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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	46
Worship	79
Contribution	\$2408

Sunday PM

Worship	—
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Wednesday

Bible Study	43
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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 March 19, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Jacob McCrary	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Herman Herren	Joey Smith
Lord's Table:	Dwight Nicholson, Daniel McInturff, Bob Hamby, Tim Nygard	
Closing Prayer:	Eric Mowery	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	Ben Smith	
Announcements:	Jim Ashworth	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: March 22, 2017

Song Leader:	Dale Mowery
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Jim Ashworth

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Identifying As A Christian

Neal Pollard

There are so many "identifying" stories these days. A white woman, Rachel Dolezal, identifying as a black woman, was back in the news recently. A teenage boy, Mack Beggs, won the Texas girls wrestling title, because he identifies as a teenage girl. In a recent interview, Dr. Keith Ablow suggested that such delusional (he is using the term in a psychological, not pejorative, sense) reasoning opens the door for a young person who "identifies" as a 65-year-old to receive Medicare benefits (foxnews.com). Really, every new case of "identifying" reveals the absurdity behind the thinking. All the wishing, wanting, and hoping in the world cannot change ironclad facts. As we used to say discussing reality of any kind growing up, "It is what it is."

If there is anything more harmful than delusion, it may be denial. For centuries, good, sincere people have claimed to be Christians who have not followed what the New Testament reveals is necessary to become one. They have followed some humanly-devised plan or idea (accept Jesus in your heart by faith, say a prayer, believe the Holy Spirit gives you an experience of grace, etc.). Leaders and teachers who have devised such ideas do not do so from a sustainable, biblical source. Repeatedly, whether in the gospels (Mark 16:16), the book of history (Acts 2:38; 22:16), or the epistles (Romans 6:4; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21), we find a simple, but essential, act that stands between one not being and being a Christian. But the idea that one can fail to do this and still be a Christian is pervasively taught, believed, and practiced.

Akin to this is the belief that one can claim to be a Christian, and then live any way they wish. Their speech, conduct, and attitude can exactly mirror and mimic the world's. Their aspirations, pursuits, and values can be completely worldly. But, when death visits a loved one or comes to them or at some similar time when it would be advantageous to claim so, they aver that they are a Christian. While they may have followed God's plan to become one, they think of themselves as saved and safe even while walking in darkness (cf. 1 John 1:6-9).

It takes more than a claim. Facts are stubborn things. The ultimate source of what is factual is God's Word. It educates us about gender (Genesis 1:27) and race (Acts 17:26). It educates us about who a Christian is (Acts 2). It educates us about faithful Christian living (cf. Romans 12:1-2). If we wish to be accurate in the way we "identify" ourselves, we must let Scripture inform our view!

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 25	McInturff Baby Shower
Mar 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 1	Spring Egg Hunt
Apr 2	Hillbrook Mtg @ Clinton
Apr 12	Silver Saints
May 6	Work Day
May 7	Friends & Family Day

BABY SHOWER

We will have a baby shower on Saturday, March 25 at noon for Ashley McInturff. She, Daniel and Elle will soon be welcoming a baby boy, Maddux Paul McInturff. Gift cards from Target and Babies R Us would be most helpful to them.

EUROPEAN MISSION TRIP

Jonathan Bentley will be traveling to Europe with the Harding University Chorus to work with churches in communities from Germany to Scotland. You can find the link to donate online on Jonathan's Facebook page or donations may be mailed to:

Harding University
Global Outreach
Box 12280
Searcy, AR 72149-5615

THANK YOU

The youth group has received a thank you card for hosting the Young-At-Heart Dinner. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer.

Thank you to Tim Melton for the new, updated thermostats at the front of the auditorium. We are always thankful for the continued improvements to our facilities and pray that we use them to further the Lord's work!

SPRING EGG HUNT

Kids, mark your calendars for our Spring Egg Hunt at Stump and Annette Smith's home on Saturday, April 1 at 10:00am.

YOUTH CALENDAR

Our youth calendar for the year is available in the foyer. We will add other events throughout the year, so pay attention to the bulletin and to the congregation's Facebook page.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLASSES

Come back on Wednesday for our Kids Bible Story and Art Class. We also have a nursery class available for our littlest ones! Check out our latest project at the rear of the auditorium: a diorama of Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Helen Wagner for making the Anderson County High School Cheer Team!

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: guest speaker Andy Erwin, Mar. 19-22.

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Eastside Church of Christ (Maryville): guest speaker Rod Rutherford, Mar. 19-22.

AREA-WIDE SKATING PARTY

Elgin Church of Christ: Saturday, Mar. 25 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at Tri-County Roller Arena, Oliver Springs. Admission and pizza are free!

CHRISTIAN SERVANT CELEBRATION

Knoxville Christian School: Mar. 31 at 6:00pm.

FOREVER HIS SPRING DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: Saturday, April 1.

GOSPEL MEETING

West End Church of Christ (Knoxville): guest speaker Wayne Miller, April 2-4.

SOUTHEAST INSTITUTE LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: April 23-26.

Please see the bulletin board and table in the foyer for more info on these area happenings.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joshua Stokes, a friend of Dale and Lesley Mowery, is undergoing treatment in Australia for a second brain tumor.

Corwin Brown, a good friend of Ron and Susan Reagan, will be undergoing tests at Vanderbilt for the possibility of a heart and kidney transplant.

Becky Monday, a friend of Betty Weaver, is sick and in need of our prayers.

Cash Gonzalez, grandson of Tim Melton, has been to see a cardiac specialist.

Ben & Sandy Egerton, Gail Sharp's nephew and wife, are in need of our prayers for their unborn daughter, **Audrey Lynn Egerton**. Audrey has been diagnosed with atrioventricular canal defect. Audrey is due in July and will need surgery when she is a few months old.

Gabe Martin, Dale and Lesley Mowery's son-in-law, started chemo treatments last week.

Bernice Hammock, sister-in-law of Billy Kesterson, has cancer and is not doing well.

Arica Smith, Stump's mother, continues to recover well from surgery. She got a great report from her surgery follow up.

Elaine Nicholson, daughter-in-law of Dwight and Doris, had cranial surgery and is doing well. The Nicholsons have traveled to be with her.

Melissa Everetts, Ron and Susan Reagan's daughter, continues to need our prayers.

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.

Edna Pigman, mother of Arthur Pigman, is now at home under hospice care.

Herman & Georgia Herren will be traveling for the next two weeks. We pray for their safety.

Bennett Smith has been sick for several days but is doing better now.

Cheryl Taylor will have surgery on Mar. 28.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, 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, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood, Agge Yobin

Cancer Treatment: Rachel Austin, Josh Deaton, Gail Foust, Bernice Hammock, Betty Holt, Gabe Martin, 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

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of longtime member, **Rusty Scarboro**, who passed away last week. His funeral services were on Friday. Rusty was the son of the late C.A. and Frances Scarboro.