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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

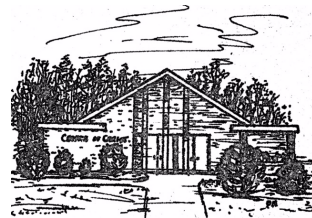
Bible Study	49
Worship	68
Contribution	\$3007

Sunday PM

Worship	33
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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 Mar 20, 2022

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Kevin Lancaster
Opening Prayer:	Chuck Kilpatrick	Arthur Pigman
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren	Joshua Moorey

Closing Prayer:	Daniel McInturff	Clint Patterson
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	

Wednesday evening: Mar 23, 2022

Song Leader:	Tim Melton
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Stump Smith

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How the Church Can Prosper Today

By Brian Mitchell

As has been said before "sometimes to get to where we want to be, we need to remember where we came from." This, I think, is especially true in striving to be the kind of church that God wants us to be. To figure out what God expects of us as His people, and how we can be successful at meeting God's expectations it can be very beneficial for us to go back to the beginning of the church. So that we can find out: what kind of people the early Christians were, what kind of activities they busied themselves with and how they were successful at meeting the challenges of Christianity.

To answer these questions, we must go back to the NT book of Acts. It is there in Acts ch.2 that we read of the establishment of the Church on the Day of Pentecost, just as had been prophesied by the OT prophets. While there are many things that we could say about the beginning of the church, 2 things in particular stand out as being especially relevant to the topic under consideration today—How the Church can prosper today. The Church was established through the preaching of the gospel. The Church grew because people with honest hearts, who were seeking the truth, obeyed the gospel. When it comes to the growth of the church today, these are two factors which can easily be duplicated by faithful Christians and those seeking the truth.

With the combination of these two factors, the Church experienced an explosive beginning and tremendous early growth. Wayne Jackson reports in His commentary on Acts "that by the close of the first century there were approximately 100,000 Christians in the city of Rome alone." This is a staggering statistic, but it leads me to a conclusion that I have long held. If we will be as faithful in fulfilling our duties, as the 1st century Christians were in theirs, then we will once again begin to see the kind of growth that they did.

Is the Church as prosperous today, as she clearly was in the beginning? How do we know? Material things cannot be the standard by which we measure the progress of the church—Rev. 3:15:17. Neither can success be measured by the opinions of humans, for they are unreliable at best—Rev.3:1. So how do we know if we are striving or dying? We can measure ourselves against the successes and failures of the early church.

To do that we need simply to go back to the book of Acts and examine the early disciples of Christ, and how being Christians changed their lives, and as a result of living their faith, changed the world in which they lived. While we certainly have a large cultural gap between Jerusalem in the first century and the world in which we live today. I am convinced that if we will strive to reproduce some of the essential factors critical for a growing and thriving church to exist, then I believe that we can be every bit as successful today in winning this world to Christ, as they were nearly 2,000 years ago.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 21	Sister Friends
Mar 26	Sister Friends
Mar 27	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 3	Picture Day
Apr 6	Silver Saints
Apr 10	Sister Friends
Apr 16	Egg Hunt

PICTURE DAY

It is past time to update our picture board at the back of the auditorium! We will take updated pictures of everyone on Sunday, April 3 before and after both morning and evening services. Please see Joey Smith that day in Classroom 7 (Ben Smith's middle school room).

EGG HUNT

Our spring egg hunt for the kids will be at the home of Russell and Lauren McElroy on Saturday, April 16 starting at 11:00am. Please park at the church building and walk up the sidewalk to Washington Avenue. All ages are invited to come for the fun!

SISTER FRIENDS

The March restaurant meet-up for our ladies will be Monday, March 21 at 6:00pm at Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe in Powell.

On Saturday, March 26 at 10:00am, all ladies are invited to the home of Charlotte Pigman and Hannah Cox at 208 Beagle Lane in Clinton.

Our April meeting will be hosted by Ruth Ashworth on Sunday, April 10 after morning worship. Ruth will cater lunch; then, a Self-Defense Class for Females will begin about 1:15pm. The full course (3 hours) is \$25 or half course (1.5 hours) for a reduced fee. There will be a 15 minute break after the first 1.5 hours. Those who want to leave can do so then. Please see Ruth for information about registration. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

THE ELDERS CORNER

Today we see very bad things happening to the people of Ukraine by the Russian army of President Putin. Many deaths and distractions by the Russian army make one wonder if we are about to see a World War. No one would like to see WW III.

So far there has been the many deaths of vulnerable populations, including children who have lost their lives to the Russian attacks on Ukraine's homes, city hospitals, schools, grocery stores, etc. Things that should not be attacked in war.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:13-15. We pray that such losses not continue in Ukraine.

—Dwight

HELPING UKRAINE

The church of Christ in Sopot, Poland, is working diligently to feed and house refugees coming across the border from the Ukraine. Our sister Rebecca Nash attended this congregation while living in Poland. We have the opportunity to contribute to this work either by mail or online. Checks can be sent to:

College Church of Christ
712 E. Race St
Searcy, AR 72143

*Please be sure to earmark the funds for Dawidow/Poland/Ukraine.

Online contributions can be made on the Online Giving tab at www.collegechurchofchrist.org. Please choose from the drop-down menu "Ukraine Refugees-Dawidow."

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Mar 20-23

FOREVER HIS DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: Apr 2

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Brenda Jennings** is in need of our prayers for her health.
- **Laura Bentley** is recovering at home from foot surgery.
- **Joann Patton**, Jason Patton's mother, has been in the hospital with an infection.
- **Tivis Lute**, cousin of Gail Sharp, has gone home from the hospital. He is still in need of our prayers.
- **Lesley Mowery** will soon be undergoing surgery.
- **Barbara Wallace**, Yvonne Kilpatrick's sister who lives in Alabama, fell and broke her wrist and shattered her shoulder. She had surgery yesterday on her wrist and will go to rehab. She has fallen several times recently.
- **Micheal Olsen** will be returning to Vanderbilt soon for additional surgery.
- **Karen Yarber** went to the ER last week with a blood clot. She is now home and will meet with a surgeon next week.
- **Jerry Truitt**, Donna Truitt's husband, had a heart attack last week and surgery for stents.
- **Elijah Burt** is now on the transplant list. He could get the call any time for surgery.
- **Britni Pflieger**, Kevin and Cheri Lancaster's daughter, is now home after successful surgery.
- **Novella Vignola**, Bunny Nash's sister, is now home and doing well with in-home therapy.
- **Tim Northcutt**, Ouita Northcutt's son, had surgery on March 15 to remove a tumor on the pituitary gland.
- **Jacqueline Mantoath**, Ouita Northcutt's granddaughter, has a baby due at the end of April. She is struggling with blood pressure issues.
- **Carolyn Stanley**, Daniel McInturff's cousin and Parker Stanley's sister-in-law had a serious heart attack last week. She got to come home but is still weak.
- **Holly Jackson**, a former coworker of Ben Smith, is having health problems.

Continue to remember: Dudley Brewer, Haley Bozeman, 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, Kayla Jackson, 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, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Dick Deising, Adam Dunning, Michael Ford, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huges, Glen Morgan, Larry Phillips, David Phippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, 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.

To our members and visitors:

Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!