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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	56
Worship	81
Contribution	\$2583
Sunday PM	
Worship	50
Wednesday	
Bible Study	55



*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 Feb. 4, 2018

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	Dwight Nicholson
Lord's Table:	Jim Ashworth, Rick Caudle, John Bushey, W.T. Crider	
Closing Prayer:	Glen Morgan	Daniel McInturff
PM Table:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: Feb. 7, 2018

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

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Logically Right, But Spiritually Wrong

Rick Kelley

"Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Matthew 4:7).

Following Jesus' baptism, God said: "This is my beloved son" (Matthew 3:17). Immediately afterward, Jesus was taken to the wilderness to fast and be tested 40 days. Satan tempted him there. His temptations all began with, "If you are the son of God..." He began with something that seemed perfectly reasonable: make stones into bread and feed yourself.

Men easily err when they think of what is perfectly reasonable to them, but fail to consult God. Why not turn stones to bread? He had the power. He had the opportunity. But Jesus, with great humility, appealed to a higher authority, the scriptures: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'" (Deuteronomy 8:3).

God's word must be consulted to determine whether or not what we find logically relevant is also spiritually preferable. Jesus may have felt very good making bread and eating it, but the price would have been separation from his Father. Sometimes we will have a perfectly logical explanation for something, but it will not matter. It would *feel* right, but it would *be* wrong. The scriptures are replete with people who thought precisely this way.

- King Saul thought it was a good idea to save good cattle for sacrifice or to spare king Agag's life. It seemed logical, but he lost his kingdom.
- Abram and Sarai thought it made good sense to conceive God's promised son through Sarai's handmaid. They were wrong.
- Saul of Tarsus (i.e., Paul) thought he should do many things contrary to Jesus and his followers. He felt good in so doing (Acts 23:1). He was dead wrong. These were all logically right, but spiritually wrong.

Men still make these mistakes today. We conceive a good idea and think nothing of hatching it before we've incubated it under the lamp of God's word. People are so concerned with *feeling close to God*, they forget to ask if what they are doing will actually *draw God closer to them*. Isn't that more important? Is there biblical precedent for it? Has God shown by example that such is unfavorable in his sight? Has such already been excluded by some other command?

It is man's wisdom, coupled with a blindness to our Father's will, that brings many otherwise good, logically sensible things to the life of the Christian, and the work of the church, that is spiritually bankrupt. They push God away.

Amos and Isaiah vividly warned Israel that God couldn't stand their offerings anymore. Those offerings made Israel feel pretty good and probably made them feel close to God. They should have been more concerned with whether or not God was drawing closer to them. God calls this foolishness, blindness, and pride.

Let us pass all our wisdom through the sieve of our Father's word. Let us be both logical and spiritual. We will not only draw closer to him but, more importantly, draw him closer to us.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Feb 7	75th Ice Cream Social
Feb 9	Youth Meeting @ the Smiths
Feb 14	Silver Saints
Feb 16-17	GSM Marriage Retreat
Feb 23-25	CYC
Feb 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
July 22-26	VBS
Oct 21	75th Anniv. Homecoming

SYMPATHY

Brother **Jimmy Redden** passed away last week after being taken to the hospital from The Waters. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends. His burial was yesterday.

We express our sympathy to the family of **Susan Salyer**, a friend of Ouita Northcutt and others, who passed away last week.

Continue to remember Jill, Steven, and Helen and the family of **Jean Crowe**.

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.

NEW DOORS

The installation of the new doors started last week but has been delayed due to the wrong doors being delivered. The rear doors were to have windows and the front doors also had special glass that was not in place in the doors delivered. We hope the project will be finished up within another week.

SILVER SAINTS

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will be Wednesday, Feb. 14 here at the church building at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to join in, no matter your age. See Dale Mowery with any questions.

75th ANNIVERSARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The 75th anniversary of the first meeting of the Lord's church here at Clinton is Feb. 7.

We will have an ice cream social this Wednesday evening starting at 6:00pm, right before our Bible study. Please join us!

YOUTH MEETING

All youth and their parents/grandparents/guardians are invited to Joey and Susan Smith's house on Friday, Feb. 9 around 6:00pm for fellowship and a 2018 activities planning session. This is rescheduled from last week due to illness.

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.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

A sign-up sheet for 2018 communion preparation is on the table in the foyer. There are still 3 months available.

AREA EVENTS

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Sevierville/Pigeon Forge: Feb 16-17

YOUTH DEVO

Scarboro Church of Christ: Feb 18

TENNESSEE CHILDRENS HOME BENEFIT DINNER

Mar 6, at Rothchild's. Speaker: Brad Harrub.

LADIES DAY

Great Smoky Mtns Church of Christ: Mar 24

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Laura Bentley continues to recover at home.

Gail Sharp is being referred to Vanderbilt to determine the next course of treatment.

Georgia Herren continues to be at home. She is not doing well.

Herman Herren is in need of our prayers as he takes care of Georgia.

Tangelia Kesterson had surgery and is having some difficulties.

Bennett Smith is recovering from the flu.

Arica Smith, Stump Smith's mother, was taken to the hospital last week after being found disoriented and sick at home. The cause is thought to be an infection.

Janis Plagge, Julia Mowery's cousin, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Thelma Merrill is awaiting further tests.

Wilson Gadd broke his ankle during a fall.

Orin Kell, Cindy Jones' uncle, is in ICU with flu and pneumonia.

Sheree Hoskins, cousin of Karen Hamby, needs our prayers as she recovers from injuries.

Terance Willis, cousin of Denise Henderson, is discouraged and needs our prayers for strength and courage to press on.

Terry McGhee, friend of Terance Willis, continues to need our prayers as well. He lost his son in a fatal car accident.

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.

Brenda Jennings had a doctors appointment to determine the best treatment for her.

Audrey Egerton, newborn great-niece of Gail Sharp, had to be flown back to the hospital.

Stacie Cornett, a teacher at Highland View Church of Christ preschool, requests prayers for her father who is battling cancer.

Connor Livingston continues to need our prayers as new tumors have been found in his brain and spinal column. Treatment is very difficult due to the location of the tumors.

Elmira Trentham is back in the hospital after a stay at The Waters of Clinton for rehab.

Callie, a student at Dutch Valley Elementary, is in the ICU at Children's with flu, strep, sinus infection, and possibly spinal meningitis. She also has some swelling of the brain.

Emily, a teaching assistant at Dutch Valley, contracted strep after having gall bladder surgery. She has had 5 surgeries in 10 days to try and stop the infection from spreading.

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, Tracy Hart, Lynn Hawkins, Dicey Humphrey, Beulah Jackson, Polly Keck, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Carolyn Mitchell, Becky Monday, Chloe Parker, Jean Perkins, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Tabitha Weaver, 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, Gail Wilkinson

Shut-In: At home – Mary Gilley, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; Morning Pointe – Jo Rutherford; Summit View of Rocky Top – Ella Mae Burchfield; Summit View – Ann Nygard; Beverly Park Place Knoxville – Jean Dye

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