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Richard Bentley	264-0560
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

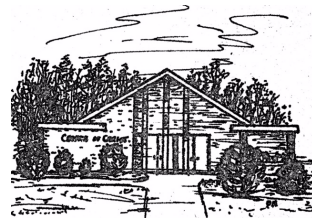
Bible Study	45
Worship	81
Contribution	\$3013

Sunday PM

Worship	33
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Wednesday

Bible Study	50
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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 – Italy

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Feb. 24, 2019

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Song Service
Opening Prayer:	Darryl Glenn	Dale Mowery
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Micheal Olsen, Eric Mowery, Greg Jernigan	
Closing Prayer:	Daniel McInturff	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	Ben Smith	
Announcements:	Dwight Nicholson	
Usher:	Stump Smith	

Wednesday evening: Feb. 27, 2019

Song Leader:	Dale Mowery
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Jim Ashworth

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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?

(Brother Stan Mitchell was a Bible Professor at Freed-Hardeman University and suffered a heart-attack while at school this past week. He passed away Monday night.)

CLINTON CALENDAR

Feb 24	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Mar 13	Silver Saints
Mar 15	Ladies Get-Together
Mar 31	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 20	Egg Hunt

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

We invite you back tonight for a worship service of song and a fellowship meal afterwards. Bring your favorite dish to share. It's a treasured time together, and we hope you'll join in!

LADIES GET-TOGETHER

All ladies are invited to a get-together here at the building on Friday, March 15, from 7:00 to 9:00pm. We will eat soup for supper, have a devotional, and then play bingo. Please let Gail Sharp know if you can bring a pot a soup or if you have any questions.

HOUSE TO HOUSE/HEART TO HEART

The Clinton church received a certificate from the House to House/Heart to Heart publication office for being in the top 25% of participating congregations for the number of newsletters mailed. In 2018, the Clinton church mailed 11,530 copies of HTH/HTH into our community! Each month we send out newsletters to approximately 3,000 homes.

PLAY OUTING

We will have a Youth Outing for everyone to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see "Junie B Jones" on July 13. The show starts at 10 CST and tickets are \$7. See Gail Sharp if you want to go.

NEW DIRECTORIES

Our 2019 directories are now available on the table in the foyer.

EGG HUNT

Our spring Egg Hunt will be Saturday, Apr. 20 at the McElroy home. More details to come!

LADIES ACTIVITIES

The signup sheet for the Ladies Activities for the year is missing from the table in the foyer! If you could, please check your belongings to see if you accidentally picked it up, If you are interested in hosting a ladies activity during the year, please see Ruth Ashworth.

CYC

Our youth and chaperones had a great trip to Challenge Youth Conference this weekend, and will return to the building early this afternoon. There were over 13,000 in attendance!

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Rogersville Church of Christ: Feb 24

HENRY CHO: FAMILY FRIENDLY COMEDY

Knoxville Christian School: Mar 1

LADIES DAY

Alcoa Church of Christ @ MLK Center: Mar 2

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Karns Church of Christ: Mar 3

SENIOR RALLY

Karns Church of Christ: Mar 30

LADIES DAY

East Main Church (Murfreesboro): Apr 13

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: April 28 - May 1

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: June 2-9

For more details on these and other events, please see the bulletin board in the foyer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Paquette is in very serious condition at Methodist Medical Center. His heart is only working at 20% and doctors believe his organs may be beginning to fail. Please pray for Bob and his family.

Jerry Cross has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is also recovering from knee surgery and has limited mobility.

Bunny Nash continues to recover at home.

Melissa Caylor's father went to the hospital with chest pains. All seems to be well but they are awaiting some test results.

Vann Webb, father of Sean Webb, is in the hospital in Lubbock, TX.

Hubert Sharp is in need of our prayers.

Dicie Humphrey, mother of Hobert Humphrey, is now at the Waters of Clinton in room 315.

Susan Olsen had knee replacement surgery and is experiencing a great deal of pain.

Danny Joe Strunk, Julia Mowery's father, is improving and is stable.

Audrey Egerton has been in the hospital again but is now back home.

Jecholik and **Bolingi**, two children in the Villages in India, will have ear surgery on Monday at 7 am. Jecholik must get over a sinus infection before then. In two months Jecholik and Bolingi must return for second ear surgeries. Please keep them in your prayers.

Ngwamusa, another child from the Villages, has nerve damaged ears and can only be fitted with good hearing aids.

Baby Ryker, a newborn under the care of Laura Mowery, is in need of our prayers. He was denied a liver transplant but will continue to undergo chemotherapy.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Stan Mitchell**, a professor at Freed-Hardeman. He suffered a heart attack last week and passed away.

Please continue to remember **Bob Hamby, Georgia Herren, Bunny Nash, and Brenda Jennings** in your prayers.

Continue to remember: Stephanie Baird, Barbara Boshears, Elbert Boyd, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Dakota Fuller, Kim Fulton, Eddie Godsey, Lynn Hawkins, Betty Holt, Sheree Hoskins, Edward Hernandez, Georgia Herren, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Craig McWilliams, Cheryl Morrow, Elaine Stevenson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Curtis Barnes, Christie Cinnamon, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Jerry Cross, 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, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: *At home* – Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *The Waters of Clinton* - Dicey Humphrey

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

ITALY MISSION UPDATE

Scott Shanahan reports that he has received his visa, and that they will leave for Italy on Mar. 5. They still have some immigration steps to go through, but don't anticipate any problems. Please remember the Shanahans and their new work in your prayers.