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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	43
Worship	87
Contribution	\$2955
Sunday PM	
Worship	36
Wednesday	
Bible Study	42



*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 – Italy

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Sept 23, 2018

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	Jim Ashworth
Lord's Table:	Jim Ashworth, Greg Jernigan, John Bushey, Tim Melton	
Closing Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Herman Herren
PM Table:	Joey Smith	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Darryl Glenn	

Wednesday evening: Sept 26, 2018

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

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Convenient Confession

Neal Pollard

Lance Armstrong went on Oprah Winfrey to confess his doping, but he has refused to testify under oath about the cheating. The World Anti-Doping Agency director, David Howman, said of the TV interview, "What he's doing is for his own personal gratification. He's welcome to do that, no one is going to criticize that component, but if anyone thinks that in his wildest dreams that it is going to have any effect on his life ban then they are in the same fairyland." (Steve Keating, Reuters, 1/18/13).

It is reminiscent of baseball power-hitter Mark McGuire's famous, tearful confession to MLB Network of using steroids. He said it was wrong, but maintained he only did it (cheated) to help mend or prevent his injuries, not enhance his power. But, as journalist Larry Stone wrote, "He confessed, because he had to confess," (Seattle Times, 1/11/10).

I remember being at a congregation which supported a missionary in Africa. The missionary was repeatedly asked by the elders if he taught polygamists that they could keep their wives when becoming a Christian so long as he did not accumulate more. Other missionaries in the region reported that he did, that they confronted him, but that he refused to change his teaching. But, the missionary vehemently, repeatedly denied teaching that. Several years later upon retiring from that mission work, he saw one of the men who had served as an elder. The now former elder asked him if he had told polygamists they could keep their wives. He answered, "Of course, but 'everybody' did it." His confession was convenient at that time because telling the truth would not cost him financial support.

Christians are told in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." James adds, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" (5:16). This is a confession driven by a conviction to please and obey God and make things right with those we have offended.

"Convenient confession" is not convicted confession. Confessing "if and only if" we are caught is convenient rather than convicted confession. Confession meant to conceal or control the discovery of other and even greater sins is not convicted confession. Pharaoh confessed to get relief from God's punishment (Exodus 9:27; 10:16). Balaam went from cursing to confessing only when he could see the angel of the Lord (Numbers 22:34). Achan only confessed when God picked him out of the crowd (Joshua 7:20). Saul confessed when his back, spiritually, was against the wall (1 Samuel 15:24, 30; 26:21). Time and testing proved the insincerity of these confessions.

Everyone will confess Jesus at the Judgment, when doubt will have died (Philippians 2:11). Each of us is confronted with a sin problem, and at best we will wrestle with it (Romans 7:14ff). For confession to be effective, the Bible urges honesty and sacrifice. Self-serving, self-preserving confession is convenient confession. "Convenient confession" is not convicted confession.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Today	Noah's Ark meeting
Sept 25	Ladies Night Out
Sept 29	Noah's Ark trip
Sept 30	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Oct 7	Ladies Bible Class begins
Oct 20	Work Day
Oct 21	75th Anniv. Homecoming

HOME COMING PREPARATION

Our 75th Anniversary Homecoming, Friends & Family Day, and Lunch is Oct. 21. In an effort to reach out to as many former members as possible, we are asking everyone to help us collect mailing addresses. If you are in contact with any of our Clinton family, please see Joey Smith.

WORK DAY

In preparation for our Homecoming, we will have a work day on Saturday, Oct. 20 to tidy up the building and grounds. The more hands we have to help, the more we can accomplish! Please be here if you can.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Have life's challenges ever caused you to wonder "Why?" or to ask God "How long must I wait?" If so, please make plans to attend Ladies Bible Class beginning Oct. 7, in the fellowship hall. If you'd like a copy of *Those Who Wait* by Rosemary McKnight, a sign-up sheet is in the foyer. We hope you will join us and **bring a friend!**

LADIES NIGHT OUT

All ladies are invited to the home of Resa Byrd, Tuesday Sept.25, from 6:00-8:00pm. Please join us for fun, a devotional, and fellowship. Food will be provided. If wheelchair accessibility is needed, let us know. For questions, call Resa at 406-5114. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. If you forget to sign up, come anyway! Address is: 111 Masthead Drive, Clinton, TN.

