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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	52
Worship	82
Contribution	\$2403

Sunday PM

Worship	—
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Wednesday

Bible Study	43
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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 24, 2017

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Jacob McCrary
Opening Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Jim Ashworth
Lord's Table:	Jim Ashworth, Greg Jernigan, W.T. Crider, Elijah Burt	
Closing Prayer:	Jacob Mowery	Hobert Humphrey
PM Table:	Tim Melton	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	

Wednesday evening: Dec 27, 2017

Song Leader:	Tim Melton
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Herman Herren

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The Gift That Jesus Gave

Neal Pollard

Often during this time of year, there is an emphasis placed upon the “gifts” brought by the magi to Jesus – “gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matthew 2:11). They understood how Jesus was worthy of worship (2:2,11), and celebration (2:10). And their giving flowed from that recognition.

The book of Hebrews however, turns the tables and reveals that it is Jesus who is the true “gift-giver.” The same Greek word used to describe the wise men’s gifts to Jesus, is used twice by the writer of the epistle to talk about Jesus’ *gift*. He does so in the context of Jesus’ work as a High Priest, as contrasted with the gifts offered by priests under the Law of Moses.

In Hebrews 5:1, the writer talks about the qualifications necessary to serve in that role-taken from among men, working on behalf of men, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sin. Chapter five deals more with His qualification to serve and offer, but the writer does deal with the *gift* itself later on.

“Later on,” turns out to be chapter eight. The writer uses that same word for “gifts” in Hebrews 8:3-4 to talk about what Jesus offered. His *gift* is contrasted with those that cannot make the worshiper “perfect in conscience” (9:9). He gave His own blood (9:10), and with it obtained eternal redemption which will “cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (9:14). The writer summarizes that *gift*, “the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (10:10), as the *gift* that sanctifies us to God.

But what do we give in return? We cannot repay His priceless *gift*. But God presupposes that we too will be motivated to “give.” Jesus does, by referring to worship in Matthew 5:23-24. He does again, referring to the monetary gifts of the wealthy and the sacrificial giving (Luke 21:1-4). The Hebrews writer will also use Abel as an example of faith-fueled giving (11:4).

But our most generous gifts to Christ, which are moved by sincere love and unwavering commitment, are but a shadow and reflection of His *gift*. We give Him money, honor, time, energy, heart, and everything else we can, because He is the “Greatest Giver of all!” May we take the time, every day, to honor and give freely, to the “Greatest Gift-Giver!”

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

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION - TODAY

Everything contributed above our budget in today's offering will go towards our India mission work, specifically a new computer classroom for the children. The total cost of the room will be \$2500. Thank you for your generosity and for your prayers on behalf of Garry, the children, his staff, and this good work.

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!

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!

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. If you have any suggestions or wishes for the events and work of the Clinton congregation for the upcoming year, please see any of these folks prior to the 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.

HELP WANTED

Knoxville Christian School is currently interviewing for the following teaching positions:
MS/HS English (Full Time)
MS Math (Part Time)
Spanish I and II (Part Time)
Elem/MS Music (Full Time)
Substitute Teacher

Submit an employment application on their website www.knoxvillechristianschool.org to begin the interview process.

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

Lois Nygard is recovering well from surgery.

Gail Sharp is feeling better but is still very weak. She is scheduled to have surgery Jan. 8.

Georgia Herren continues to be very poor health and is in poor spirits.

Josh Deaton, Ashley McInturff's brother, found out his cancer has spread to his spine. He will need further chemo treatments.

Sheree Hoskins, cousin of Karen Hamby, was in a very serious car accident and is on life support.

Jean Crowe is recovering at NHC Oak Ridge.

Kason Adcock has had the flu and now has pneumonia.

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.

David Every, a friend of Terance Willis, is also in need of our prayers.

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, has finally gone home after 167 days in the NICU. She continues to need our prayers as she battles for good health.

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 updates on anyone's current condition, please let one of the elders or Joey Smith know.