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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

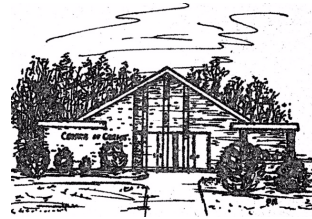
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Worship	67
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Sunday PM

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

Andrew Young - SEIBS

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Oct 17, 2021

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Arthur Pigman	Kevin Lancaster
Lord's Table:	Clint Patterson	Ben Smith
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Closing Prayer:	Glen Morgan	Daniel McInturff
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: Oct 20, 2021

Song Leader:	Kevin Lancaster
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Stump Smith

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The Golden Rule

By Al Behel

“Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them” (Matthew 7:12)

I was questioning a little boy about his behavior toward another child. He said, “I hit him back because he hit me after I hit him.” Many battles are fought that way. Husbands and wives argue and forget who started it. We justify our actions because of the actions of others. Few are willing to assume full responsibility for their behaviors.

Why do you do what you do? Are your behaviors controlled by others? Jesus said, “If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also” (Matthew 5:39). But the Golden Rule goes further than that. It tells us to do to others what we wish they would do to us. A lack of retaliation is one thing. Initiating good deeds toward others, even toward those who might do us harm, is another.

Negative goodness is the absence of bad things. Positive goodness is the introduction of acts of kindness and love when we could have chosen a different course. The mandate of Scripture is for us to do good to those who would do us harm, pray for those whose actions toward us are hateful and unkind, and to refuse to seek vengeance toward those who hurt us.

Living by the Golden Rule affects our deepest character, our personal ethics. It affects our choices of behaviors because we always consider the effect on others. I asked a teen recently how important it was to her that a life partner be honest and have personal integrity. She replied that it was very important that he be honest with her. I then asked how she would feel about him buying something, using it, and then returning it to the store. She replied, “It would depend on what it was.” That is not personal integrity; it is situation ethics which change from situation to situation.

Living by the Golden Rule means that we ask a simple question: “Would I want what I am doing to be done to me?” If the answer is “No”, then the action is not an appropriate action. Words we say to others should pass a threefold test:

- 1) are they true,
- 2) are they necessary, and,
- 3) are they kind?

The effect of our behavior should always be weighed before we act. I should always ask, “Would I welcome this behavior toward me? Would I want the same thing said about me?” If the action would be harmful to me it will likely be harmful to the other person and should not be done. My actions and words should always have a positive motive and positive effect. That’s what makes the rule the “Golden Rule.”

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 23 Fall Gathering
Oct 25 Sister Friends
Oct 31 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Nov 1 Sister Friends @ Norris Dam

SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out to the family of sister **Jettie Hensley**, who passed away in Delaware last week following a stroke. Memorial services will be back here in Clinton. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Holley Gamble Funeral Home from 12:00 to 1:00 with a graveside service to follow at Sunset Cemetery.

WELCOME HOME

We are delighted that **Wade and Carolyn Colwell** have placed their membership with us here at Clinton. Wade and Carolyn are the parents of Karen Yarber.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

If you would like an updated church directory, we have the ability to email it to you in PDF format or print off a paper copy for you. Please see Joey Smith if you need either.

SISTER FRIENDS

Our next monthly restaurant meet up will be Monday, Oct. 25 at 11:00am at the Soup Kitchen in Oak Ridge. Please see Susan Smith with any questions. The sign up list is in the foyer.

On Monday, Nov. 1, ladies will meet at Norris Dam State Park Picnic Shelter #2 at 6:00pm. Please see hostess Cathy Glenn with any questions.

Please silence your cell phones during worship and Bible study.

"I Am" Able to Help You

By Edd Sterchi

Each of the "I am" statements of Jesus in the book of John displays an important aspect of how He can meet our true needs.

- * When Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), He stated that He can sustain our souls forevermore. He is that which nourishes and satisfies.
- * When Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), He was saying that He provides enlightenment and guidance in a place of uncertainty and peril. He will always be a beacon of truth.
- * When Jesus said, "I am the door" (John 10:7), He was disclosing that He is the passageway to heaven. He is also the portal to a better life on earth.
- * When Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11), He was articulating that He will take care of His own. He can provide support, spiritual health, and safety.
- * When Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25), He was declaring that He can raise us from the dead. He can give us a new life upon the earth and a resurrected life in heaven for eternity.
- * When Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), He was revealing that the only way to be reconciled to the Father in heaven is through Him. He is THE way.
- * When Jesus said, "I am the true vine" (John 15:1), He was divulging that connection to Him is the formula for spiritual success. He guarantees growth if we remain with Him.

Our greatest needs are a relationship with God and a home in heaven forevermore. Jesus can meet those needs – and more! He is able to help us. In fact, He is the only one who can help us in this regard. Jesus says, "I am" able to help you. Have you received His help?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Bill, Brian**, and **Tangelia Kesterson** have all been diagnosed with COVID.
- **Linda Foy**, Anthony Foy's grandmother, is in Methodist Medical Center with Stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Wade Colwell**, Karen Yarber's father, is in stage 3 kidney failure and heart failure.
- **Kayla Harwell** and family are in need of our prayers.
- **John Gayne**, Carol Burt's son, is in ICU at UT Hospital with a brain bleed after a fall.
- **Dakota Gayne**, Carol Burt's grandson, is sick with COVID.
- **Ulis** and **Bobbie Price**, Cathy Glenn's parents, as well as her brother, **Mike**, are all sick.
- **Joe McNeil**, Kristen Herren's father, has been diagnosed with COVID.
- **Watson Yarber**, Jody Yarber's father, is in heart & kidney failure. He is under hospice care.
- **Sherry Bushey** was unable to have chemo last week due to anemia. She was sent to the hospital for a blood transfusion.
- **Zach Bullock** will be undergoing open heart surgery.
- **Garry** and **Cindy Jones** will be traveling for the next few weekends.

Continue to remember: Dudley Brewer, Harriette Brown, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Mike Chester, Ron Churchwell, Wade Colwell, Madison Gadd, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Ouita Northcutt, Michael Olsen, Britni Pflieger and family, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron

Cancer Treatment: Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Sherry Bushey, Bill Campbell, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Michael Ford, Gail Foust, Steve Higginbotham, Gladys Moore, Glen Morgan, David Phippen, 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

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

FALL GATHERING

Everyone is invited to come to the building this Saturday, Oct. 23 at 6:00 for a little fall fun and festivities. Costumes are welcome! Please bring a soup or chili to share. We will enjoy some time of fellowship and games - and, if the weather cooperates, we may be able to have a bonfire for marshmallow roasting outside.

CLINTON CHURCH LIVE STREAM

We continue to stream our Sunday morning services online via Facebook Live for those unable to join us here at the building. You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to view.