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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	66
Worship	84
Contribution	\$3096
Sunday PM	
Worship	61
Wednesday	
Bible Study	60



*A friendly church with
a saving message*

WORSHIP TIMES

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

Wednesday
Bible Class 7:00 PM

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **Hear** the Gospel (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32-34, 1 Cor. 15:1-2*)
- **Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (*John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6*)
- **Repent** of your sins (*Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
- **Confess** faith in Jesus Christ (*Romans 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32*)
- **Be Baptized** (immersed) for forgiveness of your sins (*Acts 2:38; John 3:5; Rom 6:3, 4*)
- **Live Faithfully** (*2 Peter 1:10-11; Revelation 2:10*)

Our Mission Works

Garry Jones – India
The Mustard Seed Village, The
Rainbow Village for Girls, & The
Spiritual Sword Bible Institute,
Antioch Program

Scott Shanahan – Ireland

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation June 10, 2018

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Darryl Glenn	Herb Byrd
Lord's Table:	Hobert Humphrey, Greg Jernigan, Earl Broadway, James McCrary	
Closing Prayer:	Tim Nygard	Eric Mowery
PM Table:	James McCrary	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	

Wednesday evening: June 13, 2018

Song Leader: Joey Smith
Invitation: Dale Mowery
Announcements: Dwight Nicholson

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Sunday & Wednesday Aren't Going to Cut it

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"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." – Acts 2:42

I think we'd all agree that that verse and the section that follows it clearly shows we *definitely* shouldn't just be reading our Bibles and praying once or twice a week. **But I would go further and say that seeing each other one or two days each week where most of us are primarily just an audience wasn't what God intended, either.** While Sunday attendance is a [vital part](#) of the Christian life, it is the starting point of our connection with our church family, not the end of our duties.

When God called us to be "members" of the church, it wasn't as members of an organization, like a social club, but as members of a body, all interconnected and dependent on each other (1 Corinthians 12). In Acts 2 we see the church behaving as a family. What belonged to one belonged to all, including possessions, meals, homes, and time. When we don't see our fellow Christians outside of an organized gathering on Wednesdays and Sundays, it's hard to claim we're a family that is dependent on each other for survival and strength.

Think of all the "one another" commands in the New Testament. It's really not possible to carry those out in an hour or two a week, is it? How much personal exhortation (or even rebuking) can happen in a tight two hour window? How much confessing of our sins to one another happens in a gathering of dozens or hundreds of people? How much can we rejoice and weep with one another in a few short minutes each week? It's when we draw nearer to one another that our weaknesses are revealed, and when we are weak, two things happen: first, Christ is exalted (2 Corinthians 12:10) and second, we get to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:1-2).

When our mindset changes from making Sunday and Wednesday the hub of our spiritual life to making it an everyday thing, we start feeling that closeness with one another. And when we do that, our walk with God becomes easier. Evangelism becomes easier. Prayer becomes more natural. Growth happens more quickly. All because God gave us to each other to help each other (Galatians 6:2, Hebrews 3:12-13, and plenty of others).

However, that doesn't mean the answer is having more events at the church building. A church can "busy" people to the point of burnout when it is functioning as an organization putting on events. And, when the events are always put on by church leadership rather than being the natural outpouring of family spending time with each other, the intended connection doesn't happen.

Once again, we take the Acts 2 example. Where does this growth take place? From house to house. How does this growth take place? Through fellowship, study, and prayer. It's important that we spend time together doing these things outside of the church building. Sometimes it's just going to be fellowship. Other times, we'll be intentionally getting together to have a study, or a devotional. Other times, we will specifically get together to pray.

And, of course, the question is – how often does this take place? For them, it was daily. For us, in our fast-paced world with a million commitments and geographical challenges, that might not be realistic. But we surely aren't doing enough by gathering in a big room two or three times per week.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

June 10	Newsletter folding
June 13	Silver Saints Picnic
June 17	TCC begins
June 24	Singing/Fingerfoods
July 22-26	VBS
Aug 19	Mowery/Tidwell Shower
Oct 21	75th Anniv. Homecoming

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Shannan Burt, former Clinton member, in the passing of her mother, **Estelle Taylor**, who had been staying recently at The Waters of Clinton. Mrs. Taylor's family will receive friends today from 1:00-2:00 at Wooddale Church of Christ in Knoxville with the funeral following.

INDIA MISSION NEWSLETTER

We will be folding the latest issue of the India Mission newsletter today at 4:30. Please come lend a helping (or folding!!!) hand.

SILVER SAINTS PICNIC

The Silver Saints will be going on a picnic at the Norris Dam State Park pavilion this Wednesday. Everyone is invited to come! Please sign up in the foyer.

VBS PROPS

Our theme for this year's VBS is "Excavation" and will center around an archaeological dig. We are in need of props such as crates, ropes, shovels, buckets, lanterns, and artifacts such as pottery, bowls, statues, etc. If you have any of these items, please see Joey Smith.

IRELAND MISSION UPDATE

Scott and Rebecca Shanahan report that they will not be able to work around the new immigration laws in Ireland and will have to return to the U.S. in August. They have located a new work in northern Italy. Let's pray for the success of this new path!

THE ELDERS' CORNER

In the closing verses of His sermon on the mount Jesus said the wise man built his house upon a rock, Matthew 7:24. Let each of us build upon that rock which is Jesus. Matthew 16:18

-Dale

PICTURE BOARD UPDATES

If you would like to have your picture updated on the picture board, please see Dwight Nicholson.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please check the list in the foyer of those who have been on our prayer list for an extended period of time. If you know of updates to their condition, please write them on that list or see Joey Smith to share that info.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Clinton City Schools will be providing free lunch for any child ages 0 to 18 from May 29 through July 25, every day Monday-Friday except July 4. Lunches will be served at North Clinton Elementary. You do not have to be a city resident or Clinton City student to participate. If you know of anyone that might benefit from this program, please spread the word.

AREA EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

West End Church of Christ: June 10-12

ONE-DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Highland View Church of Christ: June 23

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Karns Church of Christ: June 24-27

Please see the bulletin board and table in the foyer for more info on these area happenings.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alyne Matthews fell last Sunday morning. She is bruised but doing well now.

Polly Keck is now home from the hospital.

Matt Scudder, a friend of Gail Sharp, has been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. He is undergoing treatment but is having a hard time with the chemo.

Morgan McGlacken, a new Christian at the church in Galway, Ireland, is having digestive issues and health problems.

Amy Nicholson suffered a broken and cut toe which required several stitches.

Bunny Nash is doing better but still unable to be out.

Josh Deaton, Ashley McInturff's brother, continues to need our prayers.

Jack Zorn, Resa Byrd's father continues to be very ill and in the hospital.

Micheal Olsen is able to be back with us.

Linda Asher, Thelma Merrill's sister, is having multiple tests and appointments.

Sarah Mefford continues to improve after knee surgery and therapy.

Susan Olsen, Micheal Olsen's wife, is facing upcoming knee surgery.

Georgia Herren continues to need our prayers for strength and good health.

Herman Herren is in need of our prayers as he takes care of Georgia.

Brenda Jennings continues to need our prayers.

Audrey Egerton, great-niece of Gail Sharp, continues to need our prayers. Her doctors have determined that the risk is too great to proceed with heart surgery as originally scheduled. A new surgery date has not been set at this time.

Betty Weaver is in need of our prayers.

Tabby Weaver has been suffering with throat problems.

Ina Tucker, Lesley Mowery's mother, is in need of our prayers.

Scott James has been diagnosed with a rare form of carcinoma that is behind his lung and close to his heart. Scott is a physical therapist here in Clinton known to many.

Kim Fulton, Zander Huffman's mother, is gone for 30 days of training. She will be deployed overseas for a year when she returns.

David and Bentley Battistelli were sick last week but are doing much better.

Continue to remember: Rimikay Bachelor, Ben Barbee, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Delma Byrd, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, Tracy Hart, Lynn Hawkins, Sheree Hoskins, Dicey Humphrey, Beulah Jackson, Polly Keck, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Carolyn Mitchell, Becky Monday, Chloe Parker, Jean Perkins, Joel Peters, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Tabitha Weaver, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Christie Cinnamon, Sawyer Cole, Josh Deaton, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, David Phippen, Matt Scudder, Gail Sharp, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: At home – Mary Gilley, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; Morning Pointe – Jo Rutherford; Summit View of Rocky Top – Ella Mae Burchfield; Summit View – Ann Nygard; Beverly Park Place Knoxville – Jean Dye

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