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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	56
Worship	91
Contribution	\$2986

Sunday PM

Worship	41
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Wednesday

Bible Study	48
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*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
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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. 23, 2018

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Herb Byrd
Opening Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Jim Ashworth
Lord's Table:	Jim Ashworth, Greg Jernigan, W.T. Crider, James Mccrory	
Closing Prayer:	Eric Mowery	Hobert Humphrey
PM Table:	Tim Melton	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	

Wednesday evening: Dec 26, 2018

Song Leader:	Tim Melton
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Herman Herren

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What Was Jesus Doing On December 25th?

By Bill Brandstatter

This December 25th many in the religious world will be celebrating the birth of Christ. Have you ever wondered where Jesus was on that day? The Bible tells us that He was at a feast and it was a national holiday. The feast was known as the "Feast of Dedication." In John 10:22, 23 we read: "Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch." (We studied this very passage this past Wednesday night, here at Clinton – RWB)

Brother Guy N. Woods notes the following about this day: "The feast was an annual affair, lasting for eight days, beginning with the 25th day of the Jewish month Chisleu. Its observance was not restricted to Jerusalem, but was kept wherever Jews lived throughout Palestine. It was a national holiday, comparable to our Fourth of July and was celebrated with joy and strong feelings for patriotism." (The Gospel According to John, Gospel Advocate Co. 1981, p.216).

B.W. Johnson, in Johnson's Notes of the New Testament, tells us: "The Feast of Dedication occurred in December, was not divinely appointed but was instituted by Judas Maccabaeus in B.C. 164 to commemorate the dedication of the temple after it had been defiled by the Syrians." (Page 370).

So, we learn from these two Bible scholars that this feast was (1) A national holiday, (2) it began on December 25th, (3) was celebrated with joy, and (4) it was a religious holiday instituted by man. What was Jesus doing on this national holiday? He was teaching the people that came together in Jerusalem. There is no proof or indication that Jesus observed the holiday. But He did take the opportunity to use it as a time of teaching.

Tuesday, December 25th is (1) a national holiday, (2) celebrated with joy, and (3) a religious holiday instituted by men. On December 25th many will celebrate the birth of Christ. There is no real evidence that is the date He was born. But it is a time to teach people the true meaning of who Christ is and why He came to earth.

We need to do like Jesus did and use December 25 as a time of teaching. Let us be diligent in teaching others the simple truths of the Bible and that Jesus is the center point of the entire Bible. The Old Testament tells of His coming. The New Testament announces His arrival and that He is coming again.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 30 **Song Service/No Food**
Dec 31 **NYE Game Night**
Jan 9 **Silver Saints**
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.

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.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2019 is Feb. 22-24. 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. If you need help with the cost, let Joey know.

Please check the CYC signup list TODAY and confirm with Joey that you are planning to go. Tickets must be ordered this week!!!!

CYC is almost here.....remember....**see Joey today if you are planning to go!**

A Christmas Wish

By David A. Sargent

Dennis Doughty has a Christmas wish...

"Let me share with you how I wish the world would celebrate Christ's birth:

When I was a boy in school, we had two holidays: one to celebrate Washington's birthday, the other to celebrate Lincoln's. On those occasions we would study about these men and what they did for our country. We studied about their work and their role as presidents. But we never studied anything about their births. I know of no facts or stories concerning the circumstances of their births.

I wish the world would celebrate the birth of Jesus the way it celebrates the birth of other men, by concentrating on His life. I wish [the world] nation would look more at His accomplishments, teaching, world influence, and death; than at the manger scene, the wise men, and the shepherds tending their flocks.

Yes, His virgin birth was special, miraculous, humble and unique. However, in our celebration, let us not lose focus on the man He became and how His life changed the world."*

That Jesus was born into the world is something to celebrate! The incarnation, God becoming flesh in the person of Jesus (John 1:14), revealed the great love of God in that He came to us!

However, it is of utmost importance for us to understand WHY He came.

When Mary discovered that she was "with child," an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21).

Jesus came to save us from sin! That's what makes His birth so special! When our sins rendered us doomed for eternal destruction, Jesus came to rescue us. And, in order to save us, Jesus – the sinless Son of God – had to die on the cross for our sins, be buried, and then rise again after three days (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Jesus WILL save those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). His atoning blood will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

The best way to celebrate the birth of Jesus is to recognize WHY He was born into the world (for our salvation) and to accept His gift on His terms.

Won't YOU?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bunny Nash was admitted to the hospital yesterday after a trip to the ER with stroke-like symptoms that are most likely Bell's Palsy. She is currently in room 350.

Glen Morgan fell in the bathroom Wednesday and went to the emergency room. It was determined he was not injured in the fall, but doctors discovered that he had gallstones and performed surgery on Thursday to remove his gall bladder. He is in the hospital in Oak Ridge room 540 due to gangrene spots on his gallbladder found during surgery.

Elbert Boyd, Natasha Hamm's father, is going through a hard time and is in need of our prayers.

Betty Weaver has been sick and unable to be out.

Cathy Glenn hasn't been feeling well. Please remember her in your prayers.

Denise Henderson has requested prayers for her cousin.

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

Audrey Egerton, great-niece of Gail Sharp, had to be taken back to Riley Hospital. She was in septic shock and her blood sugar dropped to a dangerously low level. They are hoping to go back home soon.

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

Betty Griffin, a former member here at Clinton, is back home after a trip to the ER.

Rachel Anderson, a former Clinton member, is at NHC for rehab after suffering a stroke.

Please continue to remember **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* – Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *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.

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.