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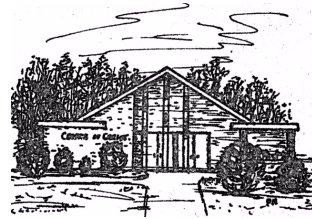
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	—
Worship	77
Live Stream Views	127
Contribution	\$3724
Sunday PM	
Worship	—
Wednesday	
Live Stream Views	53



*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

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Serving the Congregation Apr 18, 2021

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Herb Byrd	—
Opening Prayer:	Tim Nygard	—
Lord's Table:	Kevin Lancaster	—
Closing Prayer:	Matt Huffman	—
PM Table:	—	—
Announcements:	Stump Smith	—
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	—

Wednesday evening: Apr 21, 2021

Song Leader: —
Invitation: —
Announcements: —

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“Pre-Enraged”

Brett Petrillo

“Another police shooting.” Just three little words are all it takes to erupt the volcano of internal feelings throughout our nation. People start screaming “racism” and “injustice!” People start marching, shouting, rioting, and storming police stations. People start pointing fingers in all directions. While other people will take to social media to argue and fight, with minds already made-up, and with no intention of backing down. Some others choose to hide from it all, optimistically hoping that the fires being created by the spewing volcano out their bedroom window will magically fizzle out.

Our nation is deeply divided. However, even though the nation seems to be split like the east is from the west, they all actually share a common trait: **Pre-enraged**. In other words, people living in a state of continual anger. Then, when an event unfolds, it simply provides an outlet for this anger. All the while, the pressure continues to build inside day after day in our cultural volcano.

Are we really so blind that we can't see the real problem here? Let's stop beating around the bush; the problem is a godless society. We are seeing the tragic, rotten fruits of a society that is living in darkness (Galatians 5:19-22). Few are focused on God. Few look to His word for guidance. And until something changes, the volcano will continue to erupt.

God detailed out the perfect solution in **Ephesians 4:29-32**. While He was speaking of church relationships, it's also the perfect solution for our culture as well. So, what should the Christian's response be?

1. Close the Mouth (v.29) – Paul instructed, “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of *the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.”

We are fooling ourselves if we feel like spouting off on social media is the solution. In the last year, social media platforms have become one of the most putrid places on earth, where the newsfeeds are largely a collection of people spewing words that do nothing but inflame and divide, and are in many cases, just ugly. Where are the words that bring “edification” and “grace” to these situations? If these aren't clear goals, then “let no unwholesome word” come from our keyboards.

2. Cool Off (v.31) – “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.”

Politics. Racism. Prejudice. Injustice. America has become a very bitter, angry place. A place where clamor (i.e., loud voices), “slander” (i.e., harmful speech), and “malice” (i.e., evil intentions) have become the true pandemic in our country. The last place on earth any of this should be found is in a Christian. Have we been bitter? Have we been angry? Have we been adding to the eruption? It's time to “put them away from you.”

3. Be kind (v.32a) - “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted...”

The lack of kindness on all sides is glaring. A wise person once said, “If you aren't kind, you're the wrong kind.” Kindness translates to soft, gentle words and actions. As the wisest man who ever lived once said, “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Proverbs 15:1). Oh, how desperately we need soft, gentle, and kind reactions right now.

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Apr 18	Online Bible Story Time
May 2	Normal schedule resumes
May 11	Zoom Ladies Class
May 30	Song Service/Fingerfoods
May 30	Graduate Recognition
Aug 4	Silver Saints Picnic
Aug 4	Youth & Families Picnic

RETURN TO NORMAL SCHEDULE

We will be returning to our normal worship and Bible class schedule beginning **Sunday, May 2**. We can all say we are thrilled to be getting back! We will continue to live stream our Sunday morning service as an outreach and for those who continue to be homebound.

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.

- Tuesday, May 11 @ 7:00pm - Lesley Mowery, Lesson 13

GRADUATE & STUDENT RECOGNITION

It's hard to believe, but the end of the school year is in sight! At the end of May, we will publish an insert to the bulletin with all of our young folks' awards & accomplishments for the year. Please send Joey Smith an email, text, or Facebook message with your info.

BIBLE STUDY AT JONES HOME

Garry and Cindy Jones are hosting an adult Bible study every other Thursday from 6:30-7:30 at their home at 4 Breakers Court in Clinton. The next scheduled study is April 29th. Coffee and drinks will be provided; please bring a small snack or dessert if you'd like.

THE ELDERS CORNER

The elders have agreed that our congregation will be able to return to a normal schedule of worship and classes beginning May 2nd. We all need to pray that we can continue to be open throughout 2021. It is important that we be with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are social creatures and we need the interaction and encouragement from each other. Notice that even Jesus was almost always with others, except when He went off alone to pray. We need to also thank God for the speedy development of the vaccine and other treatments available.

—Dwight

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

We have several new additions to our children's library in the Resource Room. The new volumes include:

- *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands - a Sing-Along Book*
- *Words to Love By*
- *The Gift That I Can Give for Little Ones*
- *The Hurry-Up Exit from Egypt*
- *God's Love For You*
- *I Can*
- *God's Great Plan Storybook Bible*
- *Contemporary Bible Series*

INDIA MISSION

Garry Jones is collecting all types of sewing materials and supplies for the work in India. Please drop off any donated items in the Pantry.

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

The Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies Annual Lectureship will be April 18-21 this year. Masks will be required at all times. If you have any questions, please call 865-691-7411 or email office@makingpreachers.com.

Please silence your cell phones during Bible study and worship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Karen Hamby** continues to be at UT Hospital following surgery.
- **Millard Adkins** continues to recover from a heart attack. He is very weak. Please remember Paul and the family in your prayers.
- **Kathy Caudle** is recovering at home after a stay in the hospital.
- **Glen Morgan** will begin radiation treatments soon.
- **Dudley Brewer**, Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, continues to improve at home. The family is thankful for your prayers.
- **Myrna Oelherts**, a friend of Garry and Cindy Jones, continues to have heart issues.

Continue to remember: John Adkins, Mark Aycock, 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, Jacob Lawhorn, 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, Kasey Allen Dudley, Nolan Fagan, Michael Ford, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Erik Geibig, Steve Higginbotham, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Gladys Moore, Linda Moore, Jonas Moore, Glen Morgan, David Pippen, Jack Price, Terrie Rogers, Kevin Shanahan, 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

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4. Forgive (v.32b) – "...forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

Many, many people have been wronged, or at least feel they have been wronged. Very few are letting it go. Few are practicing forgiveness. 2,000 years ago, no one was more wronged, abused, mistreated, and innocent than Christ as He hung on the cross. Yet, in some of the remaining moments of His life, Jesus uttered the words, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). To lower the temperature, forgiveness must start somewhere. It should start with us.

We are living in a world that's exploding, but Christians don't have to. May we have the self-control and courage to respond in the way God has told us to respond.

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/