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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	46
Worship	81
Contribution	\$1905

Sunday PM

Worship	98
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Wednesday

Bible Study	42
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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 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 September 18, 2016

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Jacob McCrary
Opening Prayer:	Stump Smith	Herman Herren
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Eric Mowery, Josh Patton, Ben Smith	
Closing Prayer:	Buck Herren	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	James McCrary	
Announcements:	Dale Mowery	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: September 21, 2016

Song Leader:	Dale Mowery
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Stump Smith

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Teaching Children to Serve

by Jeri Ford

Walking down the road one day near our home in Papua, New Guinea, we saw some men carrying a pig tied by its feet to a large stick. My young daughter asked, "What are they going to do with that pig?"

I responded, "It looks like they're going to have a celebration and eat it."

"They don't have anything else to eat, so they have to eat pig!?" she asked. I assured her that having a pig for a feast was a special thing, and that those people would be eating well that night.

She is the same child who, upon hearing that a teenage girl at church was having a birthday, brought a plastic bag full of her toys to me. When I asked what it was for, she said that it was a gift for Pikel—because she did not have any toys. Everything inside of me wanted to exclaim, "But ... but that's your favorite toy from Grandma!" or "Do you realize how expensive it is to ship something here from the States?" I do not think any of those thoughts had even crossed her mind.

After our dog delivered ten puppies, my caring five-year-old told me one day, "It's a good thing dogs don't have to hang clothes on the line and other stuff. That would be hard with ten kids!"

As I reflect on these moments with my children, I realize that they seem to have been born with a capacity for caring. However, when I started questioning how it happened, I realized that I had never sat down with them and taught them specific lessons on how to care. From what I can tell, these life lessons were learned largely through exposure and experiences. God has been molding their hearts as they grow through everyday life situations. Caring, it seems, is a skill that flourishes through the very act of caring. They are learning, through life experiences, to begin to consider what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes.

As parents, there is part of us that wants to shelter, shield, and isolate our kids from hurt. But it is in the real hurt in our world where our kids have the opportunity to develop compassion and the ability to care for others. Exposing them gradually and carefully to the needs of others triggers their innate ability to care. Moreover, it helps them appreciate the comfortable life they may be enjoying, while instilling in them the compassion that is necessary to care for others.

Understandably, not every family has the desire or opportunity to live in a third world country. However, there are opportunities in every community, church, and neighborhood to make space for God to teach our children to care. After moving back to the States, we have tried to allow our kids to be exposed to others' needs. After all, others need care everywhere.

The following are some experiences I believe have been formative for our kids as they learn to care. Each of these situations has allowed God to help form them into more caring people.

***Funerals or memorial services:** Celebrating life and mourning death together are places where our kids see hurt. They will not merely witness the hurt, but they will desire to share in sympathetic acts of care.

***Hospital visitations:** As kids go with adults to visit people in the hospital, they will again be exposed to a hurting world. This can also remind them of the blessings of good health.

***Time with elderly people:** Time like this helps develop in children compassion and an awareness of those who are often overlooked or lonely in our society.

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Sept 21	Ladies Day Worknight
Sept 24	Clinton Ladies Day
Sept 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Oct 9	Homecoming/Friends Day
Oct 12	Silver Saints
Oct 29	Trunk-or-Treat
Nov ??	Clothing Giveaway

LADIES DAY

Our Ladies Day is Saturday, Sept. 24 with guest speaker Kate West. Our theme is "Up, Up, & Away." We would love to have ALL our ladies here for this special day...and bring a friend or two. Books by Cindy Colley will be available for your browsing.

LADIES DAY PREP

We will have a Wednesday night work session to get ready on Sept 21 at 5:00. We will be preparing the centerpieces, programs, and sprucing up the building. A light dinner will be served.

There are sign up sheets in the lobby for those who would like to decorate tables, participate in the program, or help with food. We need some volunteers as well to read Scripture and lead prayer. Please see Laura Bentley with any questions.

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Our next Friends & Family Day will be here before you know it - Sunday, Oct. 9. If we all invited at least one guest, we could have nearly 200 here on Sunday morning. We will enjoy a potluck lunch together and then have an early afternoon worship at 2:00pm.

AREA-WIDE DEVOTIONAL

Thanks to everyone who helped out with and attended the Area-Wide Youth Devo here at Clinton last Sunday. We had 84 present!

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***Time with kids who are younger than them:** There is an element of sacrifice in giving up time to do something they would prefer to do with friends their own age. They learn how to help and assist others.

***Writing letters of encouragement or thanks:** Taking time to notice someone who could use some encouragement or to thank someone helps them think about others regularly.

***MAGI Boxes:** Filling these special boxes reminds them in a tangible way of the needs of other children beyond the world they see every day.

***Service projects:** This aids kids in developing a heart of helpfulness and care by giving up time and pouring themselves into something that may ultimately benefit someone else.

***Travel:** Seeing a world firsthand that differs from theirs gives kids a new appreciation for different kinds of people, the needy, hurting, or lost.

After exposing kids to these kinds of situations and serving with them, it is important to debrief with them about what happened and how they felt. Talking openly with kids about the needs and hurts of others and working together through those situations is what makes all of us aware of others. Being exposed to various situations continuously puts others on our radar. Kids begin to realize that the world is much larger than their own backyard and much grander than the needs they alone have. We need to help our children explore and practice more 'other thinking'. In this way, we are allowing God the opportunity to mold us into caring people.

Venturing into some of these experiences with children may seem scary and intimidating. Parents might be concerned about their child's safety or emotional health. On the other hand, sheltering children too much can inhibit the lessons God could be teaching them through difficult experiences. God has given us the ultimate classroom: life experiences. Parents will have to take into consideration their children's personalities and dispositions and decide what kinds of experiences are most appropriate. But the goal is to allow kids to be in situations where they will see hurt, and their God-given care reflexes will be triggered.

When it comes to caring for others, I feel like my children are often the schoolmasters, while I am the student. Their genuine concern and overwhelming generosity is something I am still trying to learn as an adult. Developing caring hearts requires practice and exposure to the hurting world around us. Are we willing to do what it takes to develop care for others?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jimmy Redden was taken to the hospital in Oak Ridge. No further info is currently available.

Rachel Broadway had knee replacement surgery and is now at home. Please call before visiting.

Georgia Herren is now recovering at home after a stay at the hospital and NHC.

Chloe Bass was in Children's Hospital with stomach problems. She had a CT scan last week.

Cheryl Taylor, Amanda Brown's mother, had lung and brain biopsies last week. The results of the tests are not in yet.

Kelley Berney Ilagan, a friend of Rebecca Nash, recently passed away. Please remember her family in your prayers.

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: Rimikay Bachelor, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Nasha Foster, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Kyle Jennings, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Mary Majors, 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, Jackie & Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, 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, Betty Holt, Gary & Marilyn Jones, Belle McCoy, David McCoy, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber, Jack Stearsman, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Jean & Virgil Weaver

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our Wednesday night Kids' Bible Story & Art Class this week will focus on **God's Wonderful Gift**. This class is a fun way to learn for all ages. Come be a part!

AREA EVENTS

Debate: Freed-Hardeman Bible Professor Ralph Gilmore will be participating in a debate with Dr. Alexander Rosenberg on the existence of God on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 6:30 to 9:30pm. You may watch the debate online at www.warrencenterlive.com.

Karns church of Christ Forever His Day Camp - Oct 1. Our very own Clyde Camel and Cleo Croc will be traveling to this event to see the kids!

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.