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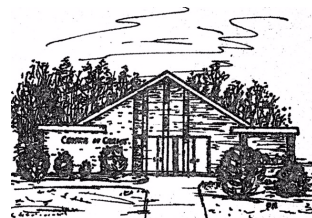
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*A friendly church with
a saving message*

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

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Serving the Congregation Nov 27, 2021

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	Garry Jones
Lord's Table:	Tim Melton	Chuck Kilpatrick

Closing Prayer:	James McCrary	Arthur Pigman
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	

Wednesday evening: Dec 1, 2021

Song Leader:	Ben Smith
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Stump Smith

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	—
Worship	82
Contribution	\$3789

Sunday PM

Worship	57
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Wednesday

Bible Study	45
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Recharge

by Clint Patterson

There is one thing I can't stand about mobile technology that rises well above all its other defects and deficiencies, and that is, the fact that if you don't have a constant power supply hooked up to your device, it will eventually die. Oh boy!!! Just thinking about a dead/dying battery drives me up the wall, because it always seems to happen when you have, not only forgotten your wall/car charger at home, but when you need your phone, tablet, or computer the most. I know you know what I am talking about; for we have all have "been there and done that." The truth is, while a dead smart device may be extremely annoying and problematic to us at times, it doesn't even begin to compare to the eternal consequences we can face if we allow our spiritual battery to die. However, before we jump right into ways we can go about recharging our spiritual batteries, we first need to find out exactly what our spiritual battery is.

Simply put, our spiritual battery is our willingness to be a devoted servant of Jesus, and just like every other battery in this world, it has to be recharged from time to time. You see, a battery is not a self-sustaining power in and of itself. That is why we must have ready accessibility to constant power because if we don't, our devices will eventually die. The same is true pertaining to our spiritual batteries. If we stay away from God and His word (our spiritual chargers) for too long, our spiritual batteries will die out, and we will cease to serve and follow Jesus.

Now, everybody and their dog, knows the many ways one can drain the life out of their physical batteries, for we all have played our favorite device for too long, texted too many messages, talked too many hours, or simply forgot to plug the device into its charger. However, I wonder how many of us know, or actually care, about the ways one can lose the charge to his/her own spiritual battery?

Christians are lights living in a world of darkness (Matt. 5:14-16). Actually, we are like flash lights. We are not the one true light, but we bring just enough light to someone in order to show them out of the domain of darkness and into the true light, Christ (Col. 1:13; 4:5-6). However, the more we battle darkness by spreading our light, the lower our charge becomes. That means, we have to go back to the original light/power supply for recharging in order to continue our mission (Eph. 4:15-16). Sometimes, physical ailments like a sickness, mental disorder, or fleshly injury, can cause our battery (our willingness to serve and follow Jesus) to run low. Other times, we can lose our charge because we are too busy living in the world, doing worldly things, instead of serving Christ (1 Tim. 6:11-ff.; 2 Tim. 2:3-4). Still, at times, we can lose our spiritual charge because we are tired physically (job, sport, family), emotionally (stress, concentration burn-out, passion fatigue), and spiritually (tired from doing the Master's

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Nov 28	Song Service/Fellowship
Nov 29	Sister Friends
Dec 4	Ladies Winter Brunch
Dec 10	Youth Holiday Gathering
Dec 14	Sister Friends

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Robin Sharp**, wife of Hubert Sharp's cousin, who passed away in Florida from COVID-19.

Our sympathy goes out to Annette Smith in the passing of her cousin, **Ray Thrasher**. His memorial service is today in middle Tennessee.

Please be praying for the family of **Kevin Plemmons**, a college friend of Joey & Susan Smith. He passed away last week after battling bone and brain cancer. He leaves behind a wife and two young children.

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Tonight is our monthly singing service with a fellowship meal to follow. We're looking forward to being back tonight and seeing you here with us!

LADIES WINTER BRUNCH

All ladies are invited to a winter brunch at 10:00am on Dec 4. Please bring a favorite brunch dish and an ornament to exchange. Drinks will be provided. Location: the Byrd home 111 Masthead Dr, Clinton, TN 37716 A handicap ramp can be easily provided if needed. The entrance has only 1 small step. Please let us know if you need assistance.

