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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

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 Apr 24, 2022

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Herb Byrd	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Chuck Kilpatrick	Daniel McInturff
Lord's Table:	Chris Cox	Joshua Moorey

Closing Prayer:	Joshua Moorey	Glen Morgan
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: Apr 27, 2022

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

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	61
Worship	104
Contribution	\$3600

Sunday PM

Worship	36
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Wednesday

Bible Study	40
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The First Words from the Cross

By Ron Bartanen

The last words spoken by a loved one are probably the words most indelibly impressed in your mind. There is special significance to words spoken by one who realizes that life is ebbing away. There is no time for frivolous talk, and words are carefully chosen. Such also are the words of Jesus, all of which are precious to the believer, but the final words, as uttered upon the cross by the suffering Savior, serve as a unique window to His soul. They have frequently been referred to as "The Seven Words From Calvary." History records that there were thousands of Jews that had been hung upon Roman crosses for villainous deeds, but the words they spoke would not in any way resemble the words that mocking crowd would hear from Jesus' lips the day He was crucified. I wish, in these few lines, to think on Jesus' first utterance: "Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). What a contrast that must have been to the curses and hate-filled speech customarily heard on similar occasions! In that one sentence we find an invocation, a petition and an argument.

The invocation: His first utterance upon the cross was not addressed to His tormentors, or to the crowd of curious and taunting bystanders, but was a prayer, and the first word of that prayer was, "Father." He spoke neither words of condemnation, nor words entreating mercy to the multitude, but addressed the heavenly Father. Even the pain and humiliation Jesus suffered that day could not stifle His faith. If ever there had been an occasion when it would appear God's hand was no longer in control, it would have been that day as Jesus suffered the most unjust judgment ever meted out. Because it was the Father's will, Jesus endured the cross.

The Petition: He neither cried out for mercy for Himself, nor for judgment against His executioners, but plead, "Forgive them." It was the language of grace—unmerited favor toward even the worst of offenders. Until Christ, the common word was, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy," but Jesus exhibited a worthier spirit of love. Certainly while He would have had the right as the Supreme Judge to pronounce eternal woe upon all, He instead chose grace and mercy. Surely, if Jesus had not prayed such a prayer as this, as someone once observed, the earth would have opened and swallowed them all up. Instead, their lives were spared that forgiveness could be offered to them, as Peter later would plead with them: "Repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Apr 24 **Song Service/Fingerfoods**
May 10 **Sister Friends**
May 21 **Camp Clean-up Day**
May 29 **Graduate Recognition**

To our members and visitors:

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

SYMPATHY

We want to extend our sympathy to **Russell McElroy** in the sudden passing of his father, **John McElroy**. A graveside service was held on Friday.

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Please join us back here tonight for our monthly song service and fellowship meal. You'll be glad you did!

PICTURE BOARD UPDATES

We will continue to take pictures for anyone who has missed the opportunity over the last two weeks. We do want to get new photo for everyone on the board. Please see Joey Smith if you still need a picture.

LECTURESHIP PIES

We have been asked to assist with providing pies for the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies Lectureship, which begins on April 24. Pies should be dropped off here at our kitchen TODAY.

CAMP CLEAN-UP

There will be a clean-up day at Hillbrook Christian Camp on May 21. Come lend a hand if you are able!

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The Argument: "For they know not what they do." Peter would later say to many of these, "I know that through ignorance you did it" (Acts 3:17). Saul of Tarsus, an early persecutor of believers, would later obtain mercy because, as he said, "I did it ignorantly in unbelief" (1 Tim. 1:13). However, though done in ignorance, justice demanded penalty. The guilty still needed forgiveness. However, the hand of judgment was withheld from the Jewish nation for the next 40 years as they had opportunity to repent and accept Christ, until God gave them up to the Roman armies to plunder and destroy. Surely it is only because of man's ignorance that His judgment is delayed, for He is "longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9b).

GRADUATE & STUDENT RECOGNITION

We will honor our students and graduates during our Sunday evening fellowship meal on May 29. We would like to have a report or update from each of our youth. Please email or text Joey Smith with your child's accomplishments, awards, and accolades.

AREA EVENTS

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: Apr 24-27

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Karns Church of Christ: May 1, 3:00-5:00pm

**Please silence your cell phones during
worship and Bible study.**

Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Bunny Nash** is now at home under hospice care.
- **Wade Colwell** is not doing well and is in need of our prayers.
- **Terry Hicks**, Patty McKnight's daughter, has been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation and arrhythmia.
- **Joe Patton** will have an ultrasound on June 8 and an upper/lower GI on June 13.
- **Chuck Kilpatrick** is recovering from a fractured kneecap. He is very uncomfortable but is making good progress at home.
- **James Cooper**, Janella Melton's brother, is fighting for his life after an accident.
- **Kayla Harwell** broke a toe and is in a boot.
- **Georgia Herren** is now at home under a nurse's care and is doing well.
- **WT Crider** is recovering well from knee surgery. He is quite uncomfortable at night.
- **Sarah Mefford** will have heart ablation surgery at Tennova Turkey Creek on May 10.
- **Annette Smith** will have knee replacement surgery on June 13 at UT Medical Center.
- **Dale Mowery** will have knee replacement surgery on June 13 at Parkwest.
- **Brenda Jennings** is in need of our prayers for her health.
- **Eddie Jennings**, Brenda Jennings' husband, is also in need of our prayers.
- **Joann Patton**, Jason Patton's mother, continues to recover at the Waters of Clinton.
- **Jim Patton**, Jason's father, is also in need of our prayers.
- **Lesley Mowery** is making slow progress after back surgery.
- **Jerry Truitt**, Donna Truitt's husband, is recovering from a heart attack.
- **Ann Williams**, Mike Chester's sister, is in need of our prayers as she undergoes radiation.
- **Steve Simpson**, Shane Simpson's brother and friend of Melissa Dupree, is battling leukemia.
- **Jackson Igou**, who has been on our prayer list for some time, is hospitalized in Cincinnati. He is not doing well. He is scheduled to have surgery this Wednesday.

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

Cancer Treatment: Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Dick Deising, Adam Dunning, Michael Ford, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huges, Glen Morgan, Larry Phillips, David Pippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, Steve Simpson, Robert Sudderth, 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.