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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	—
Worship	83
Contribution	\$2300
Sunday PM	
Worship	56
Wednesday	
Bible Study	47



*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** for forgiveness of your sins (*Acts 2:38; John 3:5; Rom 6:3, 4*)
- **Live Faithfully** (*1 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 – Pohnpei,
Micronesia**

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation April 16, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Rick Caudle
Opening Prayer:	Stump Smith	Herman Herren
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Daniel McInturff, John Bushey, Micheal Olsen	
Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	James McCrary	
Announcements:	Jim Ashworth	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: April 19, 2017

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

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Tips for a Successful Falling Away

Tim Melton

Ecc1 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; for [there is] no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Solomon in his epic wisdom encourages us to give our very best effort in everything we do. Therefore if "thy hand findeth" you contemplating falling away back into the world you should give it your best effort as well. Proponents of falling away generally fall into two camps:

Some may make the argument that falling away should be done "cold turkey" or in other words quickly because:

- Like pulling off a band aid, the quicker the better. Just get it over with.
- No sense in prolonging the mental gymnastics required to keep justifying missing so much
- Doing it quickly will help rid you of the last pangs of guilt you may have been feeling
- If you drag it out too long you may get cold feet and decide to stay.
- Others say it's best to slowly drift away because:
- Slowly increasing your absence will get others use to not seeing you so it won't be as noticeable
- Lessens the chance of those pesky Elders or other members feeling the urgency to try and talk to me about my dwindling attendance
- Gets you use to the idea so when you do finally stop assembling you won't feel as guilty or like you are really missing anything
- Guilt is the leading cause of attendance recidivism so I need to avoid it so I don't "fall back" to church

Tips:

1. Stop Praying
 - a. In any relationship, nothing says "I'm done" quite like ending communication. If you don't want to fix it, then no sense in talking to HIM about it.
2. Stop reading your bible
 - a. The bible is the owner's manual to the soul, and the only reason to read your owner's manual is to right a wrong, so avoid that at all cost.
 - b. You may run across something that makes you feel guilty, and guilt can lead to recidivism, which could lead to repentance, which may lead to full blown restoration.
3. Stop participating & contributing your talents

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Apr 30 Song Service/Fingerfoods
May 6 Work Day
May 7 Friends & Family Day
June 9 Game Night
July 23-27 VBS

WELCOME!

We are delighted to welcome Bradley, Wanda, and Emma Crider to the family here at Clinton! We are thankful that this good family has found a home here with us!

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PANTRY NEEDS

Our Food Pantry is in need of restocking. Items that can be easily microwaved seem to be a special need. Canned vegetables are not being selected very often.

WORK DAY

We will have our spring cleaning Work Day on Saturday, May 6, here at the building. We will have jobs both inside and outside. Please be here to lend a hand if you can! We will begin at 9:00am.

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Be getting ready for our next Friends and Family Day on Sunday, May 7! Our visiting speaker for the day will be brother Arthur Pigman. We will have a fellowship meal after morning services and an early afternoon service at 2:00pm.

CYC MONEY

If you still need to turn in your \$55 for Challenge Youth Conference, please see Joey Smith.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Jason Patton and family in the passing of his grandmother, Wanda Patterson (Granny to all who knew her). Her funeral services were on Saturday.

We also extend our sympathy to Cindy Jones in the passing of her uncle, Alvin Kell.

GREEN THUMBS NEEDED

Over the next few weeks, we need to rake and bag leaves and clean up fallen sticks around our Creekside Picnic Area. Bagged leaves can be placed in our dumpster; tree limbs may be placed at the side of the road on Spring Street. We would also love to begin planting shade-loving plants, particularly perennials such as hosta. If you are in the process of dividing hostas at home and have extra to share, please see Jacob Mowery.

AREA EVENTS

LADIES DAY

Claxton Church of Christ: guest speaker Amanda Houston, April 22.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Pavilion: April 22, 1-7:00

SOUTHEAST INSTITUTE LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: "SEEK: Discipling for Jesus," April 23-26. We have been asked to provide desserts for the Lectureship. If you are able to help, please have your pies here at our building by Monday morning.

LADIES DAY

Scarboro Church of Christ (Oak Ridge): guest speaker Lynn Smith, Saturday, May 6.

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP

Karns Church of Christ, for ages 12-18: June 4-11

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeremiah & Joe Patton have both had the flu.

Kayla Harwell had an allergic reaction last week and had to go to the ER.

Jean Perkins is in need of our prayers, calls, and cards. Please take some time to contact Jean in any way possible, as she very much needs the support of her church family now. Her new address is: 380 Frank Price Blvd, Apt. 1, Clinton, TN 37716

The Caylor family, Melissa, Samuel, and especially Danny, are in need of our prayers during a very difficult time.

Reagan Riehl, newborn daughter of Haley Riehl, a coworker of Susan Smith, was delivered at 24 weeks due to pre-eclampsia. She is struggling for life and is in need of our prayers.

Jack Sharp, newborn son of Jennifer Sharp, a friend of Joey and Susan Smith, was born with spina bifida.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Corwin Brown, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, Fred Davis, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, 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, Becky Monday, 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, Rhonda Perkins, 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

- a. If you've lead singing in the past and you are asked to do so, saying "no" isn't nice, so just say you don't feel good and clear your throat. Be creative!
 - b. Asked to lead a prayer? Same techniques should suffice.
 - c. If all else fails it ALWAYS helps to be just late enough to where you can't be asked to help. It also forces the person in charge to find someone to take your place on the schedule.
 - d. Women aren't excluded. You can avoid services the congregation depends on just as well.
 - e. Remember: you're working your way out of fellowship so the less you do the better!
4. Stop giving money
 - a. Now that you are going to have more free time you're going to need more money
 - b. The church usually meets or exceeds the weekly budget anyway so it's not really necessary.

If we try to go from point A to point B and go halfway each step we'll never get there. Remaining faithful and falling away are no different!

James 1:8 A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways.