

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	—
Worship	—
Contribution	—

### Sunday PM

Worship	—
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	—
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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 Oct 15, 2017

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Ben Smith	Rick Caudle
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bradley Crider	Herman Herren
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Herman Herren, Josh Patton, Dwight Nicholson, Micheal Olsen	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Hobert Humphrey Glen Morgan	
<b>PM Table:</b>	Tim Nygard	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dale Mowery	
<b>Usher:</b>	James McCrary	

**Wednesday evening: Oct 18, 2017**

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Dale Mowery
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith

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# Clinton Chronicle

Oct 15, 2017

## The Spann of His Life

David A. Sargent

Joey Spann, minister of the Burnette Chapel Church of Christ in Antioch, TN, thought he was going to die. Spann was one of the shooting victims when a masked man firing a gun entered the Burnette Chapel church building on Sunday morning after worship services on September 24, 2017. The gunman killed one church member and injured seven others, including Spann and his wife.

Spann tried to stop the shooter as he entered the building. He threw a wooden crate at the man and ran toward him, but Spann collapsed. He had been shot.

"He shot me in the chest and shot again and shot again. I heard the bullet go by my head. Another one tore my hand up," Spann said. "I just continued to cross the vestibule and fell down on the other side of it."

He thought he was going to die. So he prayed. He didn't pray, Holly Meyer reports, to be saved by the church members who applied pressure to his wounds. He didn't pray to be saved as he heard them call 911. He prayed for forgiveness.

"God, I'm sorry for things I didn't do right" was his prayer, Spann said in a telephone interview on the following Monday evening from his hospital room.

Recalling events after he had been shot, Spann reported: "My wife called my name out. She said, 'Are you OK?' I said, 'He's killed me. I'm dying.' And I told her, 'I'm sorry.'"

The gunman was finally stopped and paramedics rushed to the scene. Spann vividly remembers being carried by the paramedics and seeing his wife. "When they were rolling me by her, I was saying goodbye to her," Spann said. "I thought that was it."

But Spann didn't die. He lost a finger, but he is healing from his gunshot wound in his chest, and he's thankful to be alive. At a news conference two days after the shooting, Spann was asked about what he thought about the gunman. Spann said he did not resent the shooter who attacked his church. He would forgive him.

"I don't have any hard feelings toward him. I don't think about him," Spann said. "If I had the opportunity to talk to him I would and I would try to help him."

Why would he try to help the man who almost took his life?

I think it's because of the influence of the One that Spann has been preaching about for years. It's because Jesus died on the cross for the very ones who put him there. You and I are included in that number, for Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2). Jesus died on the cross so that we might have forgiveness of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 6:23).

God will save those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), who turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), who **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

The "span" of Jesus' life and His love is evident from His outstretched arms as He hung on the cross for our sins. That is what has influenced Preacher Spann. That is what can change our lives and our destinies, too – IF we'll only accept His offer on His terms. – **Won't YOU?**

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 28	Trunk-or-Treat
Oct 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Nov 18	Youth Service Project Day
Nov 22	Thanks-Singing
Nov 26	Singing/No Fingerfoods
Dec 8	Youth Progressive Dinner

### Integrity

By Steve Higginbotham

In his recent autobiography, "Mean Joe Greene," told a story about the late Chuck Noll, former head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Noll was a great coach, winning four Super Bowls, and earning the respect of his players. Greene said that as they were preparing for a game against the Houston Oilers, someone presented Coach Noll with an Oilers' playbook. Coach Noll quickly called a team meeting and said,

"Gentlemen, this is the Houston Oilers' playbook. We play them twice this year. We have all of their plays and their game plans. But we're not going to open it. That's not how we do things. We're going to prepare; we're going to line up against them on the field; and we're going to do what we do, and that will give us the best chance to win."

With that, Coach Noll threw the playbook in the trash can and walked away.

Integrity!

We just don't see enough of it, but when we see it, we admire it. It's no wonder Paul instructed us to hold the doctrine of Christ with integrity (Titus 2:7). Friends, you may know the truth, and you may proclaim it to others, but if those who hear your words don't see them coupled with integrity, those words, though true, will ring hollow.

"...in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility" (Titus 2:7).

### NEW CARPET INSTALLATION

Our new carpet will be installed the week of Oct. 30 and will take the entire week. The carpet company will make sure that the fellowship hall is finished by Wednesday so that we may assemble in there for Bible study.

### CYC 2018

Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for Challenge Youth Conference, Feb. 23-25, 2018 in Pigeon Forge. Be making plans now to go; we open this trip up to youth of any age and their families. See Joey Smith with any questions.

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Be looking forward to our annual Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, Oct. 28. We invite everyone to come set up in our parking lot, decorate your car trunk, and hand out candy to the hundreds of visitors we will have come through that evening. No scary costumes, please! Following the event, we will enjoy a potluck chili supper back in the building.

## AREA EVENTS

### AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Norwood Church of Christ: Oct 15 at 4:00pm

### GOSPEL MEETING

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Oct 15-18 with speaker Will Hanstein

### GOSPEL MEETING

Nelson Chapel Church of Christ (Maryville): Oct 22-25 with speaker Robby Eversole

### GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Oct 22-25 with speaker Tom Bowling

### LADIES DAY

Sevier Drive Church of Christ (Harriman): Nov 4 with speaker Kellye Ludy

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Josh Patton** is recovering from a concussion.

**Amanda Shirley**, Gail Sharp's cousin, is in the hospital in Little Rock after being beaten.

**Ian Mowery** had surgery to remove his tonsils.

**Elbert Hash**, Bunny Nash's brother, is now under hospice care.

**Gail Sharp** will have her 4th chemo treatment this week. She will have chemo once every three weeks for a total of 6 chemo treatments.

**Brenda Jennings** continues to need our prayers as she is struggling with health problems.

**Lynn Hawkins**, a friend of the Busheys, is on dialysis and only has 10% use of his kidneys.

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

**Lisa Carr**, Sherry Bushey's daughter and Carol Burt's niece, continues to battle MS.

**Thelma Merrill** continues to need our prayers.

**Audrey Egerton**, newborn great-niece of Gail Sharp, continues to need our prayers. She had a stroke when only a few weeks old and is having developmental delays.

**Bejin** from the Mustard Seed Village, has been diagnosed with tuberculosis.

We want to remember in prayer the members of the **Burnette Chapel Church of Christ** in Antioch (Nashville), TN where a mass shooting took place several weeks ago. **Melanie**

**Crow Smith** passed away. **Linda Bush, Donald & Marlene Jenkins, Joey & Peggy Spann, Catherine Dickerson, and Caleb Engle** were all injured.

**Continue to remember:** Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Donna Benjamin, Bejin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, the Caylor family, Lakhilata Chakma, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, 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, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, 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, Gail Sharp, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Jean Weaver, Gail Wilkinson

**Shut-In:** *At home* – Mary Gilley, 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

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Katie Tidwell and family in the passing of her cousin, Danny Sharp, in an auto accident.

### HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORT

The Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort is working diligently to send aid to those affected by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma. Donations can be made online at [www.disasterrelieffort.org](http://www.disasterrelieffort.org) or by mailing a donation to: Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc., PO Box 111180, Nashville, TN 37222-1180