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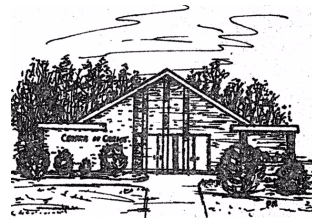
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	—
Worship	60 (23 at CYC)
Contribution	\$2415
Sunday PM	
Worship	47
Wednesday	
Bible Study	50



*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: Rainbow Village
for Girls, Jacob's Village for Boys

Scott Shanahan – Italy

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Mar 8, 2020

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	Herb Byrd
Lord's Table:	Tim Nygard, Chuck Kilpatrick, John Bushey, Daniel McInturff	
Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Daniel McInturff
PM Table:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	Stump Smith	

Wednesday evening: Mar 11, 2020

Song Leader: Joey Smith
Invitation: Herb Byrd
Announcements: Herman Herren

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Trust in God means saying these two words

by Jack Wilkie

When God doesn't act in the way we'd want, or even in the way we'd expect from what we know about Him, it can be challenging to our faith. Atheists feast on these challenges, being quick to point out times where God's actions (or supposed inactions) make little sense to us as humans. Many Christians have their faith shaken when a request is seemingly ignored. Trusting in God isn't always easy.

In the book of Daniel we see three faithful Jewish men – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – who took a stand by refusing to bow to King Nebuchadnezzar's idol. For their defiance they were sentenced to be thrown into a fiery furnace with the King's challenge, "What god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?" (Daniel 3:15). Their response showed some of the greatest faith in the entire Bible, and the structure of it gives us a two word template for the requests we bring before God.

If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up" (Daniel 3:17-18).

If...

But...

In the face of a gruesome death, they acknowledged that God was certainly capable of saving them ("If"). But they didn't presume to speak for Him. They accepted that saving them might not be His plan, and if not it wouldn't shake their faith ("But").

The "If" statement expresses two things. First, it expresses that we have a preference for how we would like things to go with the implication that we believe God loves us and listens to our requests. Second, we affirm our belief that God is all-powerful to accomplish anything that is asked of us. In the "But" statement we acknowledge that while God is all-powerful, He's also all-knowing and His agenda might not align with ours. In that moment we're expressing the realization that God knows things we don't know and sees things we don't see.

So many misunderstandings of faith would be solved by an understanding of these two points. Those who deny God and His goodness deny either that He is loving or powerful because He doesn't always act as mankind thinks He should. Those who have a prosperity view of God preach that He will give whatever we ask if we have enough faith, leading many to doubt or deny God when He doesn't come through. That's not what trust looks like, though.

Trust in God means acknowledging that even if He doesn't respond the way I'd like, it doesn't mean He doesn't love me, isn't listening, or isn't powerful enough. It just means His purposes aren't always the same as mine.

This structure occurs in other moments of great faith in the Bible as well. In the Garden, Jesus' prayer was "If possible, let this cup pass from me... But not My will, but Yours be done" (Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36, Luke 22:42). Paul's request regarding the thorn in the flesh in 2 Corinthians 12 bears a similar structure. There's the repeated request to have it taken from him (the "If") and the acknowledgement that the "No" he received was God's good and perfect will (the "But").

Like Jesus, like Paul, and like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, our prayers should follow this structure:

"If You will, Father, _____. But if not, help me remember you're still in control."

In uttering such prayers we acknowledge that God is God with our request, and most importantly we continue to let God be God with the results. There's no guarantee that the results are always going to be what we want, but we can be fully assured that no matter what happens, God will use the result to His glory, and that's what's best for us and everyone else.

If you are visiting with us today - Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 29 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 4 Spring Wildflower Hike
Apr 11 Egg Hunt
Jun 9-11 TCC Day Camp

SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE

We will have a Spring Wildflower Hike on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 AM at River Bluff Trail in Norris Dam State Park We will meet in the parking lot at the picnic area just before you start across the dam. Wear appropriate shoes and bring water and snacks to carry with you. See Gail Sharp with questions.

EGG HUNT

All youth and families are encouraged to mark your calendars for our spring Egg Hunt to be hosted at the home of Russell and Lauren McElroy on Saturday, Apr 11 at 11:30. You may park at the church building and walk up the sidewalk to Washington Ave.

TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS

The tornados in Cookeville and Nashville last week claimed 25 lives, including 8 members of the churches of Christ in that area. Several congregations are coordinating relief efforts. Here is contact info for some:

-Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc.
PO Box 111180 Nashville, TN 37222.

-Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ, 521 S. Jefferson Avenue Cookeville, TN 38501, Rick Gilbert 931-319-7622

-Collegeside Church of Christ, 252 E Ninth Street Cookeville, Tn 38501

-Willow Avenue Church of Christ, 1150 South Willow Cookeville, TN 38506, Jeremiah Tatum 931-629-5585

-Baxter Church of Christ, 224 Buffalo Valley Rd Baxter, TN 38544

-Double Springs Church of Christ, 4665 Norton Dr. Cookeville, TN 38501

THE ELDERS CORNER

A Christians life should be filled with prayer. The objects of our prayers could include praying for mercy, asking God for direction, thanksgiving, praying for others, for the church, our government, our physical and spiritual family. The list is endless Prayer is always answered in one of three ways, yes, no, maybe later. Reference to prayer is mentioned 880 times in the Old Testament and 112 times in the New Testament. When is the last time you prayed? James 5:16

-Dale

INDIA MISSION NEWS

We are happy to hear that there have been around 15 baptisms at the Mustard Seed Village recently. Continue to pray for this work and for brother Garry Jones.

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Mar 15-18

LADIES DAY

Crossville Church of Christ: Mar 21

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS WORKSHOP

Wartburg Church of Christ: Mar 21

GRIEF SEMINAR

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Mar 28

FOREVER HIS DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: Mar 28

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Karns Church of Christ: Mar 29

GOSPEL MEETING

LaFollette Church of Christ: Apr 5-8

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lesley Mowery had epiretinal membrane and cataract surgery last week. Some of the scar tissue was stuck to the retina and has caused a small hole. The doctor put extra gas in her eye to see if the hole will heal on its own. She will not have much vision in that eye for three weeks when the gas will dissipate.

Ouita Northcutt is doing well and recovering now at the home of her son.

Audrey Egerton, 2 1/2 year old niece of Gail Sharp, is recovering from a broken femur.

Millard Adkins had surgery to remove skin cancers.

Meghann Nicholson will have ACL surgery Mar 18 in Las Vegas. Dwight and Doris will be traveling there to be with her.

Mike Henderson, father of Dennis Henderson, has been given a short time to live.

Bobbie Price, Cathy Glenn's mother, fell and broke her foot. It may require surgery.

Donnie & Nancy Mitchell continue to need our prayers for good health.

Samuel Cox, son of Chris and Hannah Pigman Cox, is now at Vanderbilt.

Linda Roberson, a friend of Stump and Annette Smith, is in need of our prayers.

Bradley & Ashley Wright, Daniel McInturff's sister-in-law's brother & family, lost their home in the Cookeville tornado.

Mike Chester is doing well. He was able to be here with us Sunday evening.

Continue to remember: John Adkins, Elijah Alley, Stephanie Baird, Elbert Boyd, Dudley Brewer, Harriette Brown, Lisa Carr, Taylor Castillejo, Melissa Caylor, Kayce Crews, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Randall Farley, Dakota Fuller, Eddie Godsey, Steve Griffith, Lynn Hawkins, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Sheree Hoskins, Tucker King, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Craig McWilliams, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Bridget Moses, Britni Pflieger, Keith Rider, Frank Smith, Jacob Short, Arica Smith, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Curtis Barnes, Linda Bell, Sid Booth, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Jerry Cross, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Jonas Moore, Janice Plagge, David Pippen, Jack Price, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson, Buddy Wilson, Sherrye Woodall

Shut-In: At home – Elmira Trentham; *The Waters of Clinton* - Dicey Humphrey

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

TEENAGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Warmer weather is on the horizon, which means spring...and then summer....are on their way! The six weeks of TCC will turn into seven this year! A new week, a three day Day Camp for children ages 5 to 8, will be June 9-11. If you are interested in this new week or any of the other six weeks of camp, please see any of our members who are on the camp boards.

BON VOYAGE

Pam and Fred Davis have moved to Cosby, TN. They sending their greetings and "farewell" to everyone here at Clinton.