SISTER FRIENDS

The next monthly restaurant meet-up for the ladies will be Monday, Nov. 29 at 6:00pm at Mr. Wok Chinese Restaurant in South Clinton. The December restaurant meet-up will be at Lulu's Tea Room in Powell on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 11:00am.

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work, battling the Dark One). However, most of the time, our zeal to serve Jesus runs low because we, like we do with our smart devices from time to time, didn't plug into our Charger. Or in other words, we turned our back on Jesus and His word (1 Tim. 1:18-19).

So, how do we go about ensuring that our spiritual battery remains charged at all times so that we can go on serving and following Jesus no matter what? We can do this by keeping our eyes focused on Christ and on His great love for us (Col. 3:1-4; Heb. 12:1-3, 12-15; Rom. 5:8). When we find our spiritual battery growing dim, that is, our want to serve and please the Lord, let us remember Jesus' love and dedication He had for us when He walked this earth, which is the same love and dedication He continues to have for us in Heaven. It is this selfless and humble example of Christ's that we need to follow with all of our hearts, so that when we are tempted to give up, we won't (Heb. 5:7; Matt. 26:39)! Also, we can turn to the Holy Word of God for comfort, support, and most importantly, recharging when our love for God grows weak (2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-15). Not only will it give us a "pick me up" as we read over the precious promises of God, but it will also help mature and encourage us to continue on in the Way (1 Pet. 5:6-11). And lastly, in order to ensure that our spiritual battery remains charged so that our willingness to serve Jesus does not weaken and go "kaput," let us be willing to spend our day in open communication with our God (1 Thess. 5:17; Luke.18:1).

Yes, just like our earthly batteries need recharging, our spiritual batteries do as well. Actually, our spiritual batteries need it even more so, for the eternal consequences of neglecting to do so are most severe (Matt. 7:21-23). God has promised to help us overcome everything (Rom. 8:31-39). That means He can recharge any battery even if it is dead (in sin). However, we must choose to let Him! God, may we be willing to charge our spiritual batteries as much as do our earthly ones!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Henry Mason Bentley**, Richard and Laura's new grandson, is in the NICU in Texas.
- **Nicole Lancaster**, Kevin and Cheri's daughter-in-law, has been diagnosed with MS.
- **Bunny Nash** will be having surgery on her jaw Dec. 2nd.
- **Karen Yarber** has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. She will have surgery on Dec. 30.
- **Georgia Herren** has not been feeling well the last few weeks.
- **Doris Nicholson** has been diagnosed with degenerative disc disease. She will be traveling back to Florida for treatment.
- **Cliff McWhorter**, a neighbor of Stump and Annette Smith, broke his hip.
- **Linda Foy**, Anthony Foy's grandmother, is in the hospital with Stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Wade Colwell**, Karen Yarber's father, is in stage 3 kidney failure and heart failure.
- **Watson Yarber**, Jody Yarber's father, is in heart & kidney failure. He is under hospice care.
- **Sherry Bushey** continues chemo treatments.
- **David Byrd**, Herb Byrd's brother, continues to need our prayers. He is leaking spinal fluid.
- **Cornell Coats** is back in ICU but making some improvements.
- **Jean Huges**, friend of a coworker of Ben Smith, is being tested for breast cancer.
- **Jackson Igou**, a teen at the Kingston congregation, is having a very hard struggle with ulcerative colitis.
- **Thelma Shepherd** has requested our prayers.

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 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*

NEW GRANDSON

Congratulations to Richard & Laura Bentley on the birth of a grandson, **Henry Mason Bentley**, born to Mason & Amber last week. He was 3lbs, 2oz. He will continue to be in the NICU in Texas. Their address is 5337 Colonial Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75028. *If you would like to contribute money toward gift cards for food and gas for Mason & Amber, please give money to Susan Smith by Wednesday, December 1.*

SILVER SAINTS CANCELED

The December meeting of the Silver Saints has been canceled. Look forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting of the Silver Saints in 2022 in January!