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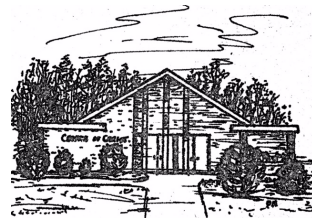
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	64
Worship	80
Contribution	\$2212
Sunday PM	
Worship	59
Wednesday	
Bible Study	44



*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 Oct 20, 2019

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	Eric Mowery
Lord's Table:	Clint Patterson, Greg Jernigan, John Bushey, Bradley Crider	
Closing Prayer:	Tim Melton	Chuck Kilpatrick
PM Table:	Daniel McInturff	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Oct 23, 2019

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

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Why People Miss

Ron Thomas (edit RWB)

On Facebook, in August, I saw a post (or meme) by Carey Nieuwhof on reasons church goers don't attend as they once did. Consider some of those points and give some attention to them.

1) **There is greater affluence.** This pertains to having more money and with that money believing the Lord has blessed the one who has it, so they must be living their life in the right way. Many in the Jewish community in Jesus' was also mistaken in thinking this way.

2) **More attention to their children & their activities.** What parent hasn't struggled with the "balance" between keeping the kids in church (so to speak) and allowing each to participate in school activities? While perhaps we all have struggled, it's only the parent who sets the tone for what is a right activity to be engaged in; too often, however, it's the children who set the tone.

3) **More traveling.** Traveling is a blessing that each of us like to pursue, but too many travel and miss (on purpose) meeting with the saints. They do this because some effort has to be expended to find a church location and then drive to it. If out of the way, "Well, I guess we can miss today because it's too far to drive." All the while the irony is missing on that they drove hundreds of miles to get where they did!

4) **Cultural disappearance of guilt evaporating.** There was a day when feeling guilty would prevent a person from doing a certain thing or engaging in a certain behavior. For some, this is still the case, but for many more this is not so, we are deluded with television programming, radio programming, movie watching that says, in effect, "do what you want" because only hypocrites judge. "If I am being judged by a hypocrite who does not feel guilty, then why should I?"

5) **Self-directed spirituality.** I remember watching Dan Rather interview Willie Nelson, asking him whether he is religious or not. Willie said he was not, but that he was spiritual. What does that mean?! It means there is more to life than the material realm, but "I don't want what the Father of Heaven is offering, so I accept a dumb-downed approach and call it spiritual, new-age, perhaps, and feel convinced I am worthy of whatever good there in the after-life.

6) **No direct benefit in their lives.** You have heard this before; it goes like this: "I did not get anything out of services today. In fact, I seem to never get anything from the services of the church!" There is an easy and proper reply to this, one that is obvious to many. This view is clear indication of what one desires, which is, not to worship the Lord (emphasis on Him), but to be entertained (emphasis on me).

7) **Valuing attendance over engagement.** I had to think on this for an extra moment, but it shortly came to me. This reflects the person who is at the services of the church, but not engaged in worship. It reflects an "I am here, ain't I!" attitude, said with a tone one can't fail to understand what is being said.

8) **Massive cultural shift.** We live in a society that does not know what is right, does not know the Lord, but does only what one wants. Many bring this with them into a church context. Saints who think along these lines are major contributors to the death of the local congregation because they themselves have dies spiritually, they want more of the world than they want of the Lord.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 27 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Nov 9 Sister Friends
Nov 27 Thanksgiving Song Service
Dec 7 Sister Friends Cookie Swap

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Tonight's service will be our monthly singing followed by a shared fellowship meal. Please be back this evening with your singing voice warmed up and bring your favorite dish to share!

SISTER FRIENDS

Our next ladies gathering will be on Nov. 9 beginning at 6:00pm here at the building. We will be painting a beautiful picture. See Ouita Northcutt with any questions.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

We have recently designated the two parking spaces closest to the front door on the side of the building as handicap parking spaces. A new ramp has been added there as well at the step down, to make entering the front of the building from that side.

