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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

