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

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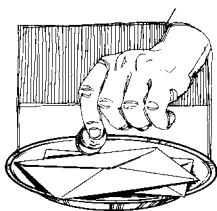
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Weekly Operating Budget: \$4,500
2011 Year-End Offering: \$1,934.25
Jan. 1 General Offering: \$1,684.50
Benevolence: \$100
Raise the Roof: \$100



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 Clayton Community Church.

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!

Forgiveness and God's Love

The following article is by Dr. Al Reichman who is the Southwest Director Chosen People Ministries. I believe it is important to start the New Year with a clean slate; the lack of forgiveness we experience and offer others is a place where our adversary, the devil, can gain a strong foothold. Let this story inspire you to understand the section of the Lord's prayer that deals with forgiveness: "Forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Dr. Reichman will be a guest speaker at Beit Chesed on February 24, 2012!

My earliest memories are tied to the strict Jewish religious observance in our family life that took place under the watchful eye of my father. But as observant as my father was, there was a side to his personality that was, quite frankly, brutal - even to the point of physical violence.

My parents divorced when I was about five years old, and although I was too young to really understand, my four older sisters were deeply affected, as was my mother. My last memory of him was that of him lashing out at us. After that, he passed out of my life.

As I became a teenager, my anger toward him turned to hatred and I longed for the day I could meet him and inflict pain upon him to get even. But when I came to faith I recognized how lost he must have been and how even now his position apart from Messiah had such frightening eternal consequences. As I began to mature in my faith, I wanted to see him again in order to develop a relationship so that I could witness to him.

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I also understood that my own relationship with God was paralyzed unless I could realize God's love for him. The words of 1 John 4:20 impressed me deeply - "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

Realizing I had no love for my father, I began praying that the Lord would love him through me. As I prayed this prayer the Lord began to give me a genuine love for a man I only knew in the most bitter and hateful manner.

Although I never did see my father again, I came to realize that I must learn to forgive him through the power of Messiah's love. And in the process, my heart was changed. ■

Article from:

<http://www.chosenpeople.com/main/personal-stories/204-forgiveness->

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem
& the Middle East

Our Soldiers Stateside
Ft. Bliss, TX - Nate Wagoner
Westpoint - Mark Allen

Our Soldiers Overseas:
Afghanistan - John Oros, Joe Seavey
South Korea - Joshua Hudson
Israeli Army - Sarah Mizrachi, Liel Meyuseff

If you have updates to this list, please contact the CCC office. To join the prayer chain, e-mail the church and we will send you an invitation to the CCC Prayer Warriors Yahoo Group.

Ongoing weekly 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: (On break until Jan. 10.) Jake Rosen & Jack Scharr, 314-504-8539
- South City Small Group: Tuesday, 7 PM. Roger & Debbie Phillips, 314-781-8482
- Beit Chesed Messianic Congregation Shabbat Service: Friday, 7:15 PM. Jake Rosen, 314-504-8539, www.beitchesed.com

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- © "Raise the Roof" - Donations are being collected to replace the fellowship hall roof. Envelopes are available in the hallway. Drop your donation in the offering box. The amount needed is \$14,000; the total is approximate and will vary depending on market conditions. So far \$5,433 has been received, with less than \$9,000 left to raise!
- © **One-on-One Discipling** is a mentoring program to get one grounded in the basics of the Christian faith. Contact Barb Foy or Jack Scharr for more information, or fill out a discipling information card and drop it in the offering box. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I commanded you."* (Mat. 28:19-20)