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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study — Worship 83 Contribution \$2204

Sunday PM

Worship 44

Wednesday

Bible Study 57



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 word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32)
- Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6)
- **Repent** of your sins (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- Confess the name of Jesus (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Rom 6:3, 4)
- Live Faithfully (1 Peter 2:11, 12; 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 – Pohnpei, Micronesia

Sona Leaders:

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation November 27, 2016

AM Joev Smith

Singing

PM

Opening Prayer: Herman Herren Tim Nygard **Lord's Table:** Dale Mowery, Jacob Mowery,

Greg Jernigan, Jacob McCrary

Closing Prayer: Eric Mowery Jacob Mowery

PM Table: Buck Herren
Announcements: Jim Ashworth
Usher: Hubert Sharp

Wednesday evening: November 30, 2016

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

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Five Ways God Influences Us Toward Righteousness

Wellington H. Smith, Jr.

Our loving Heavenly Father desires to affect our lives toward righteous character and godly living. Hebrews 12 indicates five ways in which He does it:

- 1. He **ENCOURAGES** us: Verse 5a speaks of His "**exhortation** which speaks to you as to sons..." (Greek: paraklesis) The idea here is one of entreaty, or imploring; much as you would encourage a child whom you want to excel in sports or academics. (See Acts 20:2; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 2:3)
- 2. He **DISCIPLINES** us: "Do not despise the **chastening** (discipline) of the Lord"...because "whom the LORD loves, He **chastens** (disciplines)..." (vs. 5a, 6a) (Greek: paidea) The idea here is one of education: Learning that occurs through the pain of discipline. (See 1 Corinthians 11:32; Hebrews 12:7, 10, 11)
- 3. He **REBUKES** us: "Do not be discouraged when you are **rebuked** by Him..." (vs. 12:5b) (Greek: elegcho) The idea here is one of exposing our deviant behavior: Telling us of our faults. (See Matthew 16:22; Luke 17:3; 1 Timothy 5:1, 20; 2 Timothy 4:2)
- 4. He PUNISHES us: "He scourges (punishes) every son whom He receives." (vs. 12:6b) (Greek: mastigoo) The idea here is one of severe penalization: Whipping a person for the purpose of inflicting suffering. (See Proverbs 22:15; 23:13, 14; 1 Corinthians 10:6; 1 Thessalonians 4:6; Hebrews 10:29)
- 5. He **TRAINS** us: "No chastening (discipline) seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been **trained** by it." (vs. 12:11) (Greek: gumnazo) The idea here is of one who is trained by God to live a godly life. We, in kind then, are to exercise ourselves in godly discipline. (See 1 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 5:14; 2 Timothy 3:16)

We are to respond to His discipline as follows:

- Don't resist, despise, or make light of it; don't be discouraged, or grow weary from it (vs. 5).
- 2. Understand it is evidence that we are His spiritual offspring; evidence of His love (vs. 6).
- 3. Don't try to get out from under it (vs. 7-9).
- 4. Understand that discipline results in holy lives, righteousness, and peace (vs. 10, 11).
- 5. Regain your strength and straighten your path as a result of it (vs. 12, 13).

If you are visiting with us today – **WELCOME!** We are glad to have you!

CLINTON CALENDAR

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Dec 10	Youth Christmas Gathering
Dec 25	Evening Song Service
Dec 31	New Years Eve Game Night
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Feb 24-26 CYC

SONG SERVICE

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Come back tonight for our monthly song service. We will enjoy a time of singing and fellowship following.

LEFTOVER FELLOWSHIP

Our regularly scheduled fellowship meal is this evening. Let's see how creative everyone can be with all those Thanksgiving leftovers!!!

NEW DIRECTORIES

Please check your information on the table at the rear of the auditorium. We will be publishing a new congregational directory at the beginning of the new year. Make any corrections, changes, or additions that you need on these sheets or put a check mark beside your entry if it is correct.

FRUIT ORDERS

Karen Hamby is taking orders for boxes of fresh fruit in support of the Clinton High School Band. Please see Karen if you are interested in ordering fruit and helping out the Dragon Band.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY REPORT

Once again, we thank everyone who helped with our Clothing Giveaway last week. We were able to help 100+ visitors that came to the building. In addition to clothing, we were able to give away Bibles, children's bibles, toys, and children's bible story books. One visitor was a grandmother raising her five grandchildren. She was so thankful for the opportunity to receive these clothes and toys for her family.

YOUTH GATHERING

Our youth will meet here at the building for a Christmas gathering on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 6:00pm. Bring some party food to share. This year for our fun activity, we will do a "Secret Santa Sock Exchange." Please bring one pair of crazy holiday socks filled with candy. We will also be working on our winter cookie project. More info on that below!

COOKIE PROJECT

As part of our youth gathering on Dec. 10, we need everyone to bring one batch of cookies for our annual Cookie Project. We will assemble cookie bags for our widows and widowers.

VBS SHIRT RE-ORDER

If you did not get a red VBS shirt earlier this summer and would like one, please see Joey Smith and let him know what size you need. We will be placing a second order soon.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLASSES

Come back on Wednesday for our Kids Bible Story and Art Class. There are several items that the children have made that are on display in the Resource Room - come take a look! We also have a nursery class available for our littlest ones!

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC will be Feb. 24-26, 2017 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge. We have already reserved our lodge for the weekend, so be sure and mark your calendars. See Joey Smith with any questions. Our registration is cheaper if we register by Dec. 31, so see Joey before then!

DIGITAL PARENTING SEMINAR

The West End Church of Christ will be hosting an internet safety seminar for parents on Dec. 10 with Chad Landman, a graduate of Freed-Hardeman. The event is from 9:00 to 2:00 and a catered lunch will be served at no cost to you. West End is asking folks to RSVP for the event, so if you are interested in attending, please let Joey Smith know.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Amy Nicholson has been in critical care at ParkWest Hospital.

Corwin Brown, a dear friend of Ron and Susan Reagan, is in the hospital in Nashville with severe fluid on his legs.

Jackie Patton is sick with a virus.

Emma Stokes has been sick this week.

Bennett Smith has been feeling sick this week.

Caroline Smith has been sick.

Continue to remember: Rimikay Bachelor, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Nasha Foster, Howard Herren, Dicey Humphrey, Beulah Jackson, Kyle Jennings, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Mary Majors, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Betty McInturff, Carolyn Mitchell, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Mary Lou Ramsey, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Jackie & Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Sucramoni, Cheryl Taylor, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood, Agge Yobin

Cancer Treatment: Gail Foust, Stanley Hash, Betty Holt, Belle McCoy, David McCoy, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber, Jack Stearsman, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann

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

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Help us keep our Prayer List up-to-date. If you know of anyone on our extended long-term prayer list that needs to be removed, or if you have updates for any of them, please let Joey Smith know or send an email to the church at churchofchristclinton@gmail.com.

AREA EVENTS

Jefferson City Church of Christ Area-Wide Singing - Nov. 27

West End Church of Christ Active Digital Parenting Seminar - Dec. 10

Challenge Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge - Feb. 24-26

Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for flyers and more information on these events.