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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	44
Worship	82
Contribution	\$2553
Sunday PM	
Worship	44
Wednesday	
Bible Study	40



*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 March 26, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Jim Ashworth	James McCrary
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Micheal Olsen, Eric Mowery, Greg Jernigan	
Closing Prayer:	Jacob Mowery	Tim Nygard
PM Table:	Hobert Humphrey	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: March 29, 2017

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

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Struggling Through Our Troubles

Neal Pollard

Have you ever had a problem or struggle that started out small but kept growing until it was larger than life? Did it come to consume your thoughts, keep you up at night, and become an overwhelming obsession? Maybe you devoted a lot of emotion to it.

Just by virtue of living on this earth, we will struggle (**Job 14:1-2**). Job knew struggle and turmoil! He lost one thing after another. His life seemed to unravel before his eyes. Teddy Roosevelt is credited with saying, "When you are at the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on." Have you ever found yourself struggling at the end of your rope of faith? You are certainly far from alone in that. We certainly see Job dangling there, asking, "Why was I ever born?" (3:11) and "Why can't I go ahead and die?" (3:20-22). David was there (**Psalms 22:1**). So was Jeremiah (ch. 37-38).

Of course, trouble takes on many forms and comes from many directions. Any number of passages can help us cope with the struggle of trouble, but consider Psalm 10. It refers to the wicked seven times and to the afflicted four times. It also speaks synonymously of the wicked as the greedy (13), evildoer (15), and those of the earth (18). It speaks of the afflicted as the unfortunate (8,10,14), humble (14), the orphan and oppressed (14,18). We know that our trouble can come from the wicked, but it can also come from no one source we can identify though it hurts just the same. Consider this Psalm about our troubles and what we can do about them.

Our perception in times of trouble (1-11). Our vision can become blurry by tears or rage, but our point of view is altered when trouble comes. The psalmist goes through this. He sees God as being distant (1). He saw the wicked as being in control or prospering (2-11). God seemed far away and life seemed unfair. The majority of every generation is wicked, and each generation of God's faithful must reconcile the seeming success of the wicked and oppression of the afflicted righteous. We don't begrudge the psalmist for his struggle to see through spiritual eyes. We can relate.

Our prayers in times of trouble (12-15). The psalmist admits his own struggle, then he shows us how to overcome it. His first response is to pray. He asks God to deliver (12). He asks God to remember (12-14). Finally, he asks God to vindicate (15).

Our praise in times of trouble (16). Before the prayer he's perplexed and indignant. Afterward, he has insight, peace, and greater confidence. He springs from his knees with new perspective. Doesn't prayer do that for us? The psalmist acknowledges God's nature—"Lord" (Jehovah, five times in the Psalm), position—"King", and duration—"forever and ever." Do we spend more time focusing on the source of our troubles than on the solution?

Our proper perspective in times of trouble (17-18). The psalmist is confident at the end of this psalm, saying, "you have heard" and "you will strengthen and listen." Do you approach God that confident in His ability and desire to do what is best? We can be as confident as he is that God hears and helps when we hurt.

What is the greatest trouble we can face in this life? A disfiguring accident? Financial ruin? Loss of a parent, spouse, or child? The deterioration of health? The fall of our nation? Through Christ, none of these are too difficult to overcome. This Psalm reminds me that God still cares and He won't abandon me. You and I can look at the cross and the church and be reassured of that. We know we can trust God (Rom. 8:28). God is able and willing to help us through every trouble.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 1	Spring Egg Hunt
Apr 2	Hillbrook Mtg @ Clinton
Apr 12	Silver Saints
May 6	Work Day
May 7	Friends & Family Day

NEW TRACTS

There are new tracts available that you're encouraged to take advantage of for yourself and to share with others. Please be sure to get one of the Pocket Ready Reference booklets as this is a handy resource to keep in your Bible. If you would like to have a particular tract that is not in the rack please see Hobert Humphrey.

SONG SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

Please be back tonight for our singing service and finger food fellowship to follow. Singing is something that everyone can participate in, no matter how "musical" you may be. Come raise a joyful song to the Lord!

EUROPEAN MISSION TRIP

Jonathan Bentley will be traveling to Europe with the Harding University Chorus to work with churches in communities from Germany to Scotland. You can find the link to donate online on Jonathan's Facebook page or donations may be mailed to:

Harding University
Global Outreach
Box 12280
Searcy, AR 72149-5615

SPRING EGG HUNT

Kids, mark your calendars for our Spring Egg Hunt at Stump and Annette Smith's home at Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery on Saturday, April 1 at 10:00am.

CYC MONEY

If you still need to turn in your \$55 for Challenge Youth Conference, please see Joey Smith. Thanks!

YOUTH CALENDAR

Our youth calendar for the year is available in the foyer. We will add other events throughout the year, so pay attention to the bulletin and to the congregation's Facebook page.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLASSES

Come back on Wednesday for our Kids Bible Story and Art Class. We also have a nursery class available for our littlest ones!

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Sneedville Church of Christ: Mar. 26 at 2:30pm.

CHRISTIAN SERVANT CELEBRATION

Knoxville Christian School: Mar. 31 at 6:00pm.

FOREVER HIS SPRING DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: Saturday, April 1.

GOSPEL MEETING

West End Church of Christ (Knoxville): guest speaker Wayne Miller, April 2-4.

SOUTHEAST INSTITUTE LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: "SEEK: Discipling for Jesus," April 23-26.

We have been asked once again to help provide desserts for the Lectureship. If you have any questions, please see the letter on the bulletin board in the foyer from SEIBS.

LADIES DAY

Scarboro Church of Christ (Oak Ridge): guest speaker Lynn Smith, Saturday, May 6

Please see the bulletin board and table in the foyer for more info on these area happenings.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joshua Stokes, a friend of Dale and Lesley Mowery, is undergoing treatment in Australia for a second brain tumor.

Barbara Reckor, Brenda Jennings' sister-in-law, has blockages in her heart.

Corwin Brown, a good friend of Ron and Susan Reagan, will be undergoing tests at Vanderbilt for the possibility of a heart and kidney transplant.

Becky Monday, a friend of Betty Weaver, is sick and in need of our prayers.

Cash Gonzalez, grandson of Tim Melton, got a great report at the doctor last week.

Ben & Sandy Egerton, Gail Sharp's nephew and wife, are in need of our prayers for their unborn daughter, **Audrey Lynn Egerton**. Audrey has been diagnosed with atrioventricular canal defect. Audrey is due in July and will need surgery when she is a few months old.

Bernice Hammock, sister-in-law of Billy Kesterson, has cancer and is not doing well.

Elaine Nicholson, daughter-in-law of Dwight and Doris, continues to recover from surgery.

Melissa Everetts, Ron and Susan Reagan's daughter, continues to need our prayers.

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.

Cheryl Taylor will have surgery on Mar. 28.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, 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, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood, Agge Yobin

Cancer Treatment: Rachel Austin, Josh Deaton, Gail Foust, Bernice Hammock, Betty Holt, Gabe Martin, 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

WORK DAY

We will have our spring cleaning Work Day on Saturday, May 6, here at the building. We will have cleaning, scrubbing, and organizing jobs inside. We will have landscaping cleanup to do outside as well as move items stored in the closets up to our new storage shed. Please be here to lend a hand if you can! We will begin at 9:00am.

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Be getting ready for our next Friends and Family Day on Sunday, May 7! We will have a fellowship meal after morning services and an early afternoon service at 2:00pm.