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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

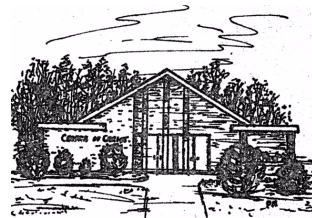
Bible Study	39
Worship	78
Contribution	\$5843

Sunday PM

Worship	55
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Wednesday

Bible Study	42
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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 Jan 9, 2022

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Clint Patterson	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Rick Caudle
Lord's Table:	Stump Smith	Joey Smith
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Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Dale Mowery
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: Jan 12, 2022

Song Leader:	Joey Smith
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Herb Byrd

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Smallest Church on Earth

By Adam Faughn

That was the way a local news report from the state of Alabama promoted a fairly interesting story. A man from near the community of Semmes, Alabama constructed a church building--complete with a steeple--that measures just 4 feet wide, 5 feet deep, and 19 feet tall (including the steeple). He built the tiny chapel on his farm and said that several couples enjoy having weddings on his farm and look forward to taking some of their wedding pictures in or around the small structure.

I do not think I would want to be one to try it out, but he claims it can "comfortably" accommodate three people. The reason he built this very odd structure is that he has a lifelong dream of holding a world record, and he hopes to get this building certified as the record-holder for the smallest church of all time.

As a person with long legs, sitting in a building that small does not appeal to me. Besides the "comfort factor," though, the story itself had my mind thinking about the church itself. Certainly, I am not thinking of the building since the church is not a brick-and-mortar structure, but about the people, since they comprise this wonderful institution.

We often speak of the need to evangelize. To be sure, there are many reasons we should be doing that great work. One reason, simply stated, is that we are commanded to (Mark 16:15-16). Beyond that, however, we should desire to teach others about the saving work of Jesus Christ and about how He came to save each individual.

When people are saved, Scripture makes it clear that God adds them to the church (Acts 2:47). That being true, should it not be the case that we want the church to grow? Again, that is not saying that we want to build a larger building; it is saying that we want more people to be saved!

But...do we really want that? And do our actions back up that claim? It is quite easy to become comfortable with things the way they are. It is even easier to be comfortable with only teaching and welcoming people who look more and more like me, instead of being welcoming and encouraging to every person--since every person needs Jesus.

When I begin to only be welcoming to people like me, though, that "circle" becomes a lot smaller. If I only want to teach and welcome people who I feel comfortable around, that can become a very small circle. In fact, that tiny chapel in Alabama might be large enough!

Instead, I need to realize that, so long as we are holding fast to Scripture, there will always be personality quirks and differences of opinion, and I must be willing to look past those things and see a soul that needs saving. People will not be saved because they look like me or because they like the same things I like or because we share a common hobby. They will only be saved if I love them enough to take them to the Bible and show them what Jesus says about salvation.

I pray that I never get to the place where I would be okay with fewer people in the church just because it makes me comfortable. Instead, may we all pray that, despite quirks, personality differences, and times of disagreement, we all desire for every person to be saved so that more people are in the church and, ultimately, in heaven together.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 15	Sister Friends
Jan 24	Sister Friends
Jan 30	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 2	Silver Saints
Feb 11	Sister Friends
Feb 25-27	CYC

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Jeff Harwell and family in the passing of his grandmother, **Maxine Goodworth**. Her funeral services were last week in Byrdstown, TN.

TORNADO RELIEF

A check for \$10,000 has been sent from the Clinton congregation to the Coldwater congregation in Murray, KY, to aid in relief efforts for the tornado victims there.

COMMUNION PREPARATION 2022

A new sign-up sheet for communion preparation in the coming year is on the table in the foyer. We will continue to use our current procedure for preparation and serving - individual kits available in the foyer.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Our CYC tickets are ordered! If you indicated that you are going, please see Joey Smith today to turn in the \$75 per attendee.

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE SINGING

West End Church of Christ: Jan. 30

YOUNG MENS SEMINAR

East Main Church of Christ: Feb. 5

GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Gatlinburg & Sevierville Churches: Feb 16-20

SISTER FRIENDS

We will resume our Sister Friends events starting Saturday, January 15, at 10am, here at the building with Amy Hamby-Scott and Melissa Dupree hosting.

Our first restaurant meet up of the new year will be Monday, Jan. 24 at 6:00pm at Harrison's Restaurant in Clinton. Please see Susan Smith with any questions. All ladies are invited and encouraged to join in the fellowship.

LADIES CLASS

Brenda Patterson has begun teaching a ladies class on Wednesday evenings beginning this week on the topic of "Proverbs." All ladies are invited to come join in and participate. If you've not been coming to Wednesday night Bible study, now would be a great opportunity to start!

BUDGET UPDATES

Our weekly target to meet our budget has been increased to \$3,000. The entire congregation is to be commended for its generosity in giving. We are in the beginning stages of exploring an expansion of our facilities here, particularly a larger fellowship area. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

The Good, Great, Glorious God

By Edd Sterchi

When I think on God
All the things I should,
I readily see
That God is good.

When I speak of God,
And His awesome state,
I am proclaiming
That God is great.

When I dwell with God,
Fulfilling Christ's story,
My life of joy shows
That God is glory.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Karen Yarber** will now have surgery on January 27.
- **Jane Ann Vann** had successful surgery for severe blockage in both carotid arteries.
- **Lillie Mefford** has COVID. Her symptoms are mild but she is anxious about the diagnosis.
- **The Crider family** is recovering from COVID.
- **Gail Sharp** has been sick at home.
- **Sherry Bushey** is undergoing her final four chemo treatments.
- **Nancy Mitchell** has been sick at home.
- **Henry Mason Bentley**, Richard and Laura's new grandson, is making great improvements.
- **Laura Bentley** broke a bone in her foot and will be in a boot for several weeks.
- **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.
- **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.
- **David Byrd**, Herb Byrd's brother, continues to need our prayers.
- **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.
- **Kevin & Cheri Lancaster** are traveling to Texas to assist in moving Cheri's mother.
- **Larry Phillips**, brother-in-law of one of Stump Smith's former employees, has cancer.
- **Garry Jones** will be traveling to Belize to look at a new mission work opportunity there.

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, Steve Higginbotham, Gladys Moore, Glen Morgan, Larry Phillips, David Pippen, 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.

Please silence your cell phones during worship and Bible study.

Thanks!