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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	62
Worship	96
Contribution	\$2746

Sunday PM

Worship	—
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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 Apr. 15, 2018

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Joey Smith
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:	Tim Nygard	

Wednesday evening: Apr. 18, 2018

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

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His Robe

David A. Sargent

If you've ever lost a loved one, I think you'll be able to relate to and appreciate the words of a good man who lost his father:

"Following the death of my father, I had the unenviable task we all eventually face of sorting through our parents' remaining earthly possessions and disposing of them. Among the items I wanted to keep were the usual personal jewelry items and accessories, family photos, and so forth. I also decided to keep one article of clothing that was worn by my father: a green, corduroy housecoat with a thin gold border. My father wore it often in the final months of his life. The first time I put it on, when I got up in the morning, was just seven days after the death of my father. The housecoat quickly warmed me and brought back a flood of memories of good times with my father. I was comforted by it and allowed myself to imagine that I was in the strong and loving embrace of my father. I plan to wear my father's housecoat till I wear it out."

These words of a loving son for his father remind me of another son and his father in the story that Jesus told that is often called, "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" in Luke 15:11-24. Please take the time to read (or re-read) that story.

After the prodigal had wasted his father's inheritance in riotous living and ended up in the pigpen, he thought of home. He thought of how well his father's servants fared under his care. He determined that he would go back home and ask his father if he would take him back, at least as one of his servants. He prepared his plea.

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry" (Luke 15:20-24).

I've read that the robe was a symbol of sonship. The father welcomed the prodigal back, not as a servant, but as his son. Notice that the robe came after the embrace. I picture the father scouring the horizon daily, looking and longing for his son to return. And when the day came that he finally saw his son coming home, he ran to meet him and embraced him as his son who was lost but had been found.

Perhaps by wearing the robe, the son would also be continually reminded of the embrace of his loving, forgiving father – just like wearing that green, corduroy housecoat with a thin gold border signifies to another son the embrace of his loving father.

The father in Jesus' story is God. You and I are represented by the prodigal. The Good News is that we can "come home" and be embraced by a loving, forgiving Father, because He gave His Son to die for our sins.

God will embrace and enrobe us when we place our **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). As long as we "stay at home" and walk with God, He will continue to cleanse us from sin and embrace us as His children (1 John 1:7; 2:1).

And this robe won't ever wear out; it will last for an eternity. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Won't **YOU** accept the embrace of the Father by submitting your life to Him through your trusting obedience? He's waiting and longing for you. He has a robe for you.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Apr 22	Bowling
Apr 29	Song Service + Fingerfoods
May 6	Cake/Ice Cream
May 26	Church Picnic
June 17	TCC begins
July 22-26	VBS
Oct 21	75th Anniv. Homecoming

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Ashley McInturff in the passing of her grandfather, **Marvin Brandon**, in Middle Tennessee.

INDIA MISSION UPDATE

Cindy Jones reports that the new Theophilus Christian School in India had its grand opening last Wednesday with over 100 children in attendance. The school is across the road from the Rainbow Village for Girls.

USHER DUTIES

Those who have volunteered to be an usher during our worship services and classes are asked to check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for a list of duties, tips, etc. Also as a reminder: if you are the usher assigned for Sunday, you will also be the usher for that Wednesday evening.

HOUSE TO HOUSE/HEART TO HEART

We will soon be sending out the House to House/Heart to Heart newsletter once again to homes in the Clinton community. Please pray that this outreach effort will help in saving souls in our community.

PICTURE BOARD UPDATES

If you would like to have your picture updated on the picture board, please see Dwight Nicholson.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped at Work Day yesterday!

CLASS REMINDER

A quick reminder to our Bible class teachers: if you are unable to be here to teach your class and have not secured a substitute, please let Jimmy Ashworth or Daniel McInturff know.

YOUTH BOWLING

Our youth, families, and anyone else who is interested in going will be enjoying an afternoon of bowling at Oak Ridge Bowling Center immediately after services on Sunday, April 22. You may eat lunch along the way or at the bowling center.

BON VOYAGE!

On May 6, after evening services, we will have cake and ice cream to wish Jacob Mowery well as he leaves for 3 months for his internship out of state. We will miss him while he is gone and are already looking forward to his return!

AREA EVENTS

SPRING REVIVAL

Seymour Church of Christ: April 15-18

SOUTHEAST LECTURESHIP

West End Church of Christ: April 22-25

CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES SEMINAR

West End Church of Christ: April 27-29

LADIES NIGHT OUT

South Knoxville Church of Christ: April 27

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

Claxton Church of Christ: April 28

KCS SPONSOR'S DINNER

Knoxville Christian School: May 4

LADIES DAY

Scarboro Church of Christ: May 5

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: June 3-10

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alyne Matthews spent one night in the hospital after an allergic reaction to some medicine but is now home and doing well.

Sarah Mefford is now at home after knee surgery and therapy.

Kathy Caudle is dealing with back pain/sciatica pain.

John Tidwell, Katie Tidwell's father, is on life support in the LaFollette hospital.

Georgia Herren continues to need our prayers for good health and encouragement.

Herman Herren is in need of our prayers as he takes care of Georgia.

Gail Sharp continues to take radiation treatments and needs our prayers.

Janella Melton has been sick but is doing better. She is traveling to Florida for a few weeks.

Brenda Jennings continues to need our prayers.

Teri Blesi, Janella Melton's daughter, will be having a second cochlear implant on April 23.

Audrey Egerton, great-niece of Gail Sharp, is now home from the hospital. She is scheduled for heart surgery on May 22.

Peggy Hooten, Cheri Lancaster's mother, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Bunny and Jayme Nash have requested prayers for their neighbor in Norris, **Mr. Stooksbury**.

Margaret Martin, Ashley McInturff's grandmother, is suffering from congestive heart failure.

Betty Weaver is in need of our prayers.

Ina Tucker, Lesley Mowery's mother, is in need of our prayers.

Continue to remember: Rimikay Bachelor, Ben Barbee, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Delma Byrd, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, Tracy Hart, Lynn Hawkins, Sheree Hoskins, Dicey Humphrey, Beulah Jackson, Polly Keck, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Carolyn Mitchell, Becky Monday, Chloe Parker, Jean Perkins, Joel Peters, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Tabitha Weaver, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood

Cancer Treatment: Christie Cinnamon, Josh Deaton, Joe DeLucia, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Peggy Hooten, Belle McCoy, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: *At home* – Mary Gilley, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *Summit View of Rocky Top* – Ella Mae Burchfield; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard; *Beverly Park Place Knoxville* – Jean Dye

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATE SHEETS

We need your help in keeping our Prayer List accurate and current. **Please check the list in the foyer** for names that have been on our Prayer List for an extended period of time and give any updates that you know of. Thank you!

DOOR KNOCKING

Anyone interested in learning more about or participating in door knocking in our community, please see Darryl Glenn.