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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

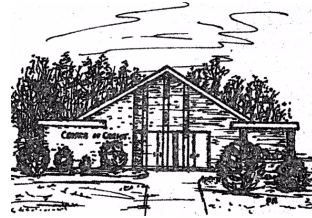
Bible Study	—
Worship	68
Live Stream Views	120
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Sunday PM

Worship	—
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Wednesday

Bible Study	—
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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: Rainbow Village
for Girls, Jacob's Village for Boys

Scott Shanahan – Italy

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Oct 18, 2020

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	—
Opening Prayer:	Clint Patterson	—
Lord's Table:	Herb Byrd	—
Closing Prayer:	Hobert Humphrey	—
PM Table:	—	—
Announcements:	Dale Mowery	—
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	—

Wednesday evening: Oct 21, 2020

Song Leader:	—
Invitation:	—
Announcements:	—

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Perspectives from Philemon

Garrett Sawyers

Have you ever had a problem with someone, or known of a problem between two friends? What should our perspective be in that situation? The book of Philemon is a letter that shows us the perspectives of three people involved in a problem. Onesimus was a slave who ran away from his master, Philemon. He was eventually imprisoned, where he met Paul. The apostle taught the runaway slave the Gospel. Once he obeyed, he knew he had to go back to Philemon. Paul writes this letter to Philemon to help smooth things out between two brothers in Christ. Note three perspectives of a problematic situation.

First, there is Paul's perspective. He didn't owe anything to either of them. Philemon owed Paul (vs. 19). Onesimus owed Paul for the same reason. When Onesimus came to him, Paul could have told the runaway to deal with it himself. Paul could have thought, "Mind your own business." He could have reminded Onesimus of his problems. Though Paul had nothing to do with the situation, he helped his brothers. He did what he needed to do to make things right. He was even willing to take on the debt of Onesimus (vs.18).

Second, there is Onesimus' perspective. He was a runaway slave though we don't know why he left. He was taught the gospel and obeyed. He realized he had a debt to pay and must go back. However, he was afraid of what might happen. A runaway slave's uncertain future might include being killed or having to serve a longer sentence. He could have kept running and ignored what he needed to do. He could have not cared about anyone but himself. Instead, he went to someone for advice and tried his best to make things right.

Third, there is Philemon's perspective. He was a master who was wronged. He was hurt because of someone whom he knew personally. He was looking for Onesimus. He could have hunted the runaway down. He could have killed him after Onesimus returned. Philemon could have been brutal. We don't know what happened, but Paul trusted Philemon would do right (vs.21).

No matter who you are, you are in one of these situations. You are Onesimus.

You have done wrong towards someone and don't know what to do to restore the relationship. Go to someone for advice and figure out how to make amends. You are Philemon. You've had someone wrong you. You hesitate to forgive and restore the friendship because you don't want to get hurt again. Forgive and help restore the relationship to what it was. You are Paul. You know people who aren't getting along. Maybe you don't know what to do. Maybe you're afraid to help. Start by praying for them (vv.4).

There are relevant lessons we can learn from the book of Philemon If we take the time to apply them to our individual lives and relationships!

To our members and visitors - Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 18	Online Bible Story Time
Oct 20	Zoom Ladies Bible Class
Oct 27	Zoom Ladies Bible Class
Nov 10	Zoom Ladies Bible Class

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Nancy Mitchell and family in the passing of **Donnie Mitchell**. His graveside service was on Oct. 9.

ONLINE LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Mark your calendars for upcoming Ladies' Zoom Bible classes. If you are interested in teaching on of our classes, please see Susan Smith.

- Lesson 2 (Hannah - Prayer) - Hannah Cox -- Tues, 10/20 at 7pm
- Lesson 3 (Esther - Fasting) - Brenda Patterson -- Tues 10/27 at 7pm
- Lesson 4 (Mary of Nazareth - Humble Submission) - Lesley Mowery -- Tues 11/10 at 7pm

CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

If you would like a copy of our updated church directory emailed to you in PDF format, please see Joey Smith.

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

Scarboro Church of Christ: Oct 25-28

Please silence your cell phones during Bible study and worship. Thanks!

God, What Can I Do For You?

By Donna Wittlif

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58, ESV).

Fanny J. Crosby's blindness came from a doctor's mistreatment for an eye infection when she was one year old. Fanny did not let blindness hinder her, nor was she bitter. However, her one wish was to be able to read. She tried to go to school, but the teachers did not know how to teach her, and they sent her home. But her grandmother read the Bible to Fanny daily, and she memorized what she heard. She often prayed to God, asking, "What can I do for You?"

Fanny's gift from God was her ability to compose poetry, which she had friends write down. Her mind and heart were filled with God's word, and she turned to it for her poetry. During her lifetime she wrote and had set to music hundreds of the hymns that Christians all over the world sing. She was voted one of the most important women in the United States.

"What can I do for you today, God?" This is a prayer we can say every morning. It will turn our minds from our troubles to God's power and strength as He works for us, with us, and through us. No matter what our circumstances are in life, God will use us in His kingdom when we give our lives and our substance to Him.

Let God surprise you. You may think you have no talents to use for Him, but He will show you what you can do. Whether it be a cup of cold water given in His name, or some great deed, God will guide you and bless you. As James wrote, "But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing" (James 1:25). May God bless you as you work for Him.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Rachel Broadway** continues to recover at home and is unable to be out.
- **Glen Morgan** had hernia repair surgery last week and is recovering.
- **Alyne Matthews** has moved to room 109 at NHC Healthcare in Oak Ridge.
- **John, Carrie, Kiera, and Kati McInturff**, Daniel McInturff's brother and his family, have all tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Melissa Caylor** and family are in need of our prayers as she seeks emergency custody of her granddaughters.
- **Stephen Daughtry**, son of Melissa Caylor's boss, is in need of our prayers.
- **Elijah Burt**, grandson of Carol Burt, will be needing a kidney transplant.
- **Dudley Brewer**, Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, is undergoing chemo. Please continue to pray that the chemo will result in the cancer going into remission so that he can have a stem cell transplant.

Continue to remember: John Adkins, Elijah Alley, Stephanie Baird, Elbert Boyd, Harriette Brown, Shelby Campbell, Lisa Carr, Mike Chester, Wade Colwell, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Dakota Fuller, Eddie Godsey, Steve Griffith, Lynn Hawkins, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Mike Henderson, Tucker King, Abbie Malone, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Bridget Moses, Ouita Northcutt, Britni Pflieger, Keith Rider, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, Frank Smith, Jacob Short, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Curtis Barnes, Linda Bell, Judy Bentley, Sid Booth, Dudley Brewer, Bill Campbell, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Jerry Cross, Don Dilbeck, Michael Ford, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Steve Higginbotham, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Gladys Moore, Jonas Moore, David Pippen, Jack Price, Wayne Simon, Melea Smith, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson, Buddy Wilson, Sherrye Woodall

Shut-In: *At home* - Elmira Trentham; *Norris Health & Rehab* - Polly Keck; *The Waters of Clinton* - Dicey Humphrey

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

ADDITIONAL SEATING

We have additional seating available in the fellowship hall both for overflow and for those who might feel more comfortable with a little extra space and distancing during the continued pandemic. Please feel free to utilize this space during worship services if you feel more comfortable doing so.

CLINTON CHURCH LIVE STREAM

Our Sunday morning worship services may be viewed live online for those unable to join us here at the building. You DO NOT have to have a Facebook account to view. Follow this link:

www.facebook.com/churchofchristclinton/live/