THE ELDERS CORNER

Hebrews 13:1 - Let brotherly love continue.
Romans 12:10 - Be ye kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love in honor giving preference to one another.
Remember church is family. We must act accordingly in all things and at all times.

-Stump

NOAH'S ARK ENCOUNTER

If you are interested in visiting the Noah's Ark Encounter in Kentucky on Sept. 29, please sign up in the foyer. We are in need of a van driver! See Ruth Ashworth with questions.

Everyone that is going on the trip (even if you haven't signed up yet!) is asked to meet with Ruth right after services this morning in the fellowship hall.

SHANAHAN MISSION

Scott Shanahan sends an update via email asking us to pray about several things involving their mission work. They may have found a sponsoring congregation to oversee the new work in Italy. They may also have found a family to take on the work in Ireland. We also need to pray for Violet, as she is experiencing some separation anxiety due to traveling and a lack of established routine.

AREA EVENTS

LADIES DAY

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Oct 6

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Eastside Church of Christ, Maryville: Oct 14

M2Y CONFERENCE

Pigeon Forge: Nov 1-4

EAST TENNESSEE SINGING

The Venue of Lenoir City: Nov 10

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pam Davis has been diagnosed with skin cancer. She will need surgery.

Bob Hamby is back at home recovering and can have visitors. Please just call before you come.

James Whitefield, father of Pat Humphrey, is in the hospital in Cookeville. He had surgery to remove part of his prostate. He is in very serious condition and is now on dialysis.

Mary Gilley is in Methodist Medical Center Room 347.

Larry Glenn, Darryl Glenn's brother, is in the hospital in Oak Ridge.

Jackie Patton has been sick for several days without much improvement. She tested negative for flu, strep, and mono, but is being treated for strep.

Brenda Jennings has been diagnosed with COPD.

Mark Jernigan, Greg Jernigan's father, is now recovering at home.

Gabe Martin, Dale & Lesley Mowery's son-in-law, is recovering from hernia surgery.

Georgia Herren was able to be with us again last Sunday! We rejoice!!!

Audrey Egerton, great-niece of Gail Sharp, will have a heart cath on Oct. 24. This will determine whether they schedule her for surgery or wait longer.

Elaine Stevenson is in very poor health and is in need of our prayers.

Carolyn Vankirk, a friend of both Resa Byrd and Annette Smith, has terminal cancer.

Violet Shanahan is in need of our prayers as she adjusts to a new schedule and surroundings. She has traveled great distances across the globe for such a young lady!

Continue to remember: Audrey Lynn Egerton, Kim Fulton, Betty Holt, Sheree Hoskins, Dicey Humphrey, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Connor Livingston, Morgan McClacken, Elaine Stevenson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Christie Cinnamon, Sawyer Cole, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Lois Layne, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, David Pippen, Matt Scudder, Gail Sharp, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Carolyn Vankirk, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Betty Weaver** in the loss of her niece, **Connie Whitson**.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Joyce Stearsman**, who passed away after an extended illness.

MINISTERING TO YOUTH CONFERENCE

The M2Y Conference is Nov. 1-4 in Pigeon Forge. Biblically Equipping those Who Serve Youth. This conference offers insightful, relevant tools and sessions for those who work with youth: ministers, teachers, elders, deacons, Bible camp leaders, parents, and grandparents. Check out the schedule at www.m2yconference.com. If you are interested, please let Herb Byrd know. Costs can be reduced by attending as a group.