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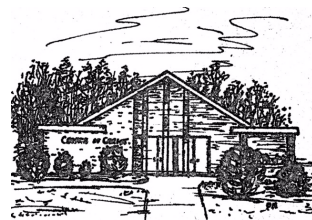
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	—
Worship	100
Contribution	\$2992
Sunday PM	
Worship	48
Wednesday	
Bible Study	52



*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

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 – Italy

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Jan. 20, 2019

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Herb Byrd	Jim Ashworth
Lord's Table:	Jim Ashworth, Greg Jernigan, John Bushey, W.T. Crider	
Closing Prayer:	Eric Mowery	Daniel McInturff
PM Table:	Herb Byrd	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Jan 23, 2019

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

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Give Us the Tools

Stan Mitchell

It was February 9, 1941. The speaker had a distinctly upper-class English accent, his syntax old-fashioned. You could see the stocky, bulldog determination in his stance and hear the growl of his voice. The man he addressed was the President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Winston Churchill was the speaker. His country faced its most perilous hour; NAZI Germany threatened to overwhelm Europe and Britain, and Churchill stood almost entirely alone in the effort to stop them. They needed the help of the United States. But Churchill was a proud man. He knew his people were up to the task of defending their shores. What he needed from the United States was the benefit of its vast natural resources, and the talent and industry of her people.

If Roosevelt would allow the nation to build armaments and provide supplies, Britain could do their part. What, Roosevelt asked, could America do to help? "Here is the answer which I will give to President Roosevelt," Churchill declared, "Give us the tools, and we will finish the job."

Ephesians 4:11-16 speaks of the need to "equip the saints" for ministry. So what does it mean to "equip the saints?" How do we go about this important task? The word "equip" (or "prepare") comes from *katartidzo* – "to mend, restore, prepare or supply" (DBAG 417). Scholar J.B. Phillips explains: "His gifts were made so that Christians might be properly equipped for their service, that the whole body might be built up." Today's English Version renders it this way: "He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, to build up the body of Christ." The NRSV says it this way: "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

To understand this rich concept, note the following:

- Soldiers who fight for their country need to have the right equipment, weapons, and the training necessary to use them all.
- A skilled surgeon needs not only the instruments of surgery but also the sterile environment in which to do the operation.
- The master carpenter needs his tools all laid out in front of him, ready to create something special.

Each of these people needs the tools and the training to use those tools and the emotional maturity to use the tools properly. Look at the congregation of which you are a part. Where will it be in twenty years' time? Will it still be standing strongly for Christ and his word? Will the next generation have been provided with a solid foundation by those of us who are here now, a safe, Christ-like family in which to grow and be strong? How will this happen? The answer lies within us, our willingness to build, to serve, to teach.

Life is tough; if we are to survive, and even thrive in our spiritual lives, we are going to have to be equipped for the task. I am convinced that many churches and many Christians find their efforts hampered because they do not have the tools to do the job. Are the saints in your congregation equipped? Are you? Do you want to be better? Are you willing to be given the tools, to be told how to use them, to train yourself in their use?

If you are visiting with us today - Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 20 Bowling
Jan 27 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 10 Old-Fashioned Valentines
Feb 22-24 CYC trip

BOWLING

The youth group invites anyone and everyone to come bowling after tonight's evening services at Oak Ridge Bowling Center. Tomorrow is a school holiday, so it's ok to stay out a little bit later tonight!

2019 COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you would be willing to prepare the Lord's Supper for one month in 2019, please sign up on the list in the foyer. The signup sheet will be in place next week. There are still four or five months that need to be filled.

OLD-FASHIONED VALENTINES PARTY

All youth, parents, & grandparents are invited to stay after morning services on Feb. 10 for an old-fashioned Valentines Day party. Please bring peanut-free candy and little paper valentines to share with everyone. The kids will be decorating their own Valentines bags as well.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2019 is Feb. 22-24. Tickets have been ordered, the lodge is booked, and we are almost ready to go! The cost to go this year will be \$75. If you need help with the cost, let Joey know. We have assistance available and will never let money keep anyone from participating!

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Next Sunday night is our first monthly song service and fingerfood fellowship of the new year! Please don't miss out on this truly wonderful time of worship and fellowship. It's well worth coming back for!

THE ELDERS CORNER

"He shall keep it by him and read it all his life, so that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and keep all the words of this law and observe these statutes....nor shall he turn from these commandments to right or to left." Can you send me a note telling where you find this in your Bible and what lesson principle(s) does it speak to myself and all Christians in our new year of 2019?

-Dwight

BULLETIN BOARDS

We could always use a bit of help keeping our lobby bulletin boards fresh and updated. If you would like to take a turn putting up a bulletin board, please sign up on the list in the foyer. We have nearly all the supplies you would need available in the Resource Room.

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Mountain View (Rutledge) Church: Jan 27

YOUNG MEN'S SEMINAR

East Main (Murfreesboro) Church of Christ: Feb 2

GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Pigeon Forge/Sevierville: Feb 6-10

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Pigeon Forge: Feb 22-24

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS DAY

East Hill (Pulaski) Church of Christ: Feb 23

HENRY CHO: FAMILY FRIENDLY COMEDY

Knoxville Christian School: Mar 1

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: April 28 - May 1

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bunny Nash continues to recover at home and is receiving home recovery help.
Garry Jones arrived in India last Saturday. On Sunday, he was preaching in a mountain village outside the capital of Assam and began having medical problems related to his outpatient surgery he had on Dec. 30. Garry had emergency surgery on Monday due to excessive bleeding. He is still in the hospital recovering.
William Donovan, who attended here a few years ago, is recovering from a heart attack.
Baby Ryker, a newborn under the care of Laura Mowery, is in need of our prayers. He was a preemie that went through a lot and ended up being able to go home with a trach and feeding tube. He's improved with lots of therapies and has come a long way. His parents have just learned that he has liver cancer.
Elbert Boyd, Natasha Hamm's father, is going through a hard time & needs our prayers.
Polly Keck is in need of our prayers.
Eddie Godsey, Kayla Harwell's father, is in stable condition at Diversicare Room 203.
Audrey Egerton, great-niece of Gail Sharp, is now back home after a stay at the hospital.
Lynn Hawkins, a friend of the Bushey's, is only daily dialysis and in need of a liver transplant.
Edward Hernandez, a friend of the Bushey's, is recovering from heart surgery.
Craig McWilliams, a friend of John Bushey, is having problems with his heart.
Dakota Fuller, a friend of Sherry Bushey, was in a car accident.
Lisa Carr, daughter of Sherry Bushey, is having health issues again.
Please continue to remember **Bob Hamby, Georgia Herren, Jo Rutherford, and Brenda Jennings** in your prayers.

Continue to remember: Stephanie Baird, Barbara Boshears, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Kim Fulton, Betty Holt, Sheree Hoskins, Georgia Herren, Dicey Humphrey, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Cheryl Morrow, Elaine Stevenson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Curtis Barnes, Christie Cinnamon, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Pam Davis, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Lois Layne, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, David Pippen, Matt Scudder, Braden, Stewart, Joshua Stokes, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Wayne Wells, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: At home – Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; Morning Pointe – Jo Rutherford; Summit View – Ann Nygard

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

A NOTE FROM DOWN UNDER...

We are still in Australia which is having a heat wave. We miss you all and hope to see you in just over a week

-Dale and Lesley