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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

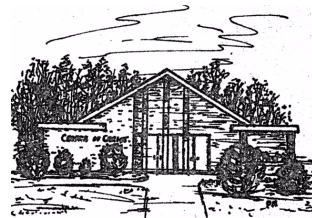
Bible Study	25
Worship	45
Contribution	\$2157

Sunday PM

Worship	—
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Wednesday

Bible Study	22
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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 23, 2022

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Clint Patterson	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Kevin Lancaster	Dale Mowery

Closing Prayer:	Glen Morgan	Jody Yarber
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	

Wednesday evening: Jan 26, 2022

Song Leader:	Tim Melton
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Herb Byrd

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Uzzah and the Ark

Jon Galloway

The Ark of the Covenant had been captured when Samuel was a boy. Although the Philistines returned it to Israel, it ended up staying in the home of Abinadab near Kiriath-jearim. David was concerned at the beginning of his reign as King over Israel that he have access to the Ark of God. He said, "Let's move the ark of our God back here, for we did not seek his will throughout Saul's reign" (1 Chronicles 13:3 NET). It is a sad statement on Saul's reign that the Ark was not consulted to discover what God wanted of him as king at any point during his forty years reign.

To bring the ark to Jerusalem, David's new capital, he had a new cart built to carry it. They loaded the Ark onto the new cart and the procession started out. "Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart. They brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab on the hill. Ahio was walking in front of the ark, while David and all Israel were energetically celebrating before the Lord, singing and playing various stringed instruments, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals" (2 Samuel 6:3-5). It had to have been a grand parade!

But there was a problem. It was how they were transporting the Ark of the Covenant. In Numbers 4 God gave instructions as to how the Israelites were to transport the Tabernacle and all of its furnishings including the Ark. They were to cover the Ark with the screening curtain, a cover of goatskin (or leather), and over it was to be a blue cloth. The Ark was then to be carried with poles that were kept in the rings on its four corners. It was to be carried by Levites from the sons of Kohath. It was vital that they not touch the Ark: the penalty was death (all of this information can be found in Numbers 4 and Exodus 25).

As they set out in the procession, with the Ark riding in the back of the cart, the oxen stumbled. Uzzah, apparently fearful that the Ark would fall out, put out his hand to steady it. "The Lord was so furious with Uzzah, he killed him on the spot for his negligence. He died right there beside the ark of God" (2 Samuel 6:7).

It would seem that some sort of poles were in place when they lifted the Ark onto the cart because no one died then for touching it. But they were transporting the Ark in a cart without the sons of Kohath. The problem was they were not following what God had commanded. We don't know if they had consulted God's law, the Torah, to determine how to transport the Ark. If they had not, we might argue that they didn't know. But the problem was that God had still given commands with penalties attached. Whether they had consulted the law did not negate God's command.

Isn't this a lesson for us? Sometimes we like to think that ignorance is an excuse. But ignorance of the laws of our country is not a valid defense in court, nor is ignorance of what God has said an excuse for us. God wants us to obey him.

This is why God gave us his word: so we can know what he wants of us. Ignorance of God's word didn't save Uzzah and it won't save anyone today. May we spend time each day with God's word so that we know what he wants of us.

CLINTON CALENDAR

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!

WELCOME

We welcome Andrew Young as our speaker this morning. It is always wonderful to be with Andrew and Hannah and their family.

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

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.

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.

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Sarah Tanner on the birth of a baby boy, **Kai Kang Tanner**. He was born on January 20 and was 4lbs 11oz and 19 inches long. He arrived four weeks early but is doing well.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Steve Smith, Bunny Nash's son-in-law, in the passing of his mother **Wilma Smith**. Funeral services were yesterday.

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.

Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Ashley McInturff** is recovering from COVID.
- **Gretchen Nelson** has been diagnosed with COVID.
- **Resa Marie Byrd** has been diagnosed with COVID. She has been very sick.
- **Tim Northcutt**, Ouita Northcutt's son, has a tumor on the pituitary gland that will require surgery.
- **Cindy Jones** has been sick this week.
- **Clint Patterson** has been feeling ill this weekend.
- **Micheal Olsen** will have surgery on January 23 at Vanderbilt.
- **Karen Yarber** will have surgery on January 27.
- **Sherry Bushey** continues cancer treatment. Her last white blood cell count was down to zero. Sherry is getting shots to bring the count up and back to normal so that she can have her scheduled chemo treatment on Friday.
- **Larry Phillips**, brother-in-law of one of Stump Smith's former employees, has cancer.
- **Kayla Jackson**, a friend of Resa Marie Byrd, lost her mother in an accident last March and is struggling.
- **Lindsay Stanley**, Parker Stanley's daughter, will be traveling extensively and needs our prayers for safety.
- **Adam Dunning**, a friend of Herb and Resa Byrd, has a rare form of cancer of the nervous system. He has a wife and two small children. The necessary treatments will be rigorous.
- **David Pharr** is dealing with heart issues and will have a procedure soon.
- Please remember all of our **members** and **friends** who have recovered or are recovering from COVID.

Continue to remember: Dudley Brewer, Harriette Brown, Zach Bullock, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, David Byrd, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Mike Chester, Ron Churchwell, Wade Colwell, Linda Foy, Madison Gadd, John Gayne, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Jackson Igou, Nicole Lancaster, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Ouita Northcutt, Michael Olsen, Britni Pflieger and family, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, E.T. Stamey, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron

Cancer Treatment: Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Sherry Bushey, Bill Campbell, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Dick Deising, Adam Dunning, Michael Ford, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huges, Gladys Moore, Glen Morgan, Larry Phillips, David Phippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, 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.