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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

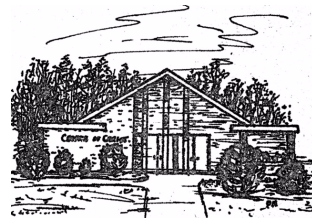
Bible Study	45
Worship	75
Contribution	\$3182

Sunday PM

Worship	35
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Wednesday

Bible Study	37
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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 16, 2022

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Chuck Kilpatrick	Herb Byrd
Lord's Table:	Stump Smith	James McCrary

Closing Prayer:	Chris Cox	Dwight Nicholson
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	

Wednesday evening: Jan 19, 2022

Song Leader:	Joey Smith
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Herman Herren

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Singing with the Understanding: 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Neal Pollard

I love the poetry and melody of the William Tappan hymn, "'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow." It is also so rich with meaning, but inasmuch as it was written 191 years ago it is possible that its wording gives younger worshippers, new Christians, non-Christian visitors, and a good many of the rest of us difficulty with comprehension. Good worship requires not only proper actions, but mental engagement and a heart-connection with the lyrics.

The first verse begins, "'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow." Some may have no idea what that means. The song is about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was arrested and ultimately led to the cross. Tappan seems particularly influenced by Luke's account of the events. While scripture does not single out the hour of midnight, it does indicate Jesus was there at night (see Lk. 22:56, 66; cf. Jn. 18:3; Mt. 26:31, 34; etc.). Luke 22:39 indicates the garden's location as the Mount of Olives. "Brow" would be a poetic, late Middle English word for the top of a hill. The phrase, "The star is dimmed that lately shown" would simply reinforce the idea of darkness and the anxiety such would add to Jesus' suffering.

The second verse is pretty self-explanatory, though it might help some to remember that the phrase, "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 19:26; 20:2; 21:7,20) appears to be a humble term the apostle John uses to describe himself in his gospel. "Heeds not" simply means "does not hear"; he had fallen asleep with the rest of Jesus' inner circle of disciples (Mk. 14:37).

The third verse is also straightforward, though we have another allusion to Luke's gospel, with "the Man of Sorrows weeps in blood." Luke 22:44 tells us that Jesus, "being in agony" was "praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood...." The second line of this verse speaks of Jesus' kneeling in anguish, which Luke cites in the last part of Luke 22:44, saying Christ was "falling down upon the ground."

The last verse might cause some trouble, especially without consulting the footnote found under the song in the "Praise for the Lord" songbook. "'Tis midnight, and from ether plains is borne the song that angels know," is, for many, incomprehensible. "Ether plains," as explained in the book, is a poetic way to reference "upper regions" or "heaven." The song seems to allude to that part of the garden experience where "an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him" (Lk. 22:43). While this verse of the song seems to strain the meaning of Luke's words, it is a beautiful thought that angels or even the Father sang to comfort the suffering Son (cf. Heb. 5:7).

We should take the time to understand the words of the songs we sing in worship to God. This keeps worship from being merely external, without heart, and a disconnection. Perhaps, too, it serves as a notice that we should explain the meaning of older songs, especially those couched in language we do not use today. It should also awaken the awareness that we need to incorporate songs in worship that are more contemporary in language and melody along with these beautiful, older songs.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 22	Sister Friends
Jan 24	Sister Friends
Jan 30	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 2	Silver Saints
Feb 11	Sister Friends
Feb 25-27	CYC

To our members and visitors - Welcome to Clinton!

We are glad you're here!

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.

SISTER FRIENDS

Last week's Sister Friends meeting was has been moved to Saturday, Jan. 22 at 10:00am here at the church building. Hostesses are Melissa Dupree and Amy Hamby-Scott.

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.

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 ELDERS CORNER

Do you know how blessed the Clinton congregation is? Think about it. We have men who are capable and willing to give lessons - sometimes on very short notice. We have many people capable and willing to teach classes. We have many men who are capable and willing to lead singing. Doris and I have been in congregations that had one songleader and one or two others besides the preacher who could give lessons or teach adult classes.

For the reasons stated above and many others, we should thank God every day for our congregation and pray that He continues to bless it.

-Dwight

2022 CALENDAR

Our annual congregational calendar is now posted on a bulletin board in the lobby. You can take advantage of this resource as you plan your own activities for the year and pencil in all the "happenings" here at the Clinton church.

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

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: April 24-27

Please silence your cell phones during worship and Bible study.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- A large number of our members have been diagnosed with COVID or have been sick with cold or flu-like symptoms: **Elle McInturff, Lillie Mefford, Annette Smith, Cathy Glenn, Millard and Paul Adkins, Richard and Laura Bentley, Rick, Kathy, and Jason Caudle, Glen and Gloria Morgan, Yvonne Kilpatrick**
- **Beth Jennings**, Brenda Jennings daughter-in-law, has COVID.
- **Josh Fowler and Kim Burkhalter**, grandchildren of Janella Melton in Florida, have COVID.
- **Micheal Olsen** will have surgery on January 23 at Vanderbilt.
- **Karen Yarber** will have surgery on January 27.
- **Jane Ann Vann** had successful surgery for severe blockage in both carotid arteries.
- **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 now home.
- **Dick Deising**, Laura Bentley's brother, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **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 him 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.
- **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** has traveled to Belize to look at a new mission work opportunity there.
- **Kayla Jackson**, a friend of Resa Marie Byrd, lost her mother in an accident last March and is struggling.
- **Hannah Carr**, stepsister of Suzanne McKnight, passed away last week.

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.