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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

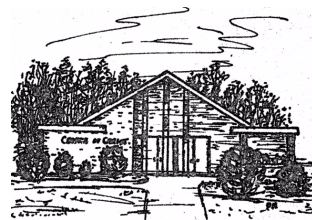
Bible Study	64
Worship	97
Contribution	\$3141

Sunday PM

Worship	34
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Wednesday

Bible Study	34
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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 Feb. 10, 2019

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Joey Smith
Opening Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Herman Herren
Lord's Table:	Darryl Glenn, Greg Jernigan Jim Ashworth, Micheal Olsen	
Closing Prayer:	Eric Mowery	Tim Nygard
PM Table:	Herb Byrd	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	

Wednesday evening: Feb. 13, 2019

Song Leader:	Joey Smith
Invitation:	Stump Smith
Announcements:	Herman Herren

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This World Is Not Our Home... Do We Mean It?

by Jack Wilkie

If you've been a part of the church of Christ for any time at all, you're certainly familiar with the classic hymn "This World is not My Home." We've all sang over and over that we're "just a-passing through." And it's true. As Jesus prayed in John 17, we're not of "the world." But do we mean it?

As American Christians, we've developed an expectation that the government and the public should honor our Christian beliefs and show some kind of outward respect for them. We've conditioned ourselves to expect a friendliness from the very people that Jesus said would hate us (John 15:18), a belief that would baffle Christians throughout the rest of the world.

One example: you may have seen the image going around social media comparing New York City from the 1950's to today. The first image depicts the city's skyscrapers lit up with crosses for Easter weekend in 1956, while the second shows One World Trade Center tower lit up with pink to celebrate New York's new abominable abortion law. This has many wishing that we could return to those previous days. While I don't disagree that our nation had far more churchgoers in years gone by, and that the nation was far more friendly to Christian values, two questions arise.

First, are we wishing for this world to be our home? The Bible tells us over and over that suffering is part of the deal when you follow Jesus and that we should rejoice in it (Romans 5:3-5, 2 Timothy 3:12, 1 Peter 4:12-13). When we see the nation turn against Christian values, we must train ourselves to be ready to suffer rather than demanding favor from the world.

Second, were things really better? That 1956 photo mentioned above came 3 years after *Playboy* magazine began circulation. The nation was largely segregated with racism being an established way of life, even among many churches. The sexual revolution and the exploding drug culture were just a few years away, and *Roe v. Wade* wasn't too far in the distance, either.

Essentially, we had a whitewashed nation. It looked good and moral on the outside, but on the inside the decay that led to today was well underway. Unfortunately, it's not a stretch to suspect that many Christians would be perfectly content and consider our job done if our nation went back to having Bibles and prayer times in schools, marriage and drug laws to our suiting, and Christian symbols commonly accepted once again. We want a quick, mass solution – make a new law, write a new policy – when A) That isn't our mission and B) That's not real change.

I'm not one of those who will tell you that Christianity "always does better under persecution." North Korea and Saudi Arabia aren't sending out many Christian missionaries, for example. However, I do believe that history has shown us that when government and Christianity intertwine, weakened Christianity results, starting with Emperor Constantine granting Christianity favor in 4th Century Rome. The account of Gideon vs. the Midianites and plenty of other biblical accounts show us a God that has no interest in relying on human might.

Though I'm not advocating we stay out of politics, it's important that we realize that we haven't been called to make the world Christian by law. That simply can't be done. We have to win hearts one at a time and live faithfully for God through whatever challenges may arise from our increasingly hostile culture.

We would do well to familiarize ourselves with the exilic prophets. Daniel and his friends showed us how God's people can seek the peace and prosperity of the cities where we are exiled (to paraphrase Jeremiah 29:7). They didn't try to force the Jewish religion on their captors or expect favor from people who didn't know God. Instead, they steadfastly went about practicing their devotion to God, and they used the opportunities God provided them to tell others about Him. In this, God was able to show His power as He saw fit.

However, if we're going to live like Daniel and friends, we have to start by viewing ourselves as exiles. We are not of this world, our treasure is not in this world, and our security is not in this world. Let's make sure we mean it when we sing "this world is not my home."

