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## FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM			
Bible Study	61		
Worship	94		
Contribution	\$4099		

Sunday PM		
Worship	43	
Wednesday		
Bible Study	39	



**WORSHIP TIMES** 

#### Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 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)

• Be Baptized (immersed) for forgiveness of your sins (Acts

• Live Faithfully (2 Peter 1:10-11; Revelation 2:10)



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Serving the Congregation Aug 8, 2021

#### Kevin Lancaster Herb Byrd Tim Melton Glen Morgan Announcements: Stump Smith Usher: Hubert Sharp Wednesday evening: Aug 11, 2021 Song Leader: Joey Smith Invitation: Stump Smith Announcements: Herman Herren

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# What Do You Expect From God?

By Bill Brandstatter

I was talking to a Christian once about his commitment to God. He said he didn't go to worship services much because God had "touched him." He stated that he takes his granddaughter to services, but he had not been in three weeks. He was raised in the church; however, church wasn't what he expected? I then asked him what did he expect? What do you expect from God?

Some expect God to put a stamp of approval on their lifestyle and accept them without any change on their part. Perhaps this group would say everyone is going to heaven, just by different routes. Yet, God commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30, 31).

Some get upset when told what they must do to be saved. Others object if they are asked to prove anything about the reliaion they profess. Yet, the Bible tells us we should give an answer for what we believe; (1 Pet. 3:15) so, again the question is: What do they expect from God?

Perhaps some men think too little about God's perspective and too much about their own. Remember, God doesn't think like man does (Isa. 55:8, 9). Man lives in a physical world. Often what he expects in the physical, he expects in the spiritual. When excitement, entertainment, and pleasure are the name of the game in the physical, some expect some or all of these in the spiritual realm as well. They may think that any church that doesn't provide at least one of those is not meeting their expectations.

Sometimes man thinks God's ways are unfair (Ezek. 18:25); yet, who is it that sets the standard of fairness? Is it not God? It follows then that whatever God does is fair and just and it is man's way that is not fair (Ezek. 33:17)!

Some may expect God to do what man is supposed to do. God cannot save a person who does not want to be saved. God cannot change His law of pardon to save someone who has not obeyed Him. We must obey from the heart the doctrine of God (Rom. 6:17).

When the rich man was in torment in Luke 16, he wanted someone to go to his brothers on earth. The answer given to him was "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them (Luke 16:30). Those who would be saved had to do what God wanted. They had to following the revealed will of God and written by Moses and the prophets. Anything else was not acceptable. Today, we must follow what Christ says (Jn. 12:48).

We cannot expect God to do for us that which we must do. We have to work at obtaining the knowledge we need. It takes study on our part (Acts 17:11). We must receive it and make it part of us (James 1:12). We must obey the gospel that God has given us and then heaven will be our home one day. (Rom. 10:16,17; 2 Thess. 1:8) The revealed will of God for salvation has been given to us (2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16,17). We can know what God expects of us. Let us strive to do what God expects, and always have a good conscience toward Him (Acts 24:16).

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

## **CLINTON CALENDAR**

Aug 20	Sister Friends
Aug 29	Shanahans visiting
Aug 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Aug 31	Sister Friends Meet-up

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS**

We will be postponing the wedding shower for Spencer Herren and Taylor Adkins due to Taylor's lymphoma diagnosis and pending treatments. It would be an encouragement to Taylor and Spencer to receive cards from the church family here at Clinton.

(please see the printed bulletin for these addresses)

#### SISTER FRIENDS

All ladies are invited to a fiesta-themed night here at the building on Friday, Aug. 20 at 7:00pm. We will have food, a devotional, and an activity/craft. Brenda Patterson will be leading our devotional. Please see Susan Smith with any questions.

#### SISTER FRIENDS MONTHLY MEET-UP

Our ladies will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 11:30am at Golden Girls Restaurant for lunch. Please let Susan Smith know if you have any questions.

#### PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. If you know of changes, additions, deletions, or updates to our prayer list, please let Joey Smith know or email them to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com.

# Please silence your cell phones during worship and Bible study.

THE ELDERS CORNER

The best is yet to come! Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord is the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance. We serve a faithful God who has promised us a home in heaven with him. John 14:1-3: We are strangers and pilgrims on earth. The older we become, the nearer we are to our eternal home. This truth encourages even the oldest individual to cherish each moment of life while preparing to relinquish it. Each day is a gift from God. We look to him for our daily bread while making sure that we seek first the kingdom of God rather than squandering our time and energy on secondary concerns. Mt. 6:33

Paul says in Phil. 3:13-14 "I press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We have the prospect of a glorious future for all who are in Christ. Paul told Timothy "I have finished my course......there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me and to all that love his appearing." 2 Tim 4:7-8: The best is yet to come!

-Dale

### **AREA EVENTS**

#### ANNUAL MEN'S SEMINAR

East Main Church, Murfreesboro: Aug. 14 \*There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those men interested in going. The van will leave the building at 6:30am.

#### LADIES DAY

Eastside Church of Christ (Maryville): Aug. 14

#### PATHWAYS 5K RUN/WALK

Benefitting Tennessee Children's Home: Aug. 28

#### GIRL'S DAY

East Main Church, Murfreesboro: Sept. 11

### FOREVER HIS DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: Oct. 2

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Sherry Bushey will be having a needle biopsy on Aug. 24.
- Michael Olsen is undergoing tests and will be traveling to Vanderbilt soon.
- Thelma Shepherd is recovering from foot surgery.
- Taylor Adkins, Spencer Herren's fiance, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. She will begin chemo soon.
- Henry Harwell has been diagnosed with RSV.
- Vivian Dagley, a dear friend of Rachel Broadway, is battling lymphoma.
- Garry Jones continues to recover from COVID-19 while in India.
- Ronnie Herren has been in the hospital in Texas.
- Carol Burt is in need of our prayers.
- Carla Herren has been sick with a sinus infection.
- Lorene Sharp, Hubert Sharp's mother, is now at home.
- Dakota Gayne, Carol Burt's grandson, has COVID-19 and is seriously ill.
- Elijah Burt is nearing the time for his kidney transplant. Remember him in your prayers.
- Prayers have been requested for **David West**, who is suffering from bleeding issues due to diverticulitis.
- Madison Gadd. the child of a former coworker of Annette Smith, is at Vanderbilt for treatment of a tumor on her shoulder.
- Janet Coleman, a friend of the Busheys, is dealing with back problems.
- Lisa Carr, Sherry Bushey's daughter in Syracuse, NY, is suffering with MS.
- Cindy Jones' niece **Jamie**, her husband **Derek**, and their 4-year old twin boys all have COVID-19.
- Resa Marie, Herb and Resa Byrd's daughter, is dealing with atrial fibrillation.

**Continue to remember:** Dudley Brewer, Harriette Brown, Elijah Burt, Lisa Carr, Mike Chester, Ron Churchwell, Wade Colwell, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, James McCrary, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Ouita Northcutt, Britni Pflieger, Dylan Richey, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

**Cancer Treatment:** Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Bill Campbell, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Michael Ford, Gail Foust, Lee Herrington, Steve Higginbotham, Gladys Moore, Glen Morgan, David Pippen, Jack Price, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, Melea Smith, Vernie Vignolo, Gail Wilkinson, Buddy Wilson

Shut-In: Norris Health & Rehab - Polly Keck; The Waters of Clinton - Dicey Humphrey

### **CLINTON CHURCH LIVE STREAM**

We will continue to stream our Sunday morning services 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/

Thanks!