the courage to reach for it. Tonight we pray for that courage. We pray for the people of the Gulf. And we pray that a hand may guide us through the storm toward a brighter day." -Barack Obama, June 16, 2010

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

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 Mizrachi, Liel Meyuseff

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

»» 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 Chesed Messianic Congregation Shabbat Service:** Friday, 7:15 PM in the CCC sanctuary. Jake Rosen, 314-504-8539

Raise the Roof!

\$2,059 received, \$9,541 left to raise!

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"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.