CLINTON CALENDAR

Feb 10 **Old-Fashioned Valentines**
Feb 13 **Silver Saints**
Feb 22-24 **CYC trip**
Feb 24 **Song Service/Fingerfoods**

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of our dear sister, **Ann Nygard**, who passed away on Friday at the age of 91. The family will receive friends at Holley Gamble Funeral Home from 5:00 to 7:00 on Tuesday. There will be a graveside service at Oak Ridge Memorial Park on Wednesday at 1:00 only. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hillbrook Christian Camp (see Herman Herren to make a donation).

OLD-FASHIONED VALENTINES PARTY

All youth, parents, & grandparents are invited to stay after morning services on Feb. 10 for an old-fashioned Valentines Day party. Please bring peanut-free candy and little paper valentines to share with everyone. The kids will be decorating their own Valentines bags as well.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2019 is Feb. 22-24. Tickets have been ordered, the lodge is booked, and we are almost ready to go! The cost to go this year will be \$75. If you need help with the cost, let Joey know. We have assistance available and will never let money keep anyone from participating!

PLAY OUTING

A Youth Outing for Everyone to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see "Junie B Jones" on July 13. The show starts at 10 CST and tickets are \$7. We will go to Lefty's BBQ for lunch after the show. Tickets need to be ordered by February 11 so see Gail today if you want to go.

THE ELDERS CORNER

Matthew 14:23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there alone. Jesus took time to be alone with the father and pray. Do we take the time to be alone and pray?

-Dale

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

McDonald Drive Church of Christ: Feb 17

GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Feb 17-20

PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING

Hardin Valley Church of Christ: Feb 23

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS DAY

East Hill (Pulaski) Church of Christ: Feb 23

HENRY CHO: FAMILY FRIENDLY COMEDY

Knoxville Christian School: Mar 1

LADIES DAY

Alcoa Church of Christ @ MLK Center: Mar 2

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Karns Church of Christ: Mar 3

SENIOR RALLY

Karns Church of Christ: Mar 30

LADIES DAY

East Main Church (Murfreesboro): Apr 13

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: April 28 - May 1

For more details on these and other events, please see the bulletin board in the foyer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bunny Nash continues to recover at home and is receiving home recovery help.

Bob Paquette is now at Norris Rehab Center.

Susan Olsen had knee replacement surgery last week.

Jerry Cross is recovering from knee surgery and has limited mobility.

Danny Joe Strunk, Julia Mowery's father, has made some improvements but still needs our prayers for good health.

Adam and **Alyssa Gonzalez** and **Crissy Thurman** have had the flu.

Jim Waldron, father of Ruth Ashworth, is in the hospital after suffering a mini-stroke.

Laura Waldron, Ruth's mother, is recovering from surgery at home.

Audrey Egerton has been in the hospital again but is now back home.

Baby Ryker, a newborn under the care of Laura Mowery, is in need of our prayers. He was a preemie that went through a lot and ended up being able to go home with a trach and feeding tube. He's improved with lots of therapies and has come a long way. His parents have just learned that he has liver cancer.

Matt Scudder, a friend of Gail Sharp's, got a good report from his last doctor visit.

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

Continue to remember: Stephanie Baird, Barbara Boshears, Elbert Boyd, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Dakota Fuller, Kim Fulton, Eddie Godsey, Lynn Hawkins, Betty Holt, Sheree Hoskins, Edward Hernandez, Georgia Herren, Dicey Humphrey, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Craig McWilliams, 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 Pippen, Matt Scudder, Braden, Stewart, Joshua Stokes, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: *At home* – Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford

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

SILVER SAINTS

Please join the Silver Saints this Wednesday starting at 10am here at the building for a devotional, fellowship meal, and activity. Everyone is invited, regardless of age! See Dale Mowery with any questions.

LADIES ACTIVITIES

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you would like to adopt a month to plan/coordinate a ladies activity/devotional. It can be for any hobby/craft you'd like to teach or learn, or an outing such as a movie, play etc. See Ruth Ashworth if you have any questions.