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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	48
Worship	77
Contribution	\$2485

Sunday PM

Worship	45
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Wednesday

Bible Study	45
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*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
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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 Dec 17, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Joey Smith
Opening Prayer:	Stump Smith	Tim Nygard
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Bradley Crider, Josh Patton, Micheal Olsen	
Closing Prayer:	Hobert Humphrey Glen Morgan	
PM Table:	James McCrary	
Announcements:	Dale Mowery	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: Dec 20, 2017

Song Leader:	Dale Mowery
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Stump Smith

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3 Ways You Can Confirm the Importance of the Church

by Jack Wilkie

Religious trends come and go, and with them we can usually find some good, biblical ideas... but also a lot of truly awful, unbiblical ideas. In the 2000s, one of the prevailing trends has been a de-emphasis on the church. So many people today think they can have a spiritual relationship with God outside of the bounds of His church, despite the fact that they're essentially making Jesus out to be a spiritual adulterer against His bride.

The error of this belief has crept into the minds of many in the church, leading them to believe that gathering with the church isn't important and that talking with Jesus alone in the wilderness or thinking a few spiritual thoughts before the football game on Sundays are just as pleasing to God as being with His people. Others embrace the error of a de-emphasized church by hopping from church to church when times get tough or when they aren't getting what they want out of a church.

It's up to those who are strong in the faith to re-establish the importance of the church. God's church is the most important organization this world has ever seen. It's the everlasting kingdom that overcomes all other kingdoms that was prophesied in Daniel 2. We must destroy this nonchalant, consumerist attitude toward church. Here are 3 ways we can set the example.

Say it with your attendance - Lots of churchgoers will give lip service to the idea of the church being an important part of their lives, but actions speak louder than words. When sports, trips, avoidable work, or other excuses are used for missing worship, the message is loud and clear. When we were growing up, my brother played in a lot of weekend hockey tournaments, and the tournament playoff games were regularly scheduled for Sunday mornings. The other players and parents from the team would consistently push for him to skip worship "just this one time." But putting off gathering to worship God and remember Jesus' death "just one time" tells God and everyone else that something - even if it's just one thing - is more important than the church. That's a message Christians can't afford to send if we want to convince the world that being in Christ's church is the greatest blessing in our lives. Make being with the church the first thing on your calendar every week, and don't let anything move it off the list.

Say it with your commitment - Whether you've heard of it as the 80-20 or the less optimistic 90-10 principle, it's long been said that most church work is done by a small minority of the members. In many cases, the majority of members are content to merely show up, check their "went to church" box, and then go about their week. If we want to affirm that church is important, commitment is a must. The church is strengthened by what every joint supplies (Eph. 4:16), and God has created a role for every one of us to serve in His church. Because of that passive attitude that so many bring, too many times people are content to simply bounce from church to church to find what suits them or to escape conflict. Make a commitment to bind yourself to your church family with the love of Jesus (Phil. 4:1-8) and to encourage and strengthen your brethren. Your fellow Christians might drive you crazy sometimes, and other times they will do things that are just plain wrong. But God calls us to stick together to build each other up and be a shining example of the grace and reconciliation of the Gospel. When we commit to put in the hard work of loving and strengthening our church family, it tells the world that Jesus is who He says He is (John 17:20-21).

Say it with your outreach - A belief that the church is important will lead us to want to bring others into it. If I find a great new restaurant, I tell people to try it. If I really enjoy a movie, I recommend it to others. Yet the church makes a greater impact on our lives than literally anything on this earth, and we're often hesitant to tell others about it. We have every spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph. 1:3). If we truly believe that, we'll believe that the church is important enough to evangelize the people in our lives.

In a world that is looking for meaning in all the wrong places, we can show them a place to belong where they'll receive a new life and every spiritual blessing our God has to offer. But that can't happen if we minimize the church's importance through our actions. The church is the most important thing we will ever be a part of. Let's make sure we confirm that truth with our actions.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 24	Special Contribution
Dec 31	Song Service
Dec 31	Fingerfoods/Game Night
Jan 10	Silver Saints
Jan 19	E-D-P Meeting
Feb 7	75th Anniversary of Clinton
Feb 16-17	GSM Marriage Retreat
Feb 23-25	CYC

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Stump Smith in the passing of his aunt, **Lowanda Brown**, who lived in the Tri-Cities area.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

On Sunday, Dec. 24, everything given above our budget will go towards our India mission work, specifically a new computer classroom for the children. The total cost of the room will be \$2500.

