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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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Weekly Operating Budget: \$4,500  
Dec. 4 General Offering: \$4,860.75  
*Raise the Roof: \$101*  
*Barbara Foy STM: \$50*

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!



## Women's Christmas Luncheon is Today!

The women of CCC are invited to our annual Christmas Luncheon **TODAY**, immediately following service at Doris Hibbs' home (5 Algonquin Wood Place, Glendale, MO 63122). Menu: Butternut Squash Soup, Salad, Croissants, Carmel rolls, Snow Ball Christmas Cake Coffee, Tea. Cost: \$5 per person.

## Nurse from Moscow Mills is India bound to establish clinic

February 18, 2011 | Suburban Journals

*Rachel Ascher is the sister of Isaiah and Sarah who were Bar & Bat Mitzvah this year at Beit Chesed.*

Rachel Ascher has a big family in Moscow Mills, but they will not be on the plane with her Tuesday morning as she takes off for a one-way flight across the globe. They will not be waiting to greet her 33 hours later when she lands in Deli, India; or two hours after that, when she arrives in the southeastern city of Visakhapatnam. By herself, Ascher will enter a world mired in poverty and sickness. By herself, she will establish a medical clinic where none exists. She will buy the supplies, the furniture, the equipment, the drugs. From the local population, she will hire and train the staff. The project rests on her shoulders. Ascher is 20 years old.

"I feel like, am I crazy?" she said. "Is this possible? Why am I doing this?" Ascher said her faith in God compelled her to help India's Dalit people, or "untouchables." Even though India's constitution outlawed the caste system 60 years ago, generations of social conditioning do not die quickly. Especially in India's rural areas, certain classes of people still face discrimination and culturally entrenched poverty.

Ascher will establish the clinic for Bless India Ministries, an organization founded by Pastor Devedas Mekala and his wife, Sarojini, in Visakhapatnam. The organization has U.S. offices in Maryland. Ascher's father, Andy Ascher, said he is "reasonably comfortable" about his daughter going to India, though he knows she has chosen a difficult road. "She does not believe she could accomplish this task if it was up to her," he said. "She believes God will enable her to do this task, if he so wills."

Rachel is leaving her job at SSM St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles, where she has worked the last six months as a registered staff nurse in the intensive care unit. Before that, she worked one year at St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake Saint Louis. Katie Tarka, a registered nurse in the St. Charles facility, said the ICU staff was surprised when Rachel posted a farewell letter on the break room bulletin board, detailing her plans. "It was very impressive and neat, very courageous," said Tarka, 26. "You don't expect one of your coworkers to do something like that. I could not do that. I could not leave my house, my dog, my family."

Andy Ascher said Rachel has always been a self-driven achiever. At age 19, she graduated at the top of her class with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. "I'm extremely proud of my daughter," he said. Rachel had planned to seek a master's degree at UMSL. She was scheduled to begin classes in August, but canceled them at the last minute after returning from a two-week trip to India. She had wanted to visit India since reading about the Dalit people six years ago. She dreamed of helping them, though she was not sure what she could do. When she learned Bless India was organizing a mission trip to India last August, she decided to join the group. It was her first time outside the United States.

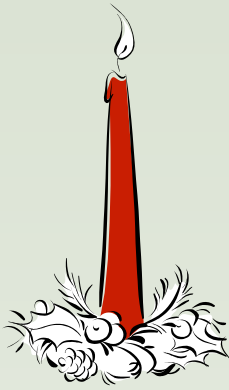
"The Third World became a reality," she said. "There were no road signs. Cars were going 60 miles per hour either way, head-on, like a chicken game. There was no trash pickup system. Trash lined the streets. The smell of body odor, rotting food and animal waste was in the air, magnified by the heat." But after the initial culture shock, Rachel said she fell in love with India's people. She admired the beauty and color of the street culture, with women wearing dazzling saris, vendors selling fruit and flowers. Rachel traveled to rural villages and met Dalit children. She found they suffered from lice, scabies and ringworm. They had no access to clean drinking water or hot water for bathing and cleaning. "They showed me a little boy's arm that looked twisted and broken," she said. "I learned it had broken long ago and had grown back misaligned. The children were all very thin and malnourished."

Instead of spending the next three years studying at UMSL, Rachel decided she would rather spend them in India, using her nursing expertise to open a clinic for Bless India Ministries.

Read more!: [http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/stcharles/news/article\\_c4b6248c-b010-5c32-8e57-a61377bab0cd.html](http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/stcharles/news/article_c4b6248c-b010-5c32-8e57-a61377bab0cd.html)

## A Christian Christmas Kiss

Beth Tuttle & Friends (including CCC's Andrew Gibson, Heather Carson, Stan Gill, Bob Walther & Miles Dela Cruz) presents Christmas with a Gospel Jazz Blues spirit **TONIGHT** at Ascending Glory Cafe (Stratford Inn, Gazebo Room, 800 South Highway Drive, Fenton, MO 63026). Come celebrate the birth of the Messiah with great fellowship, food, fun, and music! Bring a new, unwrapped gift for the Toys for Tots drive! Admission is free, dinner buffet is \$7. Doors open at 6 PM, music begins at 6:30 PM.



## Christmas Camp

THIS Saturday, Dec. 17,  
5:30-8:30 PM for kids ages 3-12. Event invitations, sign up sheets and registration forms are available. Contact Elisa Doty for more information: 314-440-8599 or ebdoty@gmail.com.



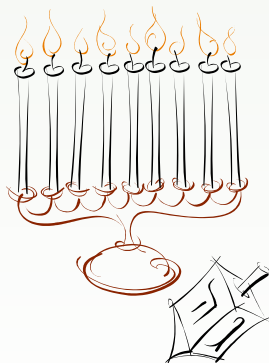
## Happy Birthday, Jesus!

NEXT Sunday, December 18, Clayton Community Kids Klas will be celebrating the birth of our Savior with a performance during service. After the performance, all children are invited to the fellowship hall for a birthday party.



## Merry Messiahmas Hanukkoncert

Beit Chesed is hosting a Messiahmas & Hanukkah celebration and concert NEXT Friday, Dec. 23. Music by Sandy Weltman, Gregory & Shana Lowe, Beth Tuttle, Kenny Jaworski, and the list keeps growing! Bring your kids for a family time with real live spinning dreidels and Hanukkah candles beginning at 6:30 PM! We will launch into the music at 7 PM.



## points of interest

- ◎ **Disposing of Trash** - There are two large, BLUE garbage cans under the back porch of the church for disposing of trash after events, etc. The large brown can is for recycling only and the small cans will not be emptied on trash day.
- ◎ **"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 \$5,331 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)

## 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 - Jesse Campbell, 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:** Tuesday, 7 PM. 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:** Most Friday's, 7:15 PM. Jake Rosen, 314-504-8539, [www.beitchesed.com](http://www.beitchesed.com)