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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	_
Worship	44
Live Stream Views	334
Contribution	\$3657

Sunday PM

Worship —

Wednesday

Live Stream Views —



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 Dec 13, 2020

	AM	<u> </u>
Song Leaders:	Herb Byrd	_
Opening Prayer:	Clint Patterson	_
Lord's Table:	Stump Smith	

Closing Prayer: Glen Morgan –

PM Table: —

Announcements: Herman Herren **Usher:** Hubert Sharp

Wednesday evening: Dec 16, 2020

Song Leader: —
Invitation: —
Announcements: —

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A Description of Prayer

Victor M. Eskey

Prayer is a simple act, simply talking to God.

Prayer is a difficult act, trusting God hears and will respond.

Prayer is a powerful act, changing lives and history.

Prayer is a redeeming act, bringing the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer is a sacrificial act, a sweet savor to God in heaven.

Prayer is a comforting act, knowing God is listening.

Prayer is a sincere act, requiring fervency of heart.

Prayer is a solitary act, entering alone into one's closet.

Prayer is a patient act, waiting for God to respond.

Prayer is an enduring act, praying always and never quitting.

Prayer is a purposeful act, making requests of God.

Yes, prayer is all of this and more. Yet, we often find it difficult to pray. We seem like we do not have the time to pray. We pray haphazardly. We pray only when in trouble or when tragedy strikes. We pray just when we want something. And, we find that we do not really put trust in the fact that God will answer our prayers.

To pray well, we must develop a deep relationship with our heavenly Father. We must come to understand His love for us. We must come to understand His desires for us. We must come to understand the abundance of His resources that can be used on our behalf. Too, we must come to understand the power and wisdom that resides within our Father above.

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

Pray! Pray fervently! Pray in faith! Pray often! Pray unceasingly!

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 16 Online Bible Story Time
Dec 21 Zoom Ladies Bible Class

Feb 26-28 CYC

ONLINE LADIES BIBLE CLASS

We had 15 ladies participate in our last class. Mark your calendars for upcoming Ladies' Zoom Bible classes. If you are interested in teaching one of our classes, please see Susan Smith.

 Lesson 7 - (Difficult Waiting - Sarah) Brenda Patterson - Monday, Dec. 21 at 7:00pm

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.

CYC 2021

Challenge Youth Conference WILL be happening next year. Due to limited allowed attendance, we need to register and pay now. For safety reasons, we will not be staying overnight in a cabin but will travel up on Saturday morning for the session and some free time in Pigeon Forge. The cost is \$30 per person and is due when you sign up. Please let Joey Smith know by December 13 if you plan to go. We will not be able to have any last minute changes or decisions this year, so let Joey know ASAP!

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

Christ: Our Fountain Of Youth

By Joe Slater

Almost nothing in history supports the legend that Spanish conquistador Ponce de Leon searched for the "Fountain of Youth." (Don't tell the tourists in Florida, though!) It's definitely true, however, that various people all over the world have sought (and even claimed to have found) water that restores youth. We human beings just don't like the idea of aging and dying. We're downright desperate for some way to avoid it!

Jesus told Martha, the sister of Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). What? Believers don't die? Wait a minute – we've seen any number of believers die. How can Jesus say this?

Look at the entire passage! The Lord wasn't saying believers won't die physically. He said even if they do, they will live (because He is the resurrection and the life). But faithful believers won't die eternally (the "second death" as in Revelation 20:14).

But in the meanwhile, Christ blesses us with perpetual youth! No, not in the bodily sense – once again, think beyond the physical. The aged Paul knew full well that death awaited him, yet he wrote, "We do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16).

No, God hasn't given us H2O that will restore our youth. He has given us something infinitely better: spiritual life in Christ here and now, and the confident hope of living with Him and all the redeemed of all ages in Heaven forever.

Are you drinking from the fountain of youth?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Erik Geibig**, friend of Cheri and Kevin Lancaster, was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 prostate cancer. He has been at MD Anderson this week. The prognosis is not good. He is 49 years old. Please pray for Erik, Barbie and their three children.
- **Joe DeLucia**, Ashley McInturff's stepfather, has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Ashley's sister and grandmother have also tested positive.
- Linda Moore, Jody Yarber's aunt, is battling bladder cancer. She lives in Texas.
- Elaine Stevenson is in very poor health.
- Wayne Simon, Ouita Northcutt's brother, continues to need our prayers.
- **Dudley Brewer**, the Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, received results back from his test following nine rounds of chemo. He will need to take four more rounds of chemo and they will test again to see if he is ready for stem cell treatment.
- **Kathryn Wilbanks**, mother of Jamie Terry, a teacher at Clinton Elementary and member at Highland View, has pancreatic cancer and has been sent home with hospice.
- Sara Monhollen, sister of an FHU classmate of Joey and Susan Smith, is in the hospital in Ohio battling COVID-19.
- **Steve Higginbotham** received some very encouraging news from his doctors. There has been no spread of the cancer and existing tumors have either shrunk or disappeared.
- Please continue to remember the entire **Mowery family** in the passing of our brother, Eric.

Continue to remember: John Adkins, Stephanie Baird, Elbert Boyd, Harriette Brown, Elijah, Burt, 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, 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, Nolan Fagan, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Erik Geibig, Steve Higginbotham, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuiness, Sandra McKamey, Gladys Moore, Linda Moore, Jonas Moore, David Pippen, Jack Price, Terrie Rogers, Wayne Simon, Melea Smith, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Kathryn Wilbanks, 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.

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 count to view. Follow this link:

www.facebook.com/churchofchristclinton/live/