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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	64
Worship	95
Contribution	\$2849
Sunday PM	
Worship	125
Wednesday	
Bible Study	47



*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 – Ireland

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Aug 20, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Jim Ashworth	Joey Smith
Lord's Table:	Dwight Nicholson, Daniel McInturff, Bob Hamby, Bradley Crider	
Closing Prayer:	Jacob Mowery	Eric Mowery
PM Table:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Dale Mowery	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Aug 23, 2017

Song Leader: Dale Mowery
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Herman Herren

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What the World Doesn't Understand About Christianity

by Jack Wilkie (edited, R.W.B.)

When the world looks at Christianity they bring a skeptical eye.

They look at the religion as a whole, and have a number of questions from all kinds of different angles.

- "Why does it matter who someone loves?"
- "How could God kill so many people in the flood or in Israel's conquests?"
- "Why were there such odd commandments about food and clothing in the O.T.?"
- "Is God really judgmental? I thought He was about forgiveness and acceptance."

Though the questions vary greatly from topic to topic, at their roots they share a similar misunderstanding of a fundamental biblical truth: **God is Holy.**

- Because God is Holy, He makes the rules about what is right and wrong – not us.
- Because God is Holy, He decides when a people's iniquity had become too great and they needed to be punished, or even eliminated.
- Because God is Holy, He called His people in the Old Testament to be separate and different from the people around them in their clothing, in their food, and in a number of other ways.
- Because God is Holy, He cannot tolerate sin and let it stand without receiving its due punishment.

"Holiness" is the concept of being different, set apart, unattainable.

- It was God's Holiness that caused Moses to have to take off his shoes before approaching the burning bush as Moses covered in fear.
- It was God's Holiness that the seraphim proclaimed in God's throne room, leading Isaiah to recognize his uncleanness as he stood before a perfectly holy God.
- Isaiah showed that God's Holiness means He has every right to strike down the moment we sin.
- Once the power, peculiarity and perfection of God's Holiness are understood, a person can't help but take Him seriously and realize He's perfectly justified to deal with man in ways He sees best.
- When the world asks their questions of Christianity, we have to be prepared to show them what it means that God is "Holy."

However, Holiness isn't just misunderstood by the world.

- Sadly, it's incredibly common for Holiness to be misunderstood by Christians.
- In fact, the shortage of exemplified Holiness among Christians is one of the reasons why the world has no grasp of the concept.
- A.W. Tozer once wrote that "We have learned to live with unholiness and have come to look upon it as the natural and expected thing."
- Consider how prevalent the attitude is that we need to just "try to be good people."
- Or how often one or two "little sins" are excused in our lives because "God wouldn't send someone to Hell over that."

A proper view of Holiness should make us terrified of our sins, which leads us to deeper gratitude for the love shown on the cross that removes those sins from us, which leads us to pursue a more Holy life.

- But as long as a Christian is casual about his faith and doesn't treat the Holy God with all the reverence He is due, the world will continue to misunderstand what Christianity is.
- Any time they see us acting just like them, they continue to fail to see how Christianity is different.
- When we tolerate and excuse our own sins, we tell them that God doesn't take sin seriously.
- But if we let God make us like Him, and become more Holy every day, they'll take notice.
- Charles Spurgeon said, "Give us your Holy living, and with it as leverage, we will move the world."

It's impossible for us to be Holy on our own, but God can make us Holy, and it's His working in us that stands out to the world.

- Don't just settle for "mostly good."
- God has redeemed us to make us like Him.
- **"Be Holy, for He is Holy," (1 Peter 1:16).**

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Aug 27	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Sept 8-10	Ladies Retreat
Sept 23	Virginia Creeper Bike Ride
Oct 28	Trunk-or-Treat
Nov 18	Youth Service Project Day
Nov 22	Thanks-Singing

VBS T-SHIRTS

You may have seen our outdoorsy green VBS t-shirts by now. If you would like to order one, please sign up on the list in the foyer and indicate your shirt size. A donation of \$10 per shirt would be welcomed, but we will order them no matter what!