INDIA MISSION UPDATE

Garry Jones reports that the containers sent to India have been released and are on their way to the Mustard Seed and Rainbow Villages. We are thankful for this news!

NEW DOORS

We are continuing our efforts to create a safer building and environment for everyone here. New steel exterior doors for the entire building will be installed within the next month. The two back doors will also continue to be locked after services have started, so if you're running late, be sure to come to the front doors.

GAME NIGHT

New Year's Eve is on Sunday this year. We will have a combination fingerfood fellowship and game night on Sunday evening following our song service. Plan to stay as long as you'd like....SOME of us will be here until it's 2018!

ELDERS-DEACONS-PREACHER-WIVES MEETING

Our elders, deacons, preacher and their wives are asked to meet here at the building on Friday, Jan. 19 at 6:00pm for an organizational and planning meeting.

PICTURE BOARD UPDATES

Anyone that would like to have their picture updated on the picture board at the rear of the auditorium, please see Dwight Nicholson.

CYC 2018

Challenge Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge is Feb. 23-25, 2018. We open this trip up to youth of any age and their families. We are now registered! The cost to go is \$50. Please see Joey Smith with any questions.

75th ANNIVERSARY

The year 2018 marks 75 years that the Lord's church has been meeting here in Clinton! The actual anniversary date is Wednesday, Feb. 7. We hope to have a big anniversary Homecoming perhaps in the fall of 2018. We'll need your help in inviting former members!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The days are shorter and the nights are colder, but don't stay inside on Wednesday nights! Come back for Bible study, fellowship, and our time for the mid-week "battery recharge!"

AREA EVENTS

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Sevierville/Pigeon Forge: Feb 16-17

YOUTH DEVO

Scarboro Church of Christ: Feb 18

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gail Sharp had her last chemo treatment and is in need of our prayers. She is very weak.
Georgia Herren continues to be very ill.
Josh Deaton, Ashley McInturff's brother, found out his cancer has spread to his spine. He will need further chemo treatments.
Annette Smith is recovering well from oral surgery.
Jean Crowe is recovering at NHC Oak Ridge.
Karen Hamby was feeling ill and had to leave Wednesday night Bible Study last week.
Phil and Donna Waldron, missionaries in Honduras, have been dealing with a lockdown in that country.
Bob Hamby is undergoing long-term treatment for cancer.
Joe Strunk, Julia Mowery's father, is in need of our prayers.
Terance Willis, cousin of Denise Henderson, is discouraged and needs our prayers for strength and courage to press on.
Bill Coker, a friend of Dale Mowery, has a rare form of cancer in the nerves of his face. He is undergoing both chemo and radiation.
Terry McGhee, friend of Terance Willis, is in need of our prayers as well.
Melissa Everetts, Susan Reagan's daughter, is in need of our prayers.
Tabitha Weaver, Betty Weaver's granddaughter, is having multiple medical issues.
Tracy Hart, Betty Weaver's daughter, is having internal bleeding but does not yet know the cause.
Brenda Jennings continues to need our prayers as she is struggling with health problems.
Audrey Egerton, newborn great-niece of Gail Sharp, continues to need our prayers.
Jim Waldron is in poor health and is very weak.

Continue to remember: Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Ben Barbee, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, Lynn Hawkins, 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, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood

Cancer Treatment: Christie Cinnamon, Bill Coker, Josh Deaton, Joe DeLucia, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Belle McCoy, Rhonda Perkins, Gail Sharp, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Jean Weaver, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: *At home* – Mary Gilley, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *The Waters of Clinton* – Jimmy Redden; *Cumberland Village LaFollette* – Ella Mae Burchfield; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard; *Beverly Park Place Knoxville* - Jean Dye

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please help us keep our Prayer List up-to-date. If you have news on anyone's current condition, or if they've recovered and perhaps need to be removed from the list, please let one of the elders or Joey Smith know.