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WORSHIP TIMES

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| Sunday: Bible Class | 10:00 AM |
| Worship | 11:00 AM |
| Worship | 6:00 PM |

Wednesday:

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| Bible Class | 7:00 PM |
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

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| Bible Study | 51 |
| Worship | 81 |
| Contribution | 1966 |

Sunday PM

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| Worship | 59 |
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Wednesday

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| Bible Study | 40 |
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God's Plan of Salvation

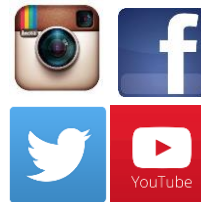
1. Hearing the word of God (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32*)
2. Believing what is taught (*Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6*)
3. Repentance (*Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
4. Confession (*Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37*)
5. Baptism (*Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4*)
6. After the above five steps,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



Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation November 1, 2015

| | <u>AM</u> | <u>PM</u> |
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| Song Leaders: | Joey Smith | Ben Smith |
| Opening Prayer: | Dale Mowery | Dwight N. |
| Lord's Table: | Jim Ashworth, Greg Jernigan, Jacob Mowery, Bob Hamby | |
| Closing Prayer: | Tim Nygard | Glen Morgan |
| PM Table: | Dale Mowery | |
| Announcements: | Stump Smith | |
| Usher: | | |

Wednesday evening: November 4, 2015

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| Song Leader: | Dale Mowery |
| Invitation: | Richard Bentley |
| Announcements: | Herman Herren |

November 1, 2015

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A friendly church with a saving message

Wasting Energy and Time On "Why"

Barry Newton

It can overwhelm and sap every ounce of energy. It can grow into an all-consuming question dominating life. It can paralyze, frustrate and evoke the deepest anger. It is the question, "Why did this happen?" Although we might never obtain an adequate or accurate answer, a clear path forward exists.

Before we consider a way out of this question's quagmire, consider the brief observation that one of the reasons why this question can consume so much time and energy is because an accurate answer might be unknowable or we might reject it.

As to the latter, we tend to reject the meaninglessness that, "___ just happened to be in the wrong spot at the wrong time." We want more meaning from life than this. We want more significance for our suffering and for those around us. Furthermore, most people bristle at the thought that they are merely reaping what they have sown, whether their error was foolishness or sin. Thus true or not, often these answers will not quieten the quest.

Furthermore, the answer might be unknowable since the truth might lie beyond our horizon. For example, Satan could be trying to destroy our faithful service to God (*Job 1:9-12; 24-6; Ephesians 6:12*). Or it might be that God is disciplining us for our betterment (*Deuteronomy 8:5; Hebrews 12:5-7*).

While we might never know for sure why something happened, nothing demands that our uncertainty must become Satan's life-sapping tool. There is a way out. It involves focusing upon a different question, "What am I going to do now?"

If we are living for the Lord, the answer to "what will I do now" remains the same regardless of why something happened. If Satan is trying to knock us down, what should we do? Draw closer to God and live for him. If God is disciplining us, what should we do? Draw closer to God. If we have acted foolishly or sinfully, what should we do? Draw closer to God. If senseless and meaningless disaster has struck, what should we do? You know the answer.

Thus, if we are disciples we already know how to move forward. We know how to love God and love our fellow human being. We know that we are to forgive, bless and pray for others. We know what our Lord promises us when we encounter difficult times (*Matthew 28:20; 1 Corinthians 10: 13; Hebrews 11:5-6*). We know how God's grace has strengthened and been sufficient for others (*2 Corinthians 12:9; 1:8-11; Phil. 4:13*).

Therefore our first steps need to be drenched in prayer as we seek the Lord's grace to move forward in living for God. What does discipleship look like? These attitudes and actions are our next steps forward!

