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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	54
Worship	81
Contribution	\$2010
Sunday PM	
Worship	41
Wednesday	
Bible Study	51



*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**

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation January 29, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Herman Herren	Dwight Nicholson
Lord's Table:	Rick Caudle, Daniel McInturff, Earl Broadway, Eric Mowery	
Closing Prayer:	Glen Morgan	Tim Nygard
PM Table:	Jim Ashworth	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Stump Smith	

Wednesday evening: February 1, 2017

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

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The Missing Sponge

Brett Petrillo

A surgeon was very selective with the people he wanted to work with. It was the first day on the job for a young nurse and the surgeon decided to issue a test. As the young nurse assisted the surgeon during a procedure, she noticed a problem.

"You've only removed eleven sponges, doctor," she said to the surgeon. "We used twelve."

"I removed them all," the doctor declared. "We'll close the incision now."

"No," the nurse objected. "We used twelve sponges."

"I'll take full responsibility," the surgeon said grimly. "Suture!"

"You can't do that!" blazed the nurse. "Think of the patient."

The surgeon smiled, lifted his foot, and showed the nurse the twelfth sponge, and said, "You'll do." It can be difficult to stand up for what is right, especially when we meet resistance. As for the young nurse, she was willing to risk disapproval and possibly even her job to stand up for what was right.

Thankfully, she was working for a person who also valued integrity. It takes courage to expose ourselves and come under the heat of the spot light. In John 12:42-43, we see some people who weren't willing to stand out, "Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God."

Which do we love more, God's approval or man's? It feels really good when people like us, praise us, and agree with us. Many people are even willing to sacrifice their morals and ethics in order to lay low and run with the crowd. It can be scary to be disliked, made fun of, and disagreed with. It can be hard to stand up for honesty and integrity as Christians, especially when those around us do not.

Moses told Joshua before his death, "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

People may dislike or disagree with us, but there is only one approval that really matters anyway, God's. When we stand with God, God will stand with us. Therefore, no matter what other people may think, let's be courageous Christians and pursue God's approval above all others.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 8	Silver Saints
Feb 12	Youth Planning Meeting
Feb 24-26	CYC
Mar 26	McInturff Baby Shower

SONG SERVICE & FINGERFOODS

Please be back tonight for our singing worship service and fellowship meal. Bring your favorite finger foods to share with your church family!

COMMUNION PREPARATION

The sign up list for communion preparation in 2017 is on the table in the foyer. There are still four months that need to be covered.

BULLETIN BOARDS

If you are willing to create one of our bulletin boards in the foyer this year, please see Joey Smith.

BABY SHOWER

We will have a baby shower Sunday evening, March 26, for Ashley McInturff. She, Daniel and Elle will soon be welcoming a baby boy, Maddux Paul McInturff. Gift cards from Target and Babies R Us would be most helpful to them.

DAVID PHARR 80th BIRTHDAY

In February, David Pharr will be celebrating his 80th birthday! The family wants to surprise him with birthday cards from all who know and love him and have been influenced by his preaching and his friendship. If you would like to participate in this celebration, please mail his birthday card to David Pharr, ICO, James Pharr, 6902 Fenwick Drive, Indian Trail, NC 28079

Remember....it's a surprise!

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOS

The next area-wide youth devotional will be March 5 at Karns Church of Christ. We hope to take a group, so please make plans and be sure to let Joey Smith that you'd like to go.

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. The cost to go is \$55. We will plan to leave from the building that Friday around 5:00. See Joey Smith with any questions.

YOUTH PLANNING MEETING

All youth, parents, grandparents, and guardians are invited to stay after morning worship services on Sunday, Feb. 12 to help plan our activities for 2017. We will order pizza for lunch. Please bring chips, drinks, and desserts to share.

AREA EVENTS

MARRIAGE RETREAT

The annual Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat is Feb. 15-19, 2017. The cost to attend is \$40 per couple. Register online at: www.smokymountainmarriage.com.

TEACHING ROCKET SEMINAR

Lenoir City Church of Christ is hosting a teacher's training seminar on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8:30 to 1:00.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

McDonald Drive Church of Christ is hosting Financial Reboot: Positioning for Financial Success in 2017 Workshop on Feb. 4 starting at 10am. There will be both financial and Biblical principles of stewardship presented.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bruce Holt had to leave services at Oliver Springs last Sunday morning due to chest pains. He is doing well now.

Rachel Broadway is at home with shingles.

Elaine Nicholson, daughter-in-law of Dwight and Doris, will have cranial surgery for a tumor on the first vertebrae in her neck on Feb. 28.

Sue Hale has had a setback in her health. Please keep her in your prayers.

Mary Gilley was in the hospital but is now home. She is not doing well.

Jo Rutherford continues to be shut-in and in declining health.

Elaine Stevenson is in very poor health.

Melissa Everetts, Ron and Susan Reagan's daughter, is undergoing tests to discover more about health issues and to determine a course of action.

Kayla Harwell continues to recover from surgery.

Cody Sharp continues to recuperate from a broken wrist.

Janella Melton continues to be at home and is doing well. Visitors are welcome.

Amy Nicholson continues to need our prayers.

Tangelia Kesterson continues to recuperate from surgery on a broken elbow.

Jean Perkins is in need of our prayers, calls, and cards.

Rhonda, Jean Perkins' daughter, is in need of our prayers as she battles breast cancer. She had a double mastectomy last week at Oak Ridge.

Joshua Kelsey, newborn son of some Freed-Hardeman classmates of Joey & Susan Smith, had heart surgery last week.

Emma Stokes has been sick with strep throat.

Several have been sick this past week and were unable to be out including **Jim Ashworth**, **Laura Bentley**, **Annette Smith**, and **Susan Smith**. All are doing much better now.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, 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, Polly Keck, 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, 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: Rachel Austin, Gail Foust, Stanley Hash, Betty Holt, Belle McCoy, David McCoy, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Jean Weaver

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Alyne Matthews** in the passing of her twin brother, **Gene Thrasher**, last week. The funeral was Saturday in Livingston, TN. He was Alyne's last surviving sibling.