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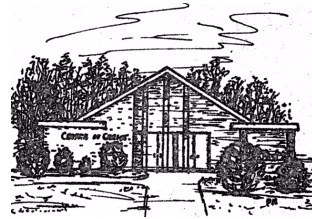
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*A friendly church with
a saving message*

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

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 24, 2021

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Herb Byrd	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Garry Jones
Lord's Table:	Dale Mowery	Daniel McInturff
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Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Arthur Pigman
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Oct 27, 2021

Song Leader: Rick Caudle
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Herb Byrd

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	54
Worship	82
Contribution	\$2571

Sunday PM

Worship	53
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Wednesday

Bible Study	38
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Disconnect to Connect

by Clint Patterson

Today, I want you to participate in an experiment of mine. However, in order to do this you need to go grab your Bible (or open up your Bible app) and turn to Matthew 6:24. Seriously, stop clicking and scrolling for a second and go grab a Bible. Now, after turning to the above scripture, don't just run off and read the verse quickly and carelessly. No, there are a few things I want you to do before reading. First, when it comes time to read the passage, I want you to do so carefully, taking your time with each word, slowly and thoughtfully, processing what Jesus is communicating to His disciples. Secondly, I want you to go grab a smart device and open up your favorite game or social media site. If you don't have a smart device, just open the site/game in another window of your internet browser. Ready? Good. So, with your Bible opened to Matthew 6:24 in one hand, and your smart device/computer on your favorite game/site in the other hand, I want you to read Matthew 6:24, the way I described above (slowly, thoughtfully) and play your favorite game/ site, both, at the same time. Yes...you read right. I want you to read Matthew 6:24, and play on your favorite game/site, both, at the same time. Well...? How did it work out? Was it hard? More like impossible, that is, if you followed my instructions carefully.

Just listen to Jesus' words in Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters, for he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (ESV).

Sadly, even though Jesus, the Son of God, said it was impossible to serve both God and mammon, we still try to do it. You see, we live in an age where multitasking is a part of everyday life, and so it leads many not to take the powerful lesson in Matt. 6:24 seriously. Some people actually may look at this as a challenge; I mean, how hard can it be to do two simple things at once, especially, when I do 6-7 things at the same time getting ready in the morning? That may be so, but not one of the 6-7 things that you did really had your full attention. You may be a super multitasker yourself and thus, during the experiment, kept trying to think of ways to accomplish the impossible task, not willing to give into the obvious and admit defeat.

Simply put, it doesn't matter how great of a multitasker you think you are, you know, if you are truly honest with yourself, that it is virtually impossible to actively do/serve two things at once. And this especially applies to God and mammon (money/worldly possessions).

So, where does that leave us? It leaves us with a huge decision. We can either disconnect from God and be connected to the world, or we can disconnect from the world, and connect to God. We have to choose one; we can't do both. Whether you know it or not, all of us have already chosen which master we are going to serve, and if we want to know which master that is,

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 31	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Nov 1	Sister Friends @ Norris Dam
Nov 3	Silver Saints
Nov 6	Sister Friends
Nov 24	Thanks-Singing

SINGING + FINGERFOODS

Tonight is our monthly song service and time of fellowship following. Please bring a dish to share with the church family and enjoy a time of singing together in worship!

SISTER FRIENDS

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.

On Saturday, Nov 6, 2021 from 9-11am, the Sister Friends will have a Devotional & Make Christmas Ornaments. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a photograph if you would like to put a picture on your ornament. We will make a copy of the photo on the copy machine. Bring a pair of scissors if you have some. If you have supplies you would like to use to make ornaments, feel free to bring them but there will be plenty of supplies available for you to use without bringing anything. A sign up sheet is in the foyer. See Gail Sharp with any questions.

THE ELDERS CORNER

Why Do We Worship God?

"The hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him." (John 4:23). Did you catch those last words "...the Father is seeking such to worship Him"?

God doesn't need our worship, but He deeply desires it.

—Herman

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all we have to do is spend a few moments looking at where we spend most of our time, money, energy, and resources. If we spend more time advancing our careers, our hobbies, our bodies, and our happiness then we do spending time doing what's better for Him and His kingdom, we are serving mammon over God. I am not saying that it is wrong to do the above things for ourselves from time to time, for Jesus went to a few weddings in His day. However, it is wrong when we serve ourselves more than we serve Jesus.

However, Satan wants us confused. He wants us to think it is possible to get away with "straddling the fence." He wants us to think we can do worldly things and be all right with God. But the Scriptures say otherwise. Look where it got Adam and Eve (Gen 2-3), valiant King Saul (1 Kings 15:1-23), and the Rich Ruler (Luke 12:13-21). It got them nothing. And when we try to "straddle the fence" and serve two masters it gets us nothing, too (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17).

So, where does a person begin who has been serving mammon over God? Like I said above, by completely disconnecting oneself from the old task master and becoming completely connected to the true Master, Christ. The only way this can be done is by shutting off the things in our lives that are disconnecting us from God. If it is a cell phone, shut it off, and pick up the Bible. If it is music, turn it off, and sing to God. If it is your friends, job, boyfriend/girlfriend, hobby, it doesn't really matter what it is; if it causes you to be cut off from God, you need to cut it off from yourself (Matt. 5:30). And that is not going to be "a walk in the park." No, it's going to be really hard at times, almost as hard as losing a right hand or an eye. However, we can breathe easy knowing that Jesus is there supporting us all the way through it (Phil. 4:13).

We freak out when we get disconnected from the internet. Not only do we freak out, but we are willing to go through fire to get it back. Just imagine what the world would be like if we had the same passion and tenacity toward connecting with Jesus as we did every time we lost our internet connection.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Karen Yarber** has been diagnosed with kidney cancer.
- **Rachel Broadway** is recovering from a procedure for relief of her back pain.
- **Jeff Harwell** is having surgery Friday morning to remove a large kidney stone.
- **Bill, Bryan, and Tangelia Kesterson** have all been diagnosed with COVID. Bill is having an especially hard time.
- **Jacob Mowery** and **Mac Mowery** have both been diagnosed with COVID.
- **Carla Herren** has been diagnosed with COVID.
- **Thelma Shepherd** had three surgeries last week.
- **Cliff McWhorter**, a neighbor of Stump and Annette Smith, broke his hip.
- **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.
- **Watson Yarber**, Jody Yarber's father, is in heart & kidney failure. He is under hospice care.
- **Sherry Bushey** had her 9th chemo treatment last week.
- **David Byrd**, Herb Byrd's brother, was taken to the ER at Vanderbilt from Louisiana.
- **Cornell Coats**, a student at SEIBS, is in ICU battling COVID.

Continue to remember: Dudley Brewer, Harriette Brown, Zach Bullock, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Mike Chester, Ron Churchwell, Wade Colwell, Madison Gadd, John Gayne, 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.

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.

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.

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