Please also note/remember that the two short back pews are designated as accessible for the handicapped. We have seen an increasing need for these spaces by those attending services here, so please help keep these spaces open for those that need them.

YOUTH DEVO SCHEDULE CHANGE

There was some confusion and "double-booking" for the area wide youth devotional for the month of November. The Rockwood congregation will host this event on Nov. 11.

SISTER FRIENDS COOKIE SWAP

Our December Sister Friends gathering will be a cookie swap at the home of Ashley Webb at 635 Woodland Drive, Clinton, beginning at 6:00pm. More info to come.

ITALY MISSION NEWSLETTER

The Shanahans now send their monthly mission update via "e-newsletter" to your email address. If you would like to receive this newsletter, please let Joey Smith know.

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Asheville Hwy Church of Christ: Oct 27

FALL FESTIVAL

Knoxville Christian School: Nov 1

LADIES DAY

Karns Church of Christ: Nov 2

LADIES DAY

Morristown Church of Christ: Nov 2

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Seymour Church of Christ: Nov 9

LADIES DAY

Rockwood Church of Christ: Nov 9

EAST TENNESSEE SINGING

The Venue at Lenoir City: Nov 9

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Rockwood Church of Christ: Nov 11

Please silence your cell phones during Bible study and worship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bobbie Sue Phillips is recovering from knee surgery.

Brittany, Kevin and Cheri Lancaster's daughter, is having intense back pain. She was scheduled to have an MRI last Thursday..

Tucker King, a child in the pre-K class at Highland View Church of Christ Preschool, is recovering from brain surgery.

Lisa Mowery Curless is recovering from hysterectomy surgery.

Tangelia Kesterson has requested our prayers.

Jane Ann Vann had hip replacement surgery and is doing well.

Donnie & Nancy Mitchell continues to recover at home from a fall.

Jack Zorn, Resa Byrd's father, continues to need our prayers.

Jack Price has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is the 5 month old great-nephew of Cathy Glenn.

Susan Olsen, Micheal Olsen's wife, is in need of prayers for her some of her family members.

Katie, a friend of April Holt, is in the hospital with extensive injuries: punctured lungs, fractured ribs, fractured vertebra, lacerated liver, lacerated kidney, lacerated spleen, and shattered pelvis.

Kayce Crews, a friend of the Caudles, is in need of our prayers. Jason met Kayce when he worked at Walmart. She is a young, disabled adult who has just been diagnosed with ALS. Her parents are both deceased. She resides at Manorhouse Assisted Living in Knoxville.

Wanda Crider's mother is suffering the effects of Alzheimer's disease. She lives in Maine but will soon be relocating here to live with Bradley and Wanda.

Logan Miller, the 17 year old son of Ouita Northcutt's friend John Miller in Franklin, TN, has severe pneumonia and is in serious condition in ICU at Vanderbilt Hospital. He has had 3 open heart surgeries since birth.

Our prayers have been requested on behalf of **Garrett** and **Katie Moore**, friends of Teresa Barnett, daughter of Jim and Lilian Redden.

Continue to remember: Stephanie Baird, Don Blackwell, Elbert Boyd, Carol Burt, Lisa Carr, Taylor Castillejo, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Dakota Fuller, Eddie Godsey, Steve Griffith, Lynn Hawkins, Sheree Hoskins, Edward Hernandez, Georgia Herren, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Tangelia Kesterson, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Craig McWilliams, Tim Melton, Cheryl Morrow, Bridget Moses, Jacob Short, Elaine Stevenson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Curtis Barnes, Linda Bell, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Jerry Cross, Pam Davis, Alison Daube, Beth Farrow, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Bud Isbell, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Lois Layne, Sharon Lowe, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Jonas Moore, Brittany Oberbeck, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, David Pippen, Matt Scudder, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Brittany Oberbeck**, cousin of Gail Sharp, who passed away Friday after a battle with cancer.