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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	53
Worship	79
Contribution	\$2678

Sunday PM

Worship	34
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Wednesday

Bible Study	39
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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 Nov 26, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey Singing	
Opening Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Tim Nygard
Lord's Table:	Dale Mowery, Jacob Mowery, Greg Jernigan, Josh Patton	
Closing Prayer:	Eric Mowery	Daniel McInturff
PM Table:	Stump Smith	
Announcements:	Jim Ashworth	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Nov 29, 2017

Song Leader:	Joey Smith
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Stump Smith

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Why Should We Go to Church?

By Jeff Arnette

From time to time I am asked this straightforward question, "why should I go to church?" Believe it or not, most often it's Christians who ask this question. Typically, this question comes up because you invited someone to church.

This is probably a friend or loved one who hasn't been to church in a while and you are genuinely concerned for them. I would even bet that you hope they could experience the love, fellowship, sense of belonging, and awe of coming into the presence of God to worship. I would bet that you want them to feel the spiritual boost that you personally feel when you go to church services.

This person hasn't been to church in a long time, you genuinely want to see them at church, and you really care about their life. So, you carefully approach them and say, "Hey _____, it's good to see. We have missed you at church lately. How are you doing?"

Let me say upfront that most often when you ask someone about church or say to them, "I missed you at church," they hear something totally different from what you are saying or meaning to convey to them. What they hear is "I was at church! Where were you?" They hear, "I'm judging you! You're a horrible person! Why haven't you been to church?" You are trying to convey love and concern but they only hear judgment and being pressured into doing something they don't want to do. This is not always the case but more often than not it is how they feel.

So, let me challenge you instead to ask about their life. Ask them how things have been going. Don't tell them you missed them. It might be true but typically they will not believe it. Instead, of saying I miss you and you are important to me show them by spending time with them.

So, why would anyone want to go to church? You really do need to know this because you will be asked. If it hasn't happened already it will happen eventually.

First, let me say that the greatest motivation is not about rules. It's not because God says to go (It's true but those who are weak don't really care about that) but because of the mutual benefits we will all gain from it.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (*Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV*).

The point of this passage is so much bigger than God says you have to go to church. The point of this passage is much greater than simply keeping the rules. First, notice that the writer tells us that stirring up one another to love and good works happens when we assemble together. In fact, he says that we should give considerable thought to how we will do that. Second, he says don't neglect meeting together instead we are to encourage one another.

The goal and reason for going to church is not because God demands it but because when you attend church services its beneficial for you. You will be strengthened, encouraged, feel the love of the Lord's people, and given the opportunity to do good works for others. Living the Christian life is not meant to be lived alone but among the Lord's people within the church.

Why should you attend church? Because it's good for you and will make your life better.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Nov 26	Youth Meeting
Nov 26	Singing/No Fingerfoods
Dec 8	Ladies Holiday Brunch
Dec 8	Youth Progressive Dinner
Dec 31	Game Night
Feb 7	75th Anniversary of Clinton
Feb 16-17	GSM Marriage Retreat
Feb 23-25	CYC

SONG SERVICE

We will have our regular monthly song service this evening, so please come back and join in! The singing is much better when YOUR voice is here to blend! We will NOT have fingerfood fellowship tonight.

LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Our annual Ladies Holiday Brunch will be here at the building on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9:30 to 11:30am. Bring your favorite brunch dish to share. Please see Laura Bentley or Susan Smith with any questions.

PICTURE BOARD UPDATES

Anyone that would like to have their picture updated on the picture board at the rear of the auditorium, please see Dwight Nicholson.

DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT

The Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort is working diligently to send aid to those affected by the recent disasters. Donations can be made at www.disasterrelieffort.org or by mailing a donation to: Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc., PO Box 111180, Nashville, TN 37222-1180

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The days are shorter and the nights are colder, but don't stay inside on Wednesday nights! Come back for Bible study, fellowship, and our time for the mid-week "battery recharge!"

YOUTH MEETING

All youth and parents/families are asked to meet briefly after services this morning at the rear of the auditorium by the sound booth. We will make it quick!

CYC 2018

Challenge Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge will be Feb. 23-25, 2018. We open this trip up to youth of any age and their families. We will need to register by Dec. 31, so please see Joey Smith now with any questions. The cost to go will be \$50.

If you've never been on this trip, it is definitely one of the highlights of the year for our youth. Please see Joey if you'd like to learn more about this retreat weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Jonathan Bentley who, along with two other anchors from the Harding Univ. sports television show "Chasing the Herd," won the Grand Prize from the South Central Broadcasting Society and the National Student Television Award of Excellence.

75th ANNIVERSARY

The year 2018 marks 75 years that the Lord's church has been meeting here in Clinton! The actual anniversary date is Wednesday, Feb. 7. We hope to have a big anniversary Homecoming perhaps in the fall of 2018. We'll need your help in inviting former members!

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Jefferson City Church of Christ: Nov 26 @ 2:30pm

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Sevierville/Pigeon Forge: Feb 16-17

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Scarboro Church of Christ: Dec 3 @ 4:00pm

*Please see the bulletin board and table in the foyer

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gail Sharp has been feeling better this week. She has one more chemo treatment Nov. 29.
Bob Hamby is undergoing long-term treatment for cancer.
Garry Jones has been in the hospital in India, but got good news that he has no blockages.
Betty Weaver has been in the hospital with pneumonia but is now home.
Jean Crowe had surgery to put a stent in her renal artery. She is doing well at home.
Terance Willis, cousin of Denise Henderson, is discouraged and needs our prayers for strength and courage to press on.
Bill Coker, a friend of Dale Mowery, has a rare form of cancer in the nerves of his face. He is undergoing both chemo and radiation.
Terry McGhee, friend of Terance Willis, is in need of our prayers as well.
Melissa Everetts, Susan Reagan's daughter, is in need of our prayers.
Tabitha Weaver, Betty Weaver's granddaughter, is having multiple medical issues.
Tracy Hart, Betty Weaver's daughter, is having internal bleeding but does not yet know the cause.
Elbert Hash, Bunny Nash's brother, is now under hospice care. He has been doing better and is in good spirits.
Georgia Herren has been gaining strength and getting better.
Brenda Jennings continues to need our prayers as she is struggling with health problems.
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. She is currently on oxygen.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Ben Barbee, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, Lynn Hawkins, 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, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood

Cancer Treatment: Rachel Austin, Bill Coker, Josh Deaton, Joe DeLucia, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Elbert Hash, 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* – Jimmy Redden; *Cumberland Village LaFollette* – Ella Mae Burchfield; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard; *Beverly Park Place Knoxville* - Jean Dye

Updates to the Prayer List can be sent to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or given to Joey Smith.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please help us keep our Prayer List up-to-date. If you have news on anyone's current condition, or if they've recovered and perhaps need to be removed from the list, please let one of the elders or Joey Smith know.