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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday: Bible Class	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Worship	6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00 PM
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	52
Worship	84
Contribution	\$2144

Sunday PM

Worship	43
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Wednesday

Bible Study	61
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God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the word of God (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32*)
2. Believing what is taught (*Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6*)
3. Repentance (*Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
4. Confession (*Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37*)
5. Baptism (*Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4*)
6. After the above five steps, faithful Christian living (*1 Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10*)

The church of Christ

1. Bible is its only guide (*Romans 1:16; 1 Thess. 2:13*)
2. Wears a Biblical name (*Romans 16:16*)
3. Established at the right place (*Isaiah 2:2, 3; Acts 2*)
4. Established at the right time (*Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2*)
5. Established on the right person (*Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:36*)
6. Saved are in it (*Ephesians 5:23; Acts 2:47*)
7. Its members are enrolled in heaven (*Hebrews 12:23*)
8. Membership in it is obtained by obedience to God's commands including baptism (*Acts 2:41-47, 1 Cor. 12:13*)

Our Mission Works

Garry Jones – India
The Mustard Seed Village, The
Rainbow Village for Girls, & The
Theophilus Bible Institute

**Scott Shanahan – Pohnpei,
Micronesia**

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Serving the Congregation May 15, 2016

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Rick Caudle
Opening Prayer:	Stump Smith	Herman Herren
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Daniel McInturff, Dwight Nicholson, Mike Olsen	
Closing Prayer:	Buck Herren	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	James McCrary	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: May 18, 2016

Song Leader: Dale Mowery
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Stump Smith

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The 9 Qualifications for Elders We Never Talk About

Wes McAdams

When a congregation starts the process of appointing new elders, the preacher usually preaches a lesson or two about the qualifications of elders. **1 Timothy 3:1-7** and **Titus 1:5-9** are usually the two texts on which the preacher focuses. But I think we are missing some qualifications that are much more fundamental. Obviously a man must not be a drunkard and he must be the husband of one wife; but just because he meets these qualifications, does not necessarily make him qualified to serve as a shepherd in the Lord's church.

Before we talk about the qualifications listed in **1 Timothy 3** and **Titus 1**, we ought to begin by talking about the fruit of the Spirit. If a man does not display the fruit of the Spirit, then he does not "walk by the Spirit" (**Galatians 5:16**). If a man does not walk by the Spirit, he certainly is not qualified to serve as an elder, regardless of whether or not he meets the qualifications listed in **1 Timothy 3** and **Titus 1**.

Consider the qualities Paul lists in **Galatians 5:22-23**. These are the first nine qualities we ought to look for when considering a man for the office of overseer:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-Control

If a man does not possess these qualities, then he is not "led by the Spirit" (**Galatians 5:18**) and it is a moot point to proceed further by asking whether or not he is the husband of one wife, has believing children, etc.

Consider the ramifications of this idea. This means, for instance, that **a man who is not joyful, is not qualified to serve as an elder**. He may have been a Christian for five decades, may have never been divorced, may know the Bible from cover-to-cover, and may be able to refute every false doctrine, but if he is known in the congregation and the community as a grumpy old man – he is not qualified to hold the office. Similarly, if a man is not kind, gentle, and patient – he is not qualified to serve as an elder.

(Personally, I (RWB) can say I serve under the oversight of three elders who not only meet the qualifications of elders listed in **1 Timothy 3** and **Titus 1**, but just importantly, meet the qualifications listed in **Galatians 5**. In the lives of these three men, it is easy to see the fruit of the Spirit. Unfortunately, however, many congregations cannot say that about the men serving there as elders.)

So maybe, when it's time to appoint elders, congregations should consider **Galatians 5:22-23** before they consider anything else. And if a man currently serves as an elder – or wishes to someday serve as an elder – these are some of the qualities he ought to cultivate in his life; just as every Christian ought to be cultivating these qualities.

If you're visiting with us today – WELCOME! – We're glad you're here!

CLINTON CALENDAR

May 21	Youth Trip: Knoxville Zoo
May 22	Youth Devo @ Eastside
May 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
June 5	Glenn/McElroy Shower
June 11	Ladies Day Meeting
June 11	Claxton VBS
June 11	School's Out! Party
July 24-28	Clinton VBS
Sept 24	Clinton Ladies Day

LADIES DAY

Our 2016 Ladies Day has been set for Saturday, Sept 24. The theme is "Up, Up, & Away" and will be a hot-air balloon theme. Our guest speaker will be Katelyn West.

LADIES DAY MEETING

We will have a Ladies Day planning meeting on Saturday, June 11 at Laura Bentley's home starting at 10am.

WEDDING SHOWER

We will host a wedding shower for Lauren Glenn and Russell McElroy on Sunday night, June 5. They are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Wal-Mart, and Amazon.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Carolyn Walker on the birth of a grandson, Benjamin Robert Walker on April 26. He was 9lbs and 21 inches long.

THANK YOU CARDS

Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for cards from Elaine Stevenson, Mary Lou Ramsey, and Carolyn Walker.

KNOXVILLE ZOO TRIP

If you plan to go on the May 21 trip to the zoo, please meet briefly after services today in the fellowship hall.

AREA-WIDE DEVOTIONALS

The May Area-Wide Youth Devotional will be at the Eastside church of Christ in Maryville on Sunday, May 22 at 4:30 p.m. Please let Joey Smith know if you are going.

The 2016 schedule for area-wide youth devos is posted on the youth board in the foyer. We will host a devo here at Clinton in September.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

This week's lesson in our Kids' Bible Story & Art Class will focus on **Queen Esther**.

SCHOOL'S OUT PARTY

We will host a "School's Out Party" for our young people here at the building on June 11. All youth are invited to come kick off summer!!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

**Teenage Christian Camp* begins June 19.

Register at teenagechristiancamp.org.

**K-5 Bible Day Camp*—May 31 - June at Karns.

**"Forever His" Bible Day Camp*—June 4 at Karns.

**Leadership Camp*—June 5 - 12 at Karns for ages 12—19. Register at wedopreaching.com/leadershipcamp.

**East Tennessee Servant Camp* – June 12-17.

Register at easttennesseeservantcamp.com.

KNOXVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS

KCS is offering tours on most Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer and can be scheduled by calling [865-966-7060](tel:865-966-7060). They also have an immediate need to secure host families for international students for the upcoming school year. The \$300/month stipend defers costs incurred by having an extra family member.

*Please share your child's accomplishments in the bulletin! Email them to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nick Boggs, Hubert Sharp's nephew, was in an auto accident last Sunday morning.

Betty Weaver had eye surgery on May 9.

Clureta Lawson suffered a brain aneurysm and is in very serious condition at UT Hospital.

Millard Adkins is dealing with heart issues and needs our prayers.

Bryan Brown will soon begin radiation for the lymphoma in his face. He will have 20 to 25 treatments.

Joshua Stokes, a friend of the Mowerys, will be undergoing brain tumor surgery.

Laura Bentley continues to deal with stomach issues.

Norma Cooper, Sue Hale, Mary Gilley, Jimmy Redden, & Jo Rutherford continue to be shut in and need our prayers, encouragement, calls, cards, and visits.

Continue to remember: Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, Greg Cline, Don Cox, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Nasha Foster, Amanda Harness' mother, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Betty McInturff, Carolyn Mitchell, Kelly Norton, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Mary Lou Ramsey, Dorothy Richey, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Cheryl Taylor, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Franklin Wharton, Steve Yearwood

Cancer Treatment: Bryan Brown, Wilma Cardwell, Ruby Durst, Gail Foust, Stanley Hash, Gary & Marilyn Jones, Belle McCoy, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber, Joshua Stokes

Shut-In: *At home* – Mary Gilley, Sue Hale, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Norma Cooper, Jo Rutherford; *Golden Living* – Jean Dye, Jimmy Redden, Kenneth Schultz; *Cumberland Village LaFollette* – Ella Mae Burchfield; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard

Updates to the Prayer List can be sent to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or given to Joey Smith.

AREA EVENTS.

Tazewell church of Christ Breakfast Meeting - Thursday, May 19 starting at 9:00am.

Mountain View church of Christ Area-Wide Singing - Sunday, May 22 at 2:30pm.

Claxton church of Christ VBS – Saturday, June 11. Our sister congregation just down the road will have a one day VBS starting at 10:00am and ending at 12:30 with lunch to follow. Joey Smith will be teaching the middle & high school class. If you would like to go and support the Claxton brothers and sisters, please let Joey know. We will take the van!

West End church of Christ VBS – June 7-9 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm each night. The theme is "Go International: Go Into All The World." You may register online at www.wecoc.org.

Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for flyers and more information on these events