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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	—
Worship	90
Contribution	\$2105
Sunday PM	
Worship	56
Wednesday	
Bible Study	49



*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 word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32)
- **Believe** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6)
- **Repent** of your sins (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- **Confess** the name of Jesus (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37)
- **Be Baptized** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Rom 6:3, 4)
- **Live Faithfully** (1 Peter 2:11, 12; 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 – Pohnpei,
Micronesia**

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation August 21, 2016

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Rick Caudle
Opening Prayer:	Herman Herren	Joey Smith
Lord's Table:	Dwight Nicholson, Daniel McInturff, Bob Hamby, Buck Herren	
Closing Prayer:	Jacob Mowery	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Dale Mowery	
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Wednesday evening: August 24, 2016

Song Leader: Dale Mowery
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Herman Herren

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5 Things Members Need to Hear From Elders Regularly

Adam Faughn

Last week, we posted a short list of 5 things that elders need to hear regularly. But this helpful communication cannot be a one-way street.

There are many congregations where members feel as if they do not hear from the elders, except when (1) there is a change in the staff, (2) an elder is being appointed or resigning, or (3) there is a great need for money. While that may not be completely true, without intentional effort by the pastors, it can certainly seem that way.

Further, if elders just say, "If you'd ever like to attend one of our meetings, feel free," they are going to get virtually no response, and members will still feel frustrated at the lack of communication.

This week, then, we'd like to share five things that every member needs to hear from each of the elders on a regular basis.

1. Hello, [Name]. People need to know that their shepherds know them, by name! The larger a congregation gets, the more challenging it is, but shepherds need to at least know the names of the sheep. The more personal information a pastor knows, the more people feel at ease around him, and the more conversation can flow freely.
2. How Can I Pray for You? I know that elders pray for the congregation, including individual needs. Still, it is reassuring when an elder specifically asks how he can take my concerns and my victories before the throne of God. Further, it helps him be a better shepherd, as he sees what is truly on the heart of individual members.
3. How Can I be a Better Shepherd to Your Family? There may be a less awkward way to ask this question, but families need to know that their shepherds are not just a cold board of directors. Is there a ballgame I can visit? Is there a problem I can help you with? Is there something in Bible class your children have been studying that I can help them learn? These types of questions shepherd the souls of families.
4. Would You Like to Visit? Instead of calling people into some formal meeting, ask if people would like to come to your house for a visit, or go out to eat together. And these times do not have to be filled with questions about church work. It provides people a chance to just get to know you and see your love for them. Elders cannot just meet in board rooms. They need to greet people in living rooms and around dinner tables, but they need to step up and make the invitation.
5. Your Soul is the Most Valuable Thing in the World. Too often, elders are perceived to be more concerned about budgets, building projects, and staffing than about the highest calling in the world: helping the souls of men and women. People in the church need to see that, while air conditioning units and parking lots have to be discussed, their souls are where your top priorities are. They need to hear that from you regularly, so they can keep their focus on the most important thing, too.

Solid and regular communication from elders is not only important, it is vital. Members do not just need to hear "dictates from on high." They need to be personally and warmly greeted by their shepherds over and over again.

I firmly believe that, if an eldership would make it a point to say things like we have just listed above, a congregation's attitude and work ethic would change, virtually overnight. Elders, it is worth the effort.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Aug 28	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Sept 4	Youth Devo @ Clinton
Sept 14	Silver Saints
Sept 24	Clinton Ladies Day
Oct 9	Homecoming/Friends Day
Oct 29	Trunk-or-Treat
Nov ??	Clothing Giveaway

NEW BROTHER

Heaven rejoices at the baptism of another of our young people, Josh Patton, last Sunday morning. We are so very proud of you, Josh!

BULLETIN UPDATES

If you have updates to the prayer list or the bulletin, and do not use email, please be sure to give your updates to Joey Smith on Wednesday evenings.

THANK YOU

The cracked windshield on the church van has been replaced by one of our members. We also have a new computer setup to facilitate the recording of sermons. Thank you to everyone who works so diligently behind the scenes to keep the Lord's work moving along!

LORD'S SUPPER

The bread we are using for the Lord's Supper this morning was made by our preschool, elementary, and middle school students. They prepared the bread while learning about the Lord's Supper during their Wednesday night Bible class.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

We plan to have a clothing giveaway this fall. Please bring your clothing items to the building and drop them off in the kitchen. We plan to have the giveaway in November. An exact date will be posted in the coming weeks.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our Wednesday night Kids' Bible Story & Art Class this week will focus on **Jesus In The Garden**. This class is a fun way to learn for all ages - join us!

AREA-WIDE DEVOTIONAL

We will host an area-wide devotional for youth here at Clinton on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4 starting at 4:00pm. Please mark your calendars and plan on being here. We hope that all of our youth will be here to participate. We will need help from our adults serving food following the get-together. Please see Joey Smith if you are willing to help.

DEACONS AT WORK

We are pleased to have our newly appointed deacons already hard at work. Below is the list of deacons and their respective areas of work. If you have needs in these areas or would like to assist and help in any way, please see:

- Jim Ashworth - Education
- Bob Hamby - Insurance; Financial
- Hobert Humphrey - Visitation; Tracts
- James McCrary - Worship Assignments
- Daniel McInturff - Resource Room; Education
- Glen Morgan - Bulletin; Landscaping
- Eric Mowery - Building: Electrical, HVAC
- Tim Nygard - Building: Plumbing
- Hubert Sharp - Worship Assignments
- Joey Smith - Youth; Treasury

E-MAIL BULLETIN

Our bulletin is emailed each week prior to our Sunday morning worship service. If you are not currently receiving the bulletin via email and would like to, please give Joey Smith your email address.

**Please share your child's accomplishments in the bulletin!
Email them to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rachel Broadway had knee replacement surgery last week.

Georgia Herren is continuing to feel very ill.

Elaine Stevenson is in failing health and is not doing very well.

Kyle Jennings, brother-in-law of Brenda Jennings, is recovering from a saw injury and heart attack.

Leon Owen, a friend of Daegan, suffered a broken hand.

Tiffany Vann, friend of Annette Smith, is in need of our prayers as she deals with cancer.

Rimikay Bachelor, infant grandchild of a friend of Stump and Annette Smith, will have open heart surgery soon.

Diane Lynch sent the Clinton congregation a message on our Facebook page. She is moving to Clinton and September and asked us to pray for a safe journey for her.

Mary Gilley, Sue Hale, Jimmy Redden, & Jo Rutherford continue to be shut in and need our prayers, encouragement, calls, cards, and visits.

Continue to remember: Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, John Crowthorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Nasha Foster, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Betty McInturff, Carolyn Mitchell, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Mary Lou Ramsey, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Cheryl Taylor, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood

Cancer Treatment: Ruby Durst, Gail Foust, Kim Gill, Stanley Hash, Gary & Marilyn Jones, Belle McCoy, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber, Jack Stearsman, Joshua Stokes

Shut-In: *At home* – Mary Gilley, Sue Hale, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *Golden Living* – Jean Dye, Jimmy Redden; *Cumberland Village LaFollette* – Ella Mae Burchfield; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard

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

AREA EVENTS

West End church of Christ Ladies Inspiration Day "Focus Our Eyes on Jesus" - Aug 27

Central church of Christ - Johnson City Mountain Empire Men's Fellowship - Aug 27

Sneedville church of Christ Area-Wide Singing - Aug 28

Tazewell church of Christ Gospel Meeting & Building Dedication - Sept 1-4

Jamestown church of Christ Ladies Day "There's No Place Like Home" - Sept 3

Karns church of Christ Ladies Day "Balance" - Oct 22

Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for flyers and more information on these events.