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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	—
Worship	90
Contribution	\$4446
Sunday PM	
Worship	54
Wednesday	
Bible Study	38



*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 Dec. 9, 2018

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Herb Byrd	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Tim Nygard	Stump Smith
Lord's Table:	Dale Mowery, Bradley Crider, Tim Melton, Eric Mowery	
Closing Prayer:	Jacob Mowery	Tim Melton
PM Table:	Tim Nygard	
Announcements:	Dwight Nicholson	
Usher:	Stump Smith	

Wednesday evening: Dec 12, 2018

Song Leader: Ben Smith
Invitation: Dale Mowery
Announcements: Jim Ashworth

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Life: From God's Perspective

Tyler King

I don't know if there's anything more spectacular than life itself. Without life, God would not be and neither would we. Life is the very essence of what you are. A majority of people seek the meaning of life without first understanding the value of it. Perhaps when value is established, meaning can come more naturally. To the atheist, life is a miraculous accident caused by the universe. To the theist, life is the energy relationship between man and God.

By looking at the book of Isaiah, particularly chapter 49, we can get insight into God's perspective of the life of an individual.

1. God Names from the Womb (49:1) - "From the body of my mother he named my name." Before you are even born, God knows what your name is going to be. To make this even more impactful, names were everything to a Jew. That is why it was so significant when Jacob's name was changed to Israel (Gen. 32:28).
2. God Forms from the Womb (49:5) - What God is able to do through life is absolutely incredible. While Isaiah was still in the womb, God was working on making him a key role in the restoration of Israel. To say that God doesn't have plans for you would be to say He forgot about you.
3. God Cares from the Womb (49:15) - Just as a woman can't forget about her child, neither can God. As stated earlier, there is no way that God will forget about you after all the work He has spent on you.

Life is a peculiar thing. No matter the mystery, it is safe to say that God's perspective of life is significant. All three of those points come from a timeline before the physical birth of a human. It is simply stunning to see what God thought of you before anyone else did.

If you are visiting with us today - Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 10	Elders Meeting
Dec 15	Youth Christmas Party
Dec 30	Song Service
Dec 31	NYE Game Night
Feb 22-24	CYC trip

SONG SERVICE

We will have our regularly scheduled song service on the last Sunday of December, but we will NOT have fingerfood fellowship that evening since we will have fellowship the following evening at our New Year's Eve Game Night.

NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

Be sure to mark your calendars for Monday night, Dec. 31st for game night from 7:00 tie midnight! Bring your favorite games and some fun food to share! We will have some good fun and fellowship as we welcome in a brand new year.

HOUSE TO HOUSE/HEART TO HEART

The latest issue of HTH/HTH will be mailed out soon. Please be praying that this outreach effort will touch others in our community in a positive way! If you have any questions about this effort or would like a copy, please see Darryl Glenn.

2019 COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you would be willing to prepare the Lord's Supper for one month in 2019, please sign up on the list in the foyer. The signup sheet will be in place next week.

RESOURCE ROOM RE-STOCKING

In anticipation of the new year, we will be restocking the supplies in the teacher's Resource Room. Teachers, if there are any items that you would like to see replenished (special paper, cardstock, markers, crayons, craft supplies, glue, scissors, etc), please let Daniel McInturff or Joey Smith know.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

All youth, newborn to college, are invited to come for our annual holiday gathering here at the church building. We will meet here at 4:45 for food, then walk downtown for the Clinton Christmas Parade that starts at 6:00pm. We'll return to the building afterwards to assemble our Cookie Boxes for our widows and widowers and then have fun gift exchange. Everyone is asked to bring:

1. Party-type food to share
2. One batch of cookies
3. A gift to exchange (*it must be something you made or something from around the house - you can't spend any money on it!!!*)

We hope you'll be able to be here. You don't want to miss the indoor snowball fight! Please see Joey Smith with any questions!

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

ATTENTION YOUTH!!!! CYC 2019 will be Feb. 22-24. We will be registering within the next few weeks! If you plan to go, please see Joey Smith and turn in payment when signing up. We will not be able to confirm a ticket order until then. The cost to go this year will be \$75. Our signup must be completed by the end of this month.

Please see Joey ASAP if you would like to go or if you need help with the cost!

AREA EVENTS

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Pigeon Forge: Feb 22-24

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Gilley is now under hospice care.

Mike Koehler has been sick and unable to be out.

Bunny Nash is doing much better.

Bryan Waldron, Ruth Ashworth's brother, is recovering from back surgery.

Julia Mowery continues to recover from knee surgery. She is now in therapy.

Eddie Godsey, Kayla Harwell's father, is now in stable condition at Oak Ridge Diversicare Room 203.

Audrey Egerton, great-niece of Gail Sharp, had heart surgery. Doctors were able to place the pulmonary artery band without pretreatment. This made the procedure less invasive.

Edward Hernandez, a friend of the Bushey's, is recovering from heart surgery.

Please continue to remember **Mary Gilley, Bob Hamby, Georgia Herren, Jo Rutherford, and Brenda Jennings** in your prayers.

Continue to remember: Stephanie Baird, Barbara Boshears, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Kim Fulton, Charles Hall, Betty Holt, Sheree Hoskins, Georgia Herren, Dicey Humphrey, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Cheryl Morrow, Elaine Stevenson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Curtis Barnes, Christie Cinnamon, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Pam Davis, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Lois Layne, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, David Phippen, Matt Scudder, Joshua Stokes, 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

Prosperity And God

By Joe Slater

We are prosperous people living in a prosperous nation. By global standards, the poorest among us is wealthy. We might credit any number of things for this happy condition: good education, hard work, and favorable government economic policies, to name a few.

I fear, however, that most citizens have totally lost sight of the real source of our prosperity. "Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation of shifting shadow" (James 1:17). That doesn't refer only to material wealth, but certainly includes it.

God warned His people Israel not to forget Him when they enjoyed the prosperity He would give them in the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 6:10-12 & 8:11-18). But forget Him they did! As early as Judges 3:7 they were straying, and it continued until the captivity.

Hosea the prophet, who lived in the late 700's B.C., warned his brethren in the Northern Kingdom (Israel) of their impending doom. What had Israel done to offend the Lord? "For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink'" (Hosea 2:5). Yes, the people thought their prosperity came from alliances and trade deals with their pagan neighbors! God continued: "For she did not know that I gave her grain, new wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold – which they prepared for Baal" (v. 8). Think of it! The very blessings the Lord graciously gave them, they used to worship their idols!

Not only during holiday season, but every day of the year, let us remember the source of our prosperity and humbly, thankfully honor the Lord with it!