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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

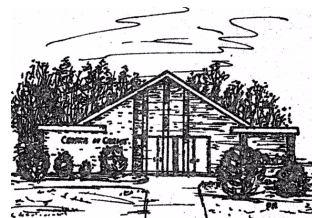
Bible Study	59
Worship	78
Contribution	\$3060

Sunday PM

Worship	37
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Wednesday

Bible Study	36
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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 Dec 19, 2021

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Arthur Pigman	Daniel McInturff
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren	Chris Cox
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Closing Prayer:	Chris Cox	Tim Melton
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	

Wednesday evening: Dec 22, 2021

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

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Greetings

By Joe Chesser

It's that time of year again when holiday greetings arrive in the mail and are shared just about everywhere we go. We see greetings extended on marquees and billboards, in front yards, and in all kinds of businesses. From just before Thanksgiving through Christmas to just after the new year, these six weeks or so are the "greetingest" time of the year. Unless you are a true grinch or a scrooge (a grumpy person who is mean-spirited and unfriendly), you just have to love this time of the year.

Christians should never be like a grinch or a scrooge ... no matter what time of year it may be. In fact, Christians should be the "greetingest" people on earth all year long.

Just glance at Romans 16. The word "greet" is used 17 times in this chapter alone. If I counted correctly, 35 specific people either received or sent greetings, and several others are mentioned as associated with these people. In addition, in his letters Paul sent his greetings to people in the churches at Corinth, Philippi, Colosse and Thessalonica, plus in writing to Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. The Hebrew writer sent greetings to all of God's people, as did James; Peter said to greet one another, and John sent greetings from himself and others (Hebrews 13:24; James 1:1; 1 Peter 5:14; 2 John 13; 3 John 14).

All of these greetings indicated a loving and personal connection with fellow believers in other places. The greetings were genuinely given simply because they shared a common connection in Christ. They were brothers and sisters, and that alone made it personal. It didn't matter that they didn't know each other's names. It didn't matter that they had never met, nor probably ever would. As John wrote, "The friends here send their greetings" (3 John 14), or as the Hebrews writer said, "Those from Italy send you their greetings" (Hebrews 13:24). To Titus Paul wrote, "Everyone with me sends you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith" (Titus 3:15). Generic? Yes. But even so we clearly sense the love they all shared with Christ ... and with each other because they "love us in the faith." "All the saints send you greetings" (Philippians 4:22). I wonder if we feel that same camaraderie with Christians in other congregations ... nearby or far away? But, when possible, the Bible also encourages us to greet each other by name (3 John 14). As noted above, it is impressive how many people in Rome alone Paul greeted by name.

These greetings indicate more than shaking hands when we see each other, more than a mere courtesy. They indicate a sharing of hearts, a friendship, a brotherhood. Perhaps that's why the New Testament letters repeatedly encourage the church to "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14). Cultural expression or not, a holy kiss represents the importance of greeting each other with hearts that are united in Christ.

How we greet each other says a lot about how we feel toward each other. Once again, our hearts are involved in our actions. Greet one another with the love of Christ.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 26 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Dec 31 New Years Eve Game Night
Feb 25-27 CYC

NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

Our annual game-playing and fellowship night to ring in the new year will be Friday, Dec. 31 here at the building starting at 7:00pm. Please bring your favorite games to play and some food to share!

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

We are excited once again to be able to attend CYC "normally" in 2022, the weekend of February 25-27. Signups will need to be quick this year, so please let Joey Smith know THIS WEEK if you are going to attend. The cost to go this year is \$75 and we need to collect that when you sign up. Tickets will not be able to be ordered until payments are made (this is different than in years past). Please see Joey Smith with any questions.

THE ELDERS CORNER

We will be soon entering the New Year of service to God. Let all of us have a great year for the Lord in 2022.

May our hearts grow in our LOVE for God, the Father, our Savior, Jesus Christ, our brothers and sisters, members of Christ's Church, and that sinner who accepted the message spoken in the church of Christ or by you personally.

The message must convict sinners, bringing them to repentance and obedience, while encouraging the saved to persevere. May we all strive to hear that message: "Enter in" at judgement to worship God for eternity.

-Dwight

The Prince of Peace

By Bill Brandstatter

Jesus was referred to in the Bible as the "Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6) What does the word "peace" mean, biblically? Was Jesus the person to end all wars and stop all conflicts? When I look at peace, I also think about the current situation in the Middle East between Israel and Palestine. Will there ever be peace in that area? Of course, religiously, I think about Jesus, the great Prince of Peace, who brought division into the religious world of His day. (Matt. 10:34) Let us look at some things that must be done in any area for peace to be achieved. These items could apply to peace in the home, country, heart, or any place where peace is desired.

First, there must be the right disposition. A person who doesn't want peace is not going to agree to anything that will promote it. Christians should surely have a disposition toward peace. Paul admonished: "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." (Rom. 12:18) A person who is always concerned about his way will never feel real peace.

Second, there must be the right desire. Obviously, this point is forever connected to the first. Christians ought to not only desire peace but to seek it and pursue it. (1 Pet. 3:11) We must pursue the avenues of peace whenever possible. (Rom. 12:18)

Third, there must be the proper design. The word "design" is used here to mean purpose. If a person just makes a show of peace to please someone, that peace will not last. The kind of peace Jesus can give is nothing like the peace the world may offer. (John 14:27) Some may seek certain avenues such as drugs, alcohol, or other illicit means in order to get peace; yet those are all the wrong avenues. A husband who stops drinking or running around just to shut up his nagging wife is doing so for the wrong reason. Peace must be for the right reason, and from the right motive.

The peace that God gives passes our understanding; (Phil. 4:7) but, in order to have this peace that passes understanding, I must be faithful to God. I must understand that my purpose in life is to glorify God. (1 Cor. 6:19, 20) God did not put me here just to enjoy life and to be comfortable. I am to serve Him. (Rom. 12:1) In doing this I can enjoy a peace that the world does not know, but that all Christians know and enjoy. (Rev. 14:13)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Bunny Nash** is recovering from extensive surgery on her jaw. She is doing as well as could be expected and does not need any visitors at this time. She hopes to come home some time this week.
- **Henry Mason Bentley**, Richard and Laura's new grandson, is in the NICU in Texas. He may need surgery to repair a hole in his heart.
- **Sarah Mefford** is now recovering at NHC.
- **Dick Deising**, Laura Bentley's brother, has been diagnosed with cancer. Tests in January will determine a course of action.
- **Nicole Lancaster**, Kevin and Cheri's daughter-in-law, has been diagnosed with MS.
- **Karen Yarber** has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. She will have surgery on Dec. 30.
- **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 now at home with Anthony and Rachel under hospice care.
- **Wade Colwell**, Karen Yarber's father, is in stage 3 kidney failure and heart failure.
- **Sherry Bushey** is in her final round of chemo treatments. These are much stronger than her initial treatments.
- **David Byrd**, Herb Byrd's brother, continues to need our prayers.
- **Cornell Coats** has been moved to a rehab facility.
- **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.
- A former coworker of Annette Smith, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- **E.T. Stamey**, a Clinton city councilman and friend of Joey Smith, had a stroke.
- Please remember the **tornado victims** in Kentucky and West Tennessee. There are various ways to contribute to the relief efforts such as Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, the Coldwater Church of Christ, and other local congregations in that area. Please see the bulletin board for more info.

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, Dick Deising, 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

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