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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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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	n/c
Worship	71
Contribution	\$2008

Sunday PM

Worship	46
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Wednesday

Bible Study	48
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God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the word of God (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32*)
2. Believing what is taught (*Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6*)
3. Repentance (*Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
4. Confession (*Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37*)
5. Baptism (*Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4*)
6. After the above five steps, faithful Christian living (*1 Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10*)

The church of Christ

1. Bible is its only guide (*Romans 1:16; 1 Thess. 2:13*)
2. Wears a Biblical name (*Romans 16:16*)
3. Established at the right place (*Isaiah 2:2, 3; Acts 2*)
4. Established at the right time (*Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2*)
5. Established on the right person (*Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:36*)
6. Saved are in it (*Ephesians 5:23; Acts 2:47*)
7. Its members are enrolled in heaven (*Hebrews 12:23*)
8. Membership in it is obtained by obedience to God's commands including baptism (*Acts 2:41-47, 1 Cor. 12:13*)

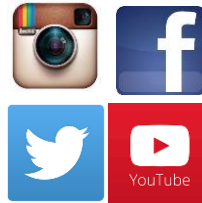
Our Mission Works

Garry Jones – India

The Mustard Seed Village, The Rainbow Village for Girls, & The Theophilus Bible Institute

Scott Shanahan – Pohnpei, Micronesia

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Serving the Congregation March 6, 2016

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	Dwight N.
Lord's Table:	Jim Ashworth, Buck Herren, John Bushey, Jacob Mowery	
Closing Prayer:	Glen Morgan	Daniel McInturff
PM Table:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:		

Wednesday evening: March 9, 2016

Song Leader:	Joey Smith
Invitation:	Dale Mowery
Announcements:	Herman Herren

March 6, 2016

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A friendly church with a saving message

So Great A Debt

David A. Sargent

According to USA Today's Maria Puente, music star Kanye West recently tweeted (sent a message on Twitter): "I write this to you my brothers while still 53 million dollars in personal debt... Please pray we overcome... This is my true heart..." (USAToday.com). When West heard that Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg and wife Priscilla were going to give away some of their billions to philanthropic causes, West tweeted that he wanted to be a recipient of some of that charity: "Mark Zuckerberg, invest 1 billion dollars into Kanye West ideas." Why should Zuckerberg invest in West? Because according to his own assessment, West is "the greatest living artist and the greatest artist of all time," and because West says: "I want to help the world and I need help to do it. I am an artist and I care about humanity."

\$53 million?!? How can one person amass that much debt? Most of us cannot imagine that amount of debt, and we certainly cannot fathom being able to pay it back!

Maybe West's troubles help us understand some of our own...

Because of our sin, we are in debt. Our debt is so great; none of us has the personal resources to pay it. Neal Pollard points out that "in a spiritual sense, we all face a debt infinitely greater" than that of Kanye West. Pollard directs us to a parable that Jesus told: "The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant" in Matthew 18:21-35 (please read the text). In short, Jesus teaches us that we should forgive others because God has forgiven our debt. How great is our debt?

In Jesus' parable, you and I are to see ourselves in the servant who was forgiven of a debt of 10,000 talents. How much is that? Note Pollard's research: "Biola University business professor Philip Massey did some modern-day math equivalency with that figure and estimates in 21st Century dollars that debt would be \$7.04 billion dollars." Do you have that kind of money? Jesus is teaching us that each of us is a debtor and that none of us can pay the debt. We are totally reliant on the mercy of God.

The good news (the Gospel) is that God loves us so much that He paid our debt! God gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:1-4), to pay our debt and give us the gift of eternal life.

In order to receive His offer of salvation and eternal life, we must 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 be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as we continue to walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7).

"He paid a debt He did not owe;
I owed a debt I could not pay;
I needed someone to wash my sins away.
And now I sing a brand new song, 'Amazing Grace.'
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay."
-- Ellis J. Crum

Even \$53 million doesn't compare to the debt that we owe to God; our debt is too great. Only God can pay that, and He has – through the gift of His Son Jesus.

Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms?

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 9	Silver Saints
Mar 12	Young-At-Heart Dinner
Apr 3	Egg Hunt
Apr 16	Work Day
Apr 17	Friends & Family Day
May 21	Youth Trip: Knoxville Zoo

INDIA MISSION NEEDS

Garry Jones is interested in collecting empty medicine and pill bottles for the medical missions in India. Please make sure that the bottles are washed and dried with the labels removed.

PRINTED BULLETIN MAIL-OUTS

We are now mailing printed copies of our bulletin to some of our shut-ins. If you have anyone you would like to add to the list permanently (family or friends), or if you notice someone not present on a particular Sunday that might like to receive the bulletin, please see Rick or Kathy Caudle. Thanks to the Caudles for coordinating this work!

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Our next Friends & Family Day will be Sunday, April 17. Let's set a goal to have 175 here that morning. Be thinking about who you'd like to invite and start making those invitations! It's not too early!

WORK DAY

In preparation for our Friends & Family Day, we will have a work day here at the building on Saturday, April 16 starting at 9:00am. We will have indoor and outdoor jobs, so bring whatever tools from home you might like to use.



BIBLE STORY & ART CLASS

Our new Wednesday night continues to be a great success. Come back this Wednesday as we learn more about Moses and the burning bush! A big THANK YOU to all our adults who have been coming to the class and helping – we absolutely couldn't do it without you!

YOUNG-AT-HEART DINNER

Our dinner hosted by the youth for our "over 50" members will be this Saturday, Mar. 12 at 5:00pm here at the building. This is a good time for all involved as we honor our "young-at-heart" members.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH EVENT

The next Knoxville Area-Wide Youth Event is today at Karns church of Christ starting at 4:00pm. If you would like to go, please let Joey know this morning. We are hosting this event in September, so let's try and support our sister congregations as well!

AREA-WIDE DEVOTIONALS

The 2016 schedule for area-wide youth devos is posted on the youth board in the foyer. No devos will be held during the summer.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Sabrina Schwenke for providing the large "2016 Bookmark" at the rear of the auditorium. It is a great visual reminder of our theme for the year "Faith – In – Action."

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rick Caudle was in an auto accident last Sunday night after worship. He is ok; he and Kathy need our prayers and encouragement.

Pearl Colvin is sick with a cold and is also in some pain from some previously cracked ribs.

Michael Olsen needs the prayers and encouragement of his church family.

Betty Deising, Laura Bentley's mother, is now at home with Laura & Richard.

Sue Hale is at home with 24-hour care and not doing well.

Jimmy Redden is at Golden Living in Clinton in very poor condition.

Cheryl Taylor, Amanda Brown's mother, had a PET scan that showed several spots of concern. She will have a biopsy soon; it has not yet been scheduled.

Jo Rutherford needs our prayers, encouragement, calls, and visits.

Mary Gilley is still at home with 24-hour care.

Yoshio, a member of the church in Pohnpei, is now home after a 3-month stay in the hospital for a broken hip. The Shanahans have asked that we remember him in prayer.

Norma Cooper is in need of surgery but is unable to have it at this time.

Garry Jones is back in India. Please pray for his safety and success in his work.

Continue to remember: Chloe Bass, Drew Battistelli, Mason Battistelli, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, John & Sherry Bushey, Charles Butler, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, Greg Cline, Don Cox, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Betty Deising, Fran Denton, Nasha Foster, Amanda Harness' mother, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Connor Livingston, Dawn Love, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Betty McInturff, Sarah Mefford, Carolyn Mitchell, Ronda Moss, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Bobbie Sue Phillips, Teresa Portwood, Ron & Susan Reagan, Carolyn Scruggs, Adam & Becca Seiber, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Franklin Wharton, Steve Yearwood

Cancer Treatment: Bill Cash, Ruby Durst, Gail Foust, Stanley Hash, Gary & Marilyn Jones, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber

Shut-In: At home – Mary Gilley, Helen Gilbreath, Sue Hale, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Norma Cooper, Jo Rutherford; *Golden Living* – Jean Dye, Jimmy Redden, Kenneth Schultz; *Cumberland Village LaFollette* – Ella Mae Burchfield; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **David Douglas**, who passed away peacefully in his sleep. He was a friend of the Caudle family.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Jackie Taylor**, a cousin of Amanda Brown, who was killed in a 4-wheeler accident. His daughter Tiffany attended Teenage Christian Camp for many years. Please remember this family in your prayers.

BULLETIN BOARDS

There are still MANY slots available for those that are willing to put together one of our lobby bulletin boards in 2016. We have the main board, the youth board, the missions board, the announcement board, and the Silver Saints board.