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Preacher:

Richard Bentley	264-0560
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	50
Worship	84
Contribution	\$2273

Sunday PM

Worship	54
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Wednesday

Bible Study	52
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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 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** (immersed) for forgiveness of your sins (*Acts 2:38; John 3:5; Rom 6:3, 4*)
- **Live Faithfully** (*2 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 – Ireland

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Aug 13, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Rick Caudle	Jacob McCrary
Opening Prayer:	Jim Ashworth	Herman Herren
Lord's Table:	Hobert Humphrey, Greg Jernigan, Dwight Nicholson, Micheal Olsen	
Closing Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	Jim Ashworth	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Aug 16, 2017

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

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The Safest Place to Be

By David R. Ferguson

The disciples could hardly believe their ears. Had Jesus forgotten how the Jews in Jerusalem recently tried to kill Him? Why in the world would He want to put His life in danger by going back to Judea? (See John 11:1-16) But Jesus had just announced His intention to go to Bethany in response to a message that His friend Lazarus was sick. This news alarmed the disciples since Bethany was a mere two miles from Jerusalem; they tried to change His mind. "Rabbi, not long ago the Jews wanted to stone You to death," they reminded Him. "Do you really want to go back there?"

Jesus answered their questions with a metaphor that contrasted walking in the light versus walking in darkness. He explained that people who walk during the "day" don't have to worry about stumbling because they have the knowledge of God's will to guide them, but those who walk in the darkness of their own understanding and self-reliance are likely to fall. Jesus understood what His well-intentioned disciples did not: as long as He submitted to God's plan for His life, no harm could come to Him until the appointed time of His crucifixion. Jesus had no need to fear His enemies.

God has given each one of us a purpose and specific work to accomplish for Him. As long as we're doing our best to follow His plan for our life, we don't need to worry about our safety. Nothing and no one on the Earth can successfully interfere with God's purposes. But it's dangerous to leave the light of God's truth and walk down a path of disobedience. It's foolish to let ourselves be guided by the world's standards and advice or by our own understanding if those things contradict God's word. That would be like traveling down a rocky road on a dark night with no source of light to guide us; we can expect to stumble and fall. Trust me, for I know of which I speak!

Any time we stray from God's will, we make ourselves vulnerable to temptations, Satan's traps, and spiritual deceptions, leading us to make unwise choices that can bring serious consequences. The only truly safe place to be is in the center of God's will for our life. As long as we follow where He leads, we'll be protected – even in situations that appear threatening or dangerous to human eyes. Letting our decisions and movements be shaped by obedience to God will set us free from fear concerning our welfare and safety. We may have to walk through some dark valleys on our life journey, but even in the shadow of death we have the security of knowing that we are never walking alone. The Light of the world, Jesus Christ, is always right there with us.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me." (Psalms 23:4 [NKJV])

Ask yourself: Am I walking in the safety of God's will for my life, or have I strayed from the path of His commands?

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Aug 13	Youth Devo @ Clinton
Aug 27	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Sept 8-10	Ladies Retreat
Sept 23	Virginia Creeper Bike Ride
Oct 28	Trunk-or-Treat
Nov 18	Youth Service Project Day
Nov 22	Thanks-Singing

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

We are hosting the next area-wide youth devotional here at Clinton today at 4:30pm. Stump Smith will be speaking about "The Rock." We invite everyone (of every age!) to join us for the afternoon. Many of our visitors will stay with us for our evening worship service. We will also have Abbey Gallaher, a recruiter for Freed-Hardeman University, with us for the event.

VBS T-SHIRTS

You may have seen our outdoorsy green VBS t-shirts by now. If you would like to order one, please sign up on the list in the foyer and indicate your shirt size. A donation of \$10 per shirt would be welcomed, but we will order them no matter what!

LADIES RETREAT

All ladies are asked to complete a survey regarding our upcoming fall Ladies Retreat and turn it in to Susan Smith this week. Please see Susan with any questions. The retreat will be Sept. 8-10 in the Smoky Mtn area. One group will plan to leave here at 3:00 that Friday. Location and more details will be announced soon.

WEDDING SHOWER

We will have a wedding shower for Laura Mowery on Sunday evening, Aug. 27, during our finger food fellowship. We will enjoy cake and ice cream! Laura is registered at Target and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Several members have had a change of address or phone number. Please update your directories with the following info:

Jeff and Kayla Harwell
117 Conner Crossing Way, Apt. 4102
Powell, TN 37849

Diane Carden
513 Scenic Drive
Clinton, TN 37716

Betty Weaver
(865) 307-3920

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Knoxville Christian School needs a few more subs to fill their sublist for the 2017-18 school year. KCS is always in search of excellent substitute teachers to fill an important role when classroom teachers are unable to be at school. If you are interested in serving the school in this capacity, please begin the process by filling out an employment application which can be found online at www.knoxvillechristianschool.org.

PARDON THE MESS

We still have some cleanup work to do following the flood here at the building. More extensive work will be coming up in the next few weeks and months. Thanks for bearing with us.

AREA EVENTS

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

West End Church of Christ: Aug 19

MARRIAGE SEMINAR "HIS SHOES/HER SHOES"

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Aug 25-26

SINGING WITH THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

West End Church of Christ: Aug 25-27

AREA-WIDE SINGING

West End Church of Christ: Aug 26

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sue Hale is currently at UT Hospital and is not doing well. She has developed bronchitis and a blood clot in her lung. She is very uncomfortable, is not sleeping well, cannot have food by mouth, and is not responding very much.

Gail Sharp will begin chemo treatments on the 16th. She will have chemo once every three weeks for a total of 6 chemo treatments.

Brenda Jennings is in need of our prayers as she is having physical health problems and losing weight.

Hubert Sharp's mother has suffered a broken hip.

Polly Keck is suffering from shingles on her face.

Georgia Herren was able to come home. She will continue recuperating there.

Rachel Broadway will have knee surgery tomorrow. She will be in the hospital for 5 days.

Ben Barbee, Susan Olsen's father, suffered a stroke.

Lisa Carr, Sherry Bushey's daughter and Carol Burt's niece, is in need of our prayers and encouragement. She is coming out of a 4 month relapse of MS.

Thelma Merrill continues to need our prayers as she has more medical tests.

Teri Blesi, Janella Melton's daughter, will have cochlear implants at the end of the month.

Audrey Egerton, newborn great-niece of Gail Sharp, needs our prayers for good health and healing.

Garry Jones will be returning to India in just a few weeks. Please pray for safe travels and continued success in the mission work there.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, the Caylor family, Lakhilata Chakma, Fred Davis, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, Jack Henry, 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, Jean Perkins, 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, Joe DeLucia, Gail Foust, Elbert Hash, Betty Holt, Gabe Martin, Belle McCoy, Rhonda Perkins, Kathy Schankowitz, Gail Sharp, Leah Seiber, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Jean Weaver, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: *At home* – Mary Gilley, Sue Hale, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *The Waters of Clinton* – 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 Herman Herren in the passing of his brother, Howard Herren. We failed to get this information in the bulletin at the time of Mr. Herren's passing.