LADIES RETREAT

Our ladies' retreat will be Sept. 8-10 in the Smoky Mtn area. One group will plan to leave here at 3:00 that Friday. Location and more details will be announced soon. Please see Susan Smith with any questions.

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Next Sunday evening will be our monthly song service and finger food fellowship meal. Make plans now to be here for a great nice of worship and fellowship.

WEDDING SHOWER

We will have a wedding shower for Laura Mowery on Sunday evening, Aug. 27, during our finger food fellowship. We will enjoy cake and ice cream! Laura is registered at Target and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Thanks to everyone who helped out with and attended the area-wide youth devo here at Clinton last Sunday. We had 104 in attendance at the devotional. A special thanks to our speaker, Stump Smith, for a great lesson, and to all our kitchen helpers who prepared and served the meal.

VIRGINIA CREEPER

We will be going up to Damascus, Virginia on Saturday, Sept. 23 to enjoy the Virginia Creeper Bike Ride. This ride is about 18 miles and is downhill most of the way. If you would be interested in going, please see Jacob Mowery.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Knoxville Christian School needs a few more subs to fill their sublist for the 2017-18 school year. KCS is always in search of excellent substitute teachers to fill an important role when classroom teachers are unable to be at school. If you are interested in serving the school in this capacity, please begin the process by filling out an employment application which can be found online at www.knoxvillechristianschool.org.

PARDON THE MESS

We still have some cleanup work to do following the flood here at the building. More extensive work will be coming up in the next few weeks and months. Thanks for bearing with us.

AREA EVENTS

POLISHING THE PULPIT

Sevierville: Aug 18-24

MARRIAGE SEMINAR "HIS SHOES/HER SHOES"

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Aug 25-26

SINGING WITH THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

West End Church of Christ: Aug 25-27

AREA-WIDE SINGING

West End Church of Christ: Aug 26

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Tazewell Church of Christ: Aug 27

LADIES DAY

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Sept 16

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sue Hale has gone home under hospice care.

Gail Sharp had her first chemo treatment on Wednesday. She will have chemo once every three weeks for a total of 6 chemo treatments.

Brenda Jennings continues to need our prayers as she is having physical health problems. She is experiencing a great deal of pain.

Hubert Sharp's mother has suffered a broken hip.

Polly Keck is suffering from shingles on her face.

Georgia Herren went back to the hospital for a colonoscopy. She is not doing well.

Rachel Broadway is recovering from knee surgery at NHC Farragut. Her surgery went well.

Ben Barbee, Susan Olsen's father, suffered a stroke.

Lisa Carr, Sherry Bushey's daughter and Carol Burt's niece, is in need of our prayers and encouragement. She is coming out of a 4 month relapse of MS.

Thelma Merrill continues to need our prayers as she has more medical tests.

Teri Blesi, Janella Melton's daughter, will have cochlear implants at the end of the month.

Audrey Egerton, newborn great-niece of Gail Sharp, needs our prayers for good health and healing.

Garry Jones will be returning to India in just a few weeks. Please pray for safe travels and continued success in the mission work there.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, the Caylor family, Lakhilata Chakma, Fred Davis, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, Dicey Humphrey, Beulah Jackson, Polly Keck, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Mary Majors, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Betty McInturff, Carolyn Mitchell, Becky Monday, Jean Perkins, 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, Joe DeLucia, Gail Foust, Elbert Hash, Betty Holt, Gabe Martin, Belle McCoy, Rhonda Perkins, Kathy Schankowitz, Gail Sharp, Leah Seiber, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Jean Weaver, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: *At home* – Mary Gilley, Sue Hale, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *The Waters of Clinton* – 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.

ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS

Be sure to use our "Card Center" in the Resource Room to send cards of encouragement, get well wishes, and more to those that might be in need of our prayers and support. We even have postage stamps available as well. All you have to do is sign the card, add the address, and put it in the mail.