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FOR THE RECORD

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| Sunday AM | |
| Bible Study | 71 |
| Worship | 119 |
| Contribution | \$2832 |
| Sunday PM | |
| Worship | 50 |
| Wednesday | |
| Bible Study | — |



*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 October 16, 2016

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| | AM | PM |
| Song Leaders: | Ben Smith | Rick Caudle |
| Opening Prayer: | Stump Smith | Herman Herren |
| Lord's Table: | Herman Herren, Daniel McInturff, Dwight Nicholson, Micheal Olsen | |
| Closing Prayer: | Hobert Humphrey Glen Morgan | |
| PM Table: | James McCrary | |
| Announcements: | Dale Mowery | |
| Usher: | James McCrary | |

Wednesday evening: October 19, 2016

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

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Is It Crazy to be a Christian?

by Jack Wilkie

There are plenty of people in this world who would have you believe that it's crazy to be a Christian. With atheists, agnostics, and "nones" (those who don't affiliate with any religion or belief system) on the rise in America, open mockery of the Bible is something that is becoming more common by the day. Many of them identify themselves that way because they've bought into the belief that it is simply ridiculous to accept the Bible's claims, arguing that some of the Bible's accounts are far too absurd for them to accept the Bible's bigger claims (such as those on morality or sin and justification). To paraphrase, the argument that comes up so often looks something like this:

"We're supposed to listen to your rules about sex or abortion or the afterlife when you believe in a talking snake, a talking donkey, the Red Sea parting to create a path of dry ground, and people coming back from the dead? Haha, sure."

The implication, of course, is that Christians operate on blind faith and that we've accepted absurd beliefs in order to maintain our trust in biblical inerrancy. Admittedly, no one in today's world has ever seen a talking snake, or a talking donkey, or any of the other miraculous occurrences the Bible describes. But what isn't being considered is the truth claims that are implicit in the popular beliefs held by most today. Are Christians the only ones accepting difficult to explain beliefs? Of course not.

Consider the implications that underly the very foundations of the beliefs held by many of those who mock Christianity.

- There was nothing... and then, for no good reason, nothing became something.
- That something (small amounts of matter) randomly exploded.
- That explosion set the entire universe in motion.
- Life on earth either started as chemicals in a pond that turned into amino acids and somehow came to life **OR** it was planted here by ancient aliens (whose origin we can't even begin to explain).
- Macroevolution turned single celled organisms into every life form we see today.
- Apes and humans shared a common ancestor, despite our inability to find the missing link that proves this claim and despite the fact that the proponents of this belief have so little to go on that they've repeatedly been caught fabricating evidence for it.
- The complexity in every created thing we see – the complexity that dwarfs man's greatest supercomputers and spaceships – was a total accident.
- Mankind developed our own code of morality that is subject to change depending on culture and time period. And yet it's still rigid and enforceable.

Now you tell me – who's operating on blind faith? Who's accepting absurd claims at face value? What's harder to believe, a talking snake or a random explosion creating everything? We're all accepting certain things in our belief systems on faith. The key is to examine the core foundations of a belief system and then weigh the harder to explain details from there. And that's where disbelief loses. It is the very pillars of evolutionary belief that discredit it as impossible. The Bible, on the other hand, acknowledges the absolute necessity of a supernatural being (spoiler alert: God) for its claims. If there is a God, the Genesis account (and all of the other biblical accounts) make sense. If there isn't a God, no set of beliefs makes sense.

So, no... it's not crazy to be a Christian.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

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| Today | India Newsletter folding |
| Oct 22 | Claxton Ladies Day |
| Oct 29 | Trunk-or-Treat |
| Oct 30 | Song Service/Fingerfoods |
| Nov ?? | Clothing Giveaway |
| Nov 5 | Youth Day of Service |
| Nov 23 | Thanks-Singing |
| Dec 3 | Ladies Holiday Lunch |
| Dec 10 | Youth Christmas Gathering |
| Dec 31 | New Years Eve Game Night |

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Kim Gill**, who passed away last week. Receiving of friends will be from 6:00-8:00PM Tuesday, Oct 18, with the funeral following at Weatherford Mortuary. Burial will be at 12:00 at Oak Ridge Memorial Park.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Caelyn Olds** of Fayetteville, GA. Caelyn was killed by a hit-and-run driver while she was out doorknocking. Her father, Nicolas Adams, is the preacher for a local congregation.

INDIA MISSION NEWSLETTER

Please come back today at 4:30 to help fold the latest issue of Garry Jones' India Mission newsletter.

CLAXTON LADIES DAY

Our very own Laura Bentley will be the guest speaker for the Claxton Church of Christ Ladies' Day on Saturday, October 22. The theme is "Matters of the Heart." Registration begins at 9:00; the program begins at 10:00 and brunch will be served.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Ben Smith and Laura Bentley for the new bulletin boards in the foyer. There are always opportunities to create a board! Just sign up for a month in the foyer.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Please make plans to be here for our Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 29. We usually have a large crowd of several hundred join us from the surrounding community. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors - plus it's a great time spent with our brothers and sisters.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLASSES

Come back on Wednesday for our Kids Bible Story and Art Class. This week's story is about the Journeys of Paul. We also have a nursery class available for our littlest ones!

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

We will once again host a community clothing giveaway in November. The date has not yet been finalized. Please drop off your bags or boxes of clothing items in the Pantry.

NEW DIRECTORIES

We will be putting out correction sheets soon for the next edition of our directory. Please take a look and make any changes needed for your family's contact information.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH HAYRIDE

The Rockwood congregation will host an area-wide youth hayride on Saturday, Nov. 5. Please stay tuned for more details.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

The area-wide youth devotional at the Crossville Main Street congregation for October has been canceled.

YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE

Our youth will be having a day of service on Saturday, Nov. 5. We plan to go out to Hillbrook Christian Camp to help with preparing the camp for winter - blowing leaves, cleaning out cabins, storing mattresses in the mess hall, etc. Please let Daniel McInturff, Stump Smith, or Joey Smith know if you will be able to help.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Paul Adkins has been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis.

Susan Reagan had heart stents put in. She is doing very well.

Rachel Broadway is doing very well following her knee replacement surgery.

Georgia Herren continues to recover at home and is improving.

William Donovan is in Room 203 at Golden Living and will be there for several weeks.

Helen Wagner is recovering from a twisted ankle.

Brian Kell, Cindy Jones' nephew, is recovering from 3rd degree burns caused in a bonfire accident.

Gerri Gaylor, Sarah Mefford's sister, is very ill with cancer.

Brother Hall, an elder of the church in Florida and friend of Janella Melton, fell off his roof and was badly injured. He is not doing well.

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, Gerri Gaylor, 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

AREA EVENTS

Rockwood church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Jim Wesson - Oct 16-20

Tazewell church of Christ Breakfast Meeting - Oct. 20

Claxton church of Christ Ladies Day "Matters of the Heart" with Laura Bentley - Oct 22

Karns church of Christ Ladies Day "Balance" with Jeni Hanstein - Oct 22

Jamestown church of Christ Ladies Day with Becky Honeycutt - Oct 22

Rogersville church of Christ Area-Wide Singing - Oct. 23

Nelson Chapel church of Christ (Maryville) Gospel Meeting with Doug Couch - Oct. 23-26

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