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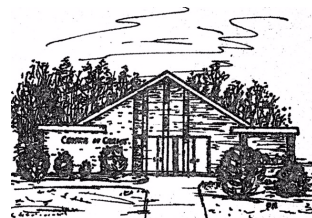
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FOR THE RECORD

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| Sunday AM | |
| Bible Study | 62 |
| Worship | 94 |
| Contribution | \$2726 |
| Sunday PM | |
| Worship | 54 |
| Wednesday | |
| Bible Study | 58 |



*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



Serving the Congregation Aug 4, 2019

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| | AM | PM |
| Song Leaders: | Joey Smith | Dale Mowery |
| Opening Prayer: | Dale Mowery | Clint Patterson |
| Lord's Table: | Herb Byrd, W.T Crider, John Bushey, James McCrary | |
| Closing Prayer: | Glen Morgan | Chuck Kilpatrick |
| PM Table: | Eric Mowery | |
| Announcements: | Dwight Nicholson | |
| Usher: | Stump Smith | |

Wednesday evening: Aug 7, 2019

Song Leader: Ben Smith
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Stump Smith

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"I'm tired" is no reason to miss Sunday

by Jack Wilkie

"I had a long week of work."

"We had a busy weekend and I wanted the kids to be rested for school on Monday."

"We did yard work all day Saturday and I was just worn out."

The more time goes by, the more I hear statements like this from Christians who are absent on Sundays. I understand that life can get busy and some folks work hours that put the rest of us to shame at times. But "I'm tired" simply can't be an excuse for missing worship.

(Before the "What about..." rebuttals start, realize I'm not talking to people fighting sicknesses, diseases, or pains which make it nearly impossible to get out of bed, get dressed, and make the trip to the building some Sundays.)

I haven't always been great about giving the benefit of the doubt, but it's important that we start there. In this article let's work from the assumption that most just don't know better. I'm sure some do know better and are making a conscious choice, but I'm equally sure that many don't. We have to accept the fact that we live in a different time and are now at least 2 generations removed from the days where church folks knew from before they could talk that Sunday morning meant being with the church.

With that assumption in mind, I don't want to come down too hard on people for not doing something they were never taught to do. On the other hand, if they don't know, it's important that they be taught. The ignorance excuse can only be given so long.

Each Christian needs to know that the church's assembly on Sunday must be the one thing the rest of our week revolves around. When the Christian plans out their calendar for the week, worshiping God with the church on Sunday must be the first thing that gets penned in, and nothing short of an emergency or a sickness should be allowed to move it. Even when on vacation, finding a congregation and worshiping with them must be prioritized.

3 reasons why:

- 1 **God deserves it.** Read the Psalms and see the way praise pours out of David and the other psalmists. Our reliance on God should be so constant and so prominent in our lives that gathering with our family to worship Him the one day a week He's asked for it is something we can't help but do.
- 2 **We prioritize what's important.** Nobody spends Monday absent from work and explains it away by telling their boss "I was tired from a long weekend." Nobody has to be forced to wake up at 4 a.m. for their vacation or hunting excursion. Yet if something in life was going to have to take a back seat to give more time and energy for something else, why on earth would Jesus – the one who left heaven to live a life of poverty and die for us – be the one who gets forced to take a back seat?
- 3 **Your church family needs you.** Sometimes when I call to check on people they immediately begin to apologize to me and make excuses for not being there. Understand that when you receive a call from your preacher, elder, or another fellow Christian after missing a Sunday, it's not to chastise you for not fulfilling a duty. It's much more akin to one sibling call another when the latter missed a scheduled family meal. You have something to add to the church (Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12, etc.) and we need you.

There are a million things that threaten to keep us from worshiping God, fellowshiping with our church family, encouraging each other, and studying the Word together each week. The only way to keep ourselves from being pulled away is to put God and His church first and refuse to let anything move them.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

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| Aug 4 | Newsletter folding |
| Aug 11 | VBS Follow-Up Meeting |
| Aug 14 | Silver Saints |
| Aug 16-18 | Ladies Retreat |
| Aug 24 | Youth Get-Together |
| Aug 25 | Song Service/Fingerfoods |

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Rachel Russell**, former member here at Clinton as well as Karns and West End. Rachel passed away last week; her funeral services were yesterday.

GUEST SPEAKER

We are delighted to have Andrew Young with us today as our guest speaker. Andrew and his family are here with us from the country of Tasmania.

INDIA NEWSLETTER

We will meet back here today at 5:00 to fold the latest India Mission newsletter and prepare for mailing.

LADIES RETREAT

Our Ladies' Retreat will be August 16-18. We will enjoy time together with devotionals, food and fellowship. A group cabin has been booked near Sevierville/Pigeon Forge. Please let Susan know if you would like to attend for all or part of the weekend. We still have room for you!!! The cost will be \$50 per person. (Please don't let the cost keep you from going - just get with Joey or Susan.)

NEW PLAYGROUND

We have ordered a new playset for use by our precious children. If you would be willing to come help set it up, please see Joey Smith. When we know the shipment date, we will let you know the set up day. Many thanks already to those who have donated to make this new playground a reality!

THE ELDERS CORNER

God Knows Me
Psalm 139:1 "O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me." God knows everything about us; everything. He knows our ordinary activities, our innermost thought. He is everywhere. Nothing escapes God.

-Herman

VBS FOLLOW-UP MEETING

We will have a follow-up meeting to discuss this year's VBS on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 5:15pm.

BULLETIN MAIL-OUTS

Brother Rick Caudle does a great work, mailing out copies of our weekly bulletin to those who are unable to receive it by email. If you know of someone who needs to be added to the bulletin mail-out list, please see Rick and let him know.

YOUTH GET-TOGETHER

All youth and parents - mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 24, for a get-together at Herb and Resa Byrd's home. More details to come!

AREA EVENTS

ELDER-DEACON-PREACHER SEMINAR

East Main Church of Christ: Aug 10

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Knoxville Christian School: Aug 11

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Hardin Valley Church of Christ: Aug 16-17

POLISHING THE PULPIT

Seiver County: Aug 16-22

FOREVER HIS "SUPER FRIENDS" DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: Sept 7

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jack Zorn, Resa Byrd's father, has been in the hospital with low blood pressure problems. **Joshua Stokes**, a friend of the Mowerys from Tasmania, is in deteriorating condition. **Steven Wagner** had surgery last week to remove his tonsils and adenoids. **Tangelia Kesterson** suffered another concussion at work. This is her 2nd concussion in the last 3 months. **Mark Jernigan**, Greg Jernigan's father, is in the hospital and is in need of our prayers. **Jacob Short** is currently serving in Iraq. His family has asked us to keep him in prayer. **Emily Burress**, a coworker of John Bushey, is having pregnancy complications. The child has bleeding on the brain. **H.R. Stooksbury**, a neighbor of Bunny and Jayme Nash, has been diagnosed with a MRSA infection in his lungs. **Steve Griffith**, a veteran and friend of Carol Burt, is having serious health problems and is trying to get into the VA hospital. He has requested our prayers. **Carol Burt** is in need of our prayers as she is going through some difficult situations. **Taylor Castillejo**, the daughter of Ben Smith's coworker, is in need of our prayers. **Rena Gayne**, daughter-in-law of Carol Burt, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Marie Dean**, a member of the Clinton community known to many here, is in her final days after a fall last week.

Continue to remember: Stephanie Baird, Don Blackwell, Elbert Boyd, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Dakota Fuller, Eddie Godsey, Lynn Hawkins, Sheree Hoskins, Edward Hernandez, Georgia Herren, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Craig McWilliams, Tim Melton, Cheryl Morrow, Bridget Moses, Elaine Stevenson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Curtis Barnes, Linda Bell, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Jerry Cross, Pam Davis, Beth Farrow, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Lois Layne, Sharon Lowe, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Brittany Oberbeck, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, David Pippen, Matt Scudder, Braden Stewart, Joshua Stokes, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Franklin Wharton, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: *At home* - Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *The Waters of Clinton* - Rachel Anderson, Dacey Humphrey

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

ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS

Just a reminder that our Resource Room is stocked with a wide variety of greeting cards for all occasions (illness, sympathy, encouragement, prayers, birthdays, and more) as well as postage stamps. Please take advantage of this resource and reach out to those who may benefit from a kind word.

Please silence your cell phones during Bible study and worship