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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	—
Worship	74
Contribution	\$2395
Sunday PM	
Worship	42
Wednesday	
Bible Study	57



*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 January 15, 2017

	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:	Jacob McCrary	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	James McCrary	
Announcements:	Dale Mowery	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: January 18, 2017

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

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How to Build the Church

Stan Mitchell

Let's start with an important declaration: I think we all want the church to grow. The question is, how? Church growth has become an industry these days with studies and literature all over social media. Those who care about the church might lend some of these an ear. And yet there are cautions to observe, too.

Never surrender biblical truth in order to "spread the net wider." Sheer numbers of bodies on church pews does not equate spiritual growth. Methods that work in one part of the world, at one time in history or for one person's talents may not work in another. The Bible, too, is interested in church growth, and we might consult it for guidance in this department.

So what does the church need in order to grow? Do we switch preachers like a pro football franchise until we get the "right one"? Do we pour money into some slick public relations company? Do we scamper around trying to copy the latest method from other congregations that have found a "formula"?

Take a deep breath! Here are some things we can do, attainable by every congregation of the Lord's people.

We can ensure a converted membership, where Christians "seek first" Christ's kingdom (Matthew 6:33). The church will never grow *collectively* beyond the level of commitment of members *individually*. Do you care what happens to your congregation? Do you care what happens to its members? Some care enough to point out where others go wrong, but the committed child of God seeks to do his part to make things better.

We can be a praying membership. Now that is an activity attainable for all, isn't it? Paul often sought the prayers of his brethren. "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will boldly make known the mystery of the Gospel" (Ephesians 6:19). If you want a better preacher, pray for him. If you want a better congregation, pray for her!

We can be a united membership. I am always impressed with Paul suggesting to the Corinthians: "Why not rather be defrauded?" (1 Corinthians 6:7). Is there ever a principle at stake more important than my petty feelings? What about the reputation of the church in the community? What about the well-being of God's people, the church?

We can make use of our talents and opportunities. Paul envisions a church where "each [member] does its part" (Ephesians 4:16). When God wanted to provide salvation for the community of Jerusalem, Ephesus or Tennessee, what did he do? What kind of "growth method" did he adopt? KNAAN News Short wave radio? Bible correspondence from Galilee? **He used a church!**

Please, please, read that last line again. He utilized the collective talents and resources of a group of God's people. As E.M. Bounds declared, "People are God's method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better people."

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 12	Youth Planning Meeting
Feb 24-26	CYC
Mar 26	McInturff Baby Shower

COMMUNION PREPARATION

The sign up list for communion preparation in 2017 is on the table in the foyer. There are still four months that need to be covered.

NEW DIRECTORIES

Please check your information on the table at the rear of the auditorium. We will be publishing a new congregational directory at the beginning of the new year.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

The annual Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat is Feb. 15-19, 2017. The cost to attend is \$40 per couple. Register online at: www.smokymountainmarriage.com.

GRIEF SEMINAR

Karns Church of Christ will host a Grief Seminar January 28-29 with speakers Don Williams and Ron Williams. Registration will begin at 8:30am on Saturday.

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Asheville Hwy Church of Christ will host a singing on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2:30pm.

BREAKFAST MEETING

Tazewell Church of Christ invites you to a breakfast meeting on Thurs, Jan. 19 at 9:00.

TEACHING ROCKET SEMINAR

Lenoir City Church of Christ is hosting a teacher's training seminar on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8:30 to 1:00.

BULLETIN BOARDS

If you are willing to create one of our bulletin boards in the foyer this year, please see Joey Smith.

BABY SHOWER

We will have a baby shower Sunday evening, March 26, for Ashley McInturff. She, Daniel and Elle will soon be welcoming a baby boy, Maddox Paul McInturff. Gift cards from Target and Babies R Us would be most helpful to them.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOS

The 2017 area-wide youth devotionals will begin in January. The first gathering will be at West End Church of Christ on Jan. 22. Please let Joey Smith know if you would like to attend.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLASSES

Come back on Wednesday for our Kids Bible Story and Art Class. There are several items that the children have made that are on display in the Resource Room - come take a look! We also have a nursery class available for our littlest ones!

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC will be Feb. 24-26, 2017 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge. The cost to go is \$55. We will plan to leave from the building that Friday around 5:00. See Joey Smith with any questions.

YOUTH PLANNING MEETING

All youth, parents, grandparents, and guardians are invited to stay after morning worship services on Sunday, Feb. 12 to help plan our activities for 2017. We will order pizza for lunch. Please bring chips, drinks, and desserts to share.

NEW COPIER

We will be installing a new copier in the Resource Room within the next week. This machine will have the capability to print in color as well as black and white.

NEW SHED

A new storage shed will soon be replacing our current shed to help alleviate overcrowding in our storage closets here in the building. We need it!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Gilley was in the hospital but is now home. She is not doing well.

Jo Rutherford continues to be shut-in and in declining health.

Melissa Everetts, Ron and Susan Reagan's daughter, is undergoing tests to discover more about health issues and to determine a course of action.

Kayla Harwell continues to recover at home and is doing well. She has progressed to Phase 2 of her recovery.

Cody Sharp broke his wrist and is in a cast.

Gabe Martin got pathology test results. The tumor was Stage 2 and the doctor says chemo will not be needed.

Janella Melton continues to be at home and is doing well. Visitors are welcome.

Amy Nicholson is back at ParkWest hospital. Prayers are needed for a course of action to be decided upon by her doctors that will help her situation.

Tangelia Kesterson had surgery on her elbow. She has been dealing with a great deal of pain.

Jean Perkins is in need of our prayers, calls, and cards.

Rhonda, Jean Perkins' daughter, is in need of our prayers as she battles breast cancer.

Morgan, a cousin of Melanie Nichols, has an infection in her heart, blood, and liver. She will also have open heart surgery.

Rachel Austin, a friend of Susan Smith, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, 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, Dicey Humphrey, Beulah Jackson, Polly Keck, 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, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Sucramoni, Cheryl Taylor, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood, Agge Yobin

Cancer Treatment: Gail Foust, Stanley Hash, Betty Holt, Belle McCoy, David McCoy, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Jean 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.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Alyne Matthews**, who lost two nephews, Jerry Thrasher and Newkie Thrasher, and a nephew-in-law, Tom MacGuire, in the last few weeks.

We extend our sympathy to **Barbara**, a cousin of **Rachel Broadway**, who just lost her son.