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

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| Nov 1 | Scott Shanahan speaking |
| Nov 11 | Silver Saints |
| Nov 14 | UT Football Outing |
| Nov 25 | Thanks-Singing Service |
| Nov 29 | Leftover Fellowship |
| Dec 5 | Ladies Holiday Lunch |
| Dec 23 | Song & Prayer Service |

GUEST SPEAKER

We are delighted to have Scott, Rebecca, and Violet Shanahan with us today! Scott will give us a report on the mission work in Micronesia and their future plans to begin work in Ireland.

UT FOOTBALL OUTING

Our outing to the UT football game is Saturday, Nov. 14. Please give Daniel McInturff your ticket money. Tickets are ordered!

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Mrs. Bunny Nash has donated a book to the church library in memory of brother Carlos Herren.

Evans-Ailey Construction has also made a monetary donation in memory of brother Carlos Herren that will be used to purchase new books for our library.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Mike Philpot on being named chairman of the Southern Economic Development Council's board of directors. Mike is the son of O.E. & Sally Philpot, early members of the Clinton congregation. Mike's address is 65 Hartford Square, Jackson, TN 38305.



DVES CHILI SUPPER

The Patton family invites everyone to join them at Dutch Valley Elementary School's annual Chili Supper & Dessert Auction this Friday, Nov. 6 from 5:30 to 8:00pm in the school gym. This school fundraiser will feature plenty of good food and bluegrass music for entertainment!

DVES will also host a Veterans Day Program on the morning of Nov. 11.



CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

It is time to start making plans for our trip to CYC 2016 the weekend of Feb. 26-28. We will need to register by December, so please let Joey Smith know now if you plan to go. The cost to attend will be around \$55.

FRUIT AND CHEESECAKE

Karen Hamby is helping the Clinton High School Band with a fundraiser. If you would like to purchase fruit or cheesecakes, please see Karen. She will collect payment at the time of the order. Go Dragons!

**Please share your child's accomplishments in the bulletin! Email them to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com.*

PRAYER REQUESTS



Kayla Mefford continues to recover from surgery. She now has a blood clot in her arm. She is staying with her mother while she recuperates.

Jimmy Redden is in Methodist Medical Center Room 538.

Garry Jones is now safely in India. Please remember him in your prayers as well as Cindy while he is away. He hopes to get crates delivered during this trip.

Jimmy Ashworth experienced some dizziness and shortness of breath last week. He is doing much better now.

Zoe Leach, a student at Norris Middle School, passed away suddenly last week.

Please remember her family and the students and teachers at Norris Middle School in your prayers.

Continue to remember: Chloe Bass, Mason Battistelli, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Ella Mae Burchfield, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Charles Butler, Lisa Carr, Melissa Caylor, Lakhilata Chakma, Greg Cline, Don Cox, John Crowthorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Fran Denton, Ruby Durst, Jean Dye, Joyce Evans, Nasha Foster, Gail Foust, Helen Gilbreath, Mary Gilley, Riley Hackworth, Sue Hale, Amanda Harness' mother, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Garry Jones, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Connor Livingston, Dawn Love, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Betty McInturff, Kayla Mefford, Sarah Mefford, Carolyn Mitchell, Ronda Moss, Ann Nygard, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Bobbie Sue Phillips, Cordia Reagan, Ron & Susan Reagan, Jimmy Redden, Kenneth Schultz, Carolyn Scruggs, Adam & Becca Seiber, Helen Shepherd, Ken Smith, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Rosemary Summers, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Elmira Trentham, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Franklin Wharton, & Steve Yearwood in your prayers.

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

AREA EVENTS

Lake City church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Tim Forlines, Nov. 1-4.

Sevierville church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Jeff Archey, Nov. 1-4.

Knoxville Christian School Veterans Day Celebration, Nov. 6.

Eastside church of Christ (Maryville) Ladies Day, Nov. 7.

Sevier Drive church of Christ (Harriman) Ladies Day, Nov. 7.

Rockwood church of Christ Ladies Day with Rebecca Shanahan, Nov. 14.

Great Smoky Mountains church of Christ Area-Wide Prayer Breakfast, Nov. 14.

Seymour church of Christ Grief Workshop with Tom Miller, Nov. 14-15.

Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for detailed information on these area events.