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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

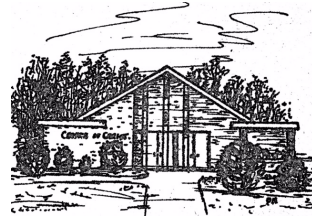
Bible Study	51
Worship	79
Contribution	\$6688

Sunday PM

Worship	49
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Wednesday

Bible Study	32
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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 2, 2022

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Rick Caudle
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	Arthur Pigman
Lord's Table:	Chris Cox	Tim Melton
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Closing Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Daniel McInturff
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Jan 5, 2022

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

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Don't Judge a Book By It's Cover

Clint Patterson

Some of the best advice I heard growing up was the saying, "Don't judge a book by its cover." This statement originally was applied to a literal book that seemed tattered and torn on the outside but was delightfully interesting on the inside. This now mostly applies to people; that is, the person who doesn't look ideal on the outside but is wonderful on the inside. The statement is intended to keep people from judging others before getting to know them personally, like actually reading the book and not drawing a conclusion based on the title or physical appearance of the book. While it is safe to say we have all heard the saying, I wonder how many people actually "do" what the saying suggests.

It seems that most of us want the outside of things to look better than the inside. We do this because the outside is what people see first, and for some strange reason, we think that if the outside looks good, then the inside must look good as well. That could not be further from the truth.

Saul, the first king of Israel, was a man who was handsome, tall, and mighty in war (1 Sam. 9:2). The people were extremely excited and pleased with God's choice in selecting the king (1 Sam 10:23-24). However, what they did not see in Saul was his faithless, disobedient spirit that dwelled inside of him. That is, his heart did not completely belong to God. Not only did Saul disobey God in the end of his torturous reign, but his rebellious spirit led him to end his own life on the battle field (1 Sam 15: 22, 23; 31:5-6). It is safe to say that Saul's inside was not as good as his outside (1 Sam 13: 14).

David, on the other hand, had a heart that was much like God's (1 Sam. 13:13-14; Acts 13:22). God wanted David as king, and the people did not. God looked on the inside of man, and the people, including Samuel, looked at the outside. You remember when David was anointed as King (1 Sam. 16:5-13). Samuel thought all the other sons of Jesse should have been king over the little, young shepherd boy who was out in the field with the stinky sheep. However, David was exactly what God wanted, for he, while not being as tall or as handsome as Saul, had a heart and spirit that was completely given to God. It is safe to say, David's inside outshined his outside.

Since God, thankfully, doesn't judge man based, solely, on the conditions of the outside, we shouldn't do that to others either. Let's take the proper time needed before we make a judgment about something. For remember, we may end up choosing a Saul, over a David.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 5 Silver Saints
Jan 24 Sister Friends
Jan 30 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 25-27 CYC

SILVER SAINTS

The Silver Saints will meet this Wednesday at 10:00am for their monthly gathering. We will be folding the latest issue of the India newsletter. Everyone is invited to come, silver or not!

TORNADO RELIEF

A total of \$8,220 was contributed towards the tornado victims in Kentucky & West Tennessee. The elders will be sending that along with additional funds from the treasury soon.

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.

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

Please silence your cell phones during worship and Bible study.

Thanks!

THE ELDERS CORNER

We Have No Piano - Why?

We have no command from the Lord or His apostles to use instruments of music in Christian worship. We can read in the Scripture of Christians in assembly singing from their hearts praises to God (Acts 16:25, Ephesians 5:18, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 13:15, James 5:13). Singing is a divine practice seen clearly in the Scripture.

-Herman

SISTER FRIENDS

The first Sister Friends 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 will begin 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!

Two days ago, my yard was covered with three inches of snow. Now the only part remaining is the snowman in the front yard. Why the snow man? Because it was packed tightly--that's the lesson. Unless we get packed tightly into a congregation, we will melt away to this world's temptations. Make it your goal this year to not only go to church but to be involved in church. It will keep you from melting away.

—Mark Ray
Benton church of Christ

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Jane Ann Vann** has severe blockage in both carotid arteries that will require surgery. The first surgery on the first artery will be January 23.
- **Allie Jennings**, Brenda Jennings' granddaughter, had a heart ablation last week.
- **Dale Mowery** is recovering from COVID.
- **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 six 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.
- **Karen Yarber** was unable to have her scheduled surgery last week.
- **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.
- **Janella Melton's cousin** in West Virginia passed away.
- **Kevin & Cheri Lancaster** are traveling to Texas to assist in moving Cheri's mother.

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, 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.

**** *Happy New Year!* ****