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FOR THE RECORD

264-0560

Sunday AM		
Bible Study		
Worship	44	
Live Stream Views	_	
Contribution	\$2744	
Sunday PM		
Worship		
Wednesday		
Live Stream Views		



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)

Please follow us on **Our Mission Works** Garry Jones – India The Mustard Seed: Rainbow Village for Girls, Jacob's Village for Boys Scott Shanahan – Italy Serving the Congregation Jan 31, 2021 AM PM Song Leaders: Herb Byrd **Opening Prayer:** Tim Nygard _ Lord's Table: Herman Herren **Closing Prayer:** Earl Broadway PM Table: Announcements: Dale Mowery Hubert Sharp Usher: Wednesday evening: Feb 3, 2021 Song Leader: Invitation:

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If the Devil Had a **Social Media Account**

By Adam Faughn

Just a few years ago, we never could have imagined having such a resource as social media. Although email was a big deal, the reach and impact of such sites as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram is nothing short of remarkable. None of these sites is good or bad in themselves, but how they are used decides the proper use of them.

Knowing this I just wonder how it would look if our enemy, the devil (1 Peter 5:8), opened an account. I wonder what would populate his social media feed. Here are some possible things he might share with the world:

• I imagine he would share things that might not be true but that simply prove his point. After all, he is the father of lies (John 8:44), so why would it matter if what he shared wasn't "fully" true?

• I imagine he would share things that made people think less of each other instead of things that built others up. He might even do so through subtle or innocent-sounding comments, so as not to be obvious in what he is trying to do.

• I imagine he would find it helpful to chime in on virtually every big event, news story and movement, trying to make sure people know how right he was and how he always looks so righteous. That way, people would be drawn to him as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14)

• I imagine he would share things that promote shows, movies, music, books, and games that aren't "that bad" but that contain some level of questionable morality. After all, if he can tempt us with just something little and get us hooked with the plotline or cool characters or great beat, he can slip in a little darker material soon enough (and, who knows, maybe we will even promote it ourselves).

• I imagine he would share things that constantly show how awful the world is, so we would distrust virtually anyone who is not just like me. And he would consider it a bonus if he could get Christians to distrust each other because then they will not work together to save souls. They would be too busy arguing among themselves about politics or economic matters or other news items for all the world to see.

• I imagine he would share things that are snarky, sarcastic, and cutting, just to see if he can get under people's skin, especially if it is over an issue that is multifaceted. However much he can get people to not think and, instead, just react, his job gets far easier. And, if they react with other cutting and sarcastic comments, it becomes even easier.

• I imagine he would share things that, in the long run, do not matter. After all, he does not have to get Christians to hold sinful positions; he just has to keep them distracted from their real work of preaching the Gospel to the whole world.

I do not follow the devil on social media, but I do have my own personal accounts. Have I, in the things I share and the way I interact, given my enemy a voice to do his work through my social media?

"When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent." (Proverbs 10:19)

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 3 Feb 7	Online Bible Story Time Zoom Ladies Bible Class
Feb 7-11	FHU Lectures Online
Feb 23	Zoom Ladies Bible Class
Feb 26-28	CYC

COMMUNION PREPARATION

We have a signup list in the foyer for 2021 communion preparation - which will be a bit different! Preparation will be bagging and refilling the trays in the foyer each week.

ONLINE LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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

- Sunday, Feb 7 at 7:00pm Brenda Patterson
- Tuesday, Feb 23 at 7:00pm Laura Bentley

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 tickets have been ordered! We 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 now.

TAKE HOME ITEMS

There are several personal items on the tables in the Resource Room that need to be claimed and taken home (blankets, books, Bibles, etc). Please take a look and see if anything there belongs to you.

SONG SHEETS

We have the ability to print out songs on paper for any of the songs we may sing that aren't in our current songbook. If you would like to be given a printed song sheet prior to worship service, please let Joey Smith know.

Treasure in an Old Jar

By David Bragg

A condemned house filled with junk in St. Cloud, FL was being demolished in April 2014. Clearing the debris, they realized that the crumbling chimney was in danger of collapsing. That's when a worker heard a metallic sound. The ensuing investigation quickly turned into a hectic treasure hunt as jar after jar stuffed with old coins were pulled from the rickety chimney. In the end they had recovered over 2,000 coins that had been stored for decades in old glass pickle jars. The oldest of the coins dated back to 1917 (Orlando Sentinel).

Who would have thought that an old dilapidated house, an unstable chimney, and dusty glass pickle jars would contain anything of value? That's how many look at the Bible.

To many people today, some who may have never opened the cover to look inside, the Bible is an old, outdated book that has nothing to contribute to our modern, enlightened society. They see God's Word as out-of-touch as those who believe it. They fail to realize that the Bible is just as relevant today as it was on the day it was written. The Bible is ... Eternal (Isaiah 40:8); Truth (John 17:1); Saves (1 Corinthians 15:2); Inspired (2 Timothy 3:15-17); Living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12); Implanted in the heart (James 1:21); Enduring (1 Peter 1:22-2:3).

You may never find an old chimney filled with a pickle jar treasure trove, but you can hold in your hand God's inspired and saving Word. By reading it you will be blessed. By living it you will become better. By following it you will be saved.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Laura Bentley is now recovering at home from flu B, pneumonia, and COVID-19.
- Michael Ford has had cancer return. It is now in his lungs.
- **Richard Bentley** continues to recover from COVID-19.
- Kathy, mother-in-law of Britni Pflieger, Kevin and Cheri Lancaster's daughter, continues to need our prayers.
- Patti, Cheri Lancaster's sister, has COVID-19.
- Ann and Clint Byars, Garry Jones' sister and brother-in-law, are in the hospital in critical condition with COVID-19.
- Dudley Brewer, Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, has started stem cell treatments at Vanderbilt.
- Mark Aycock, a friend of Gail Sharp, has Meniere's disease and has recently been diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia.
- Jacob Lawhorn, son of a coworker of Ben Smith, is battling depression and other issues.

Continue to remember: John Adkins, Stephanie Baird, Elbert Boyd, Harriette Brown, Elijah, Burt, Lisa Carr, Mike Chester, Wade Colwell, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Dakota Fuller, 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, Jerry Cross, Don Dilbeck, Nolan Fagan, Michael Ford, 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, Gail Wilkinson, Buddy Wilson

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

FHU LECTURESHIP

The annual Freed-Hardeman University Lectures will be held virtually this year February 7-11. Thirteen videos will be posted at www.fhu.edu.

WEDNESDAY ONLINE BIBLE STORY

Kids, don't forget that Calvin is back for a new year of Bible Story Time on Wednesday nights! Videos are live on Facebook each Wednesday night at 6:00. All past videos are also there for your viewing in the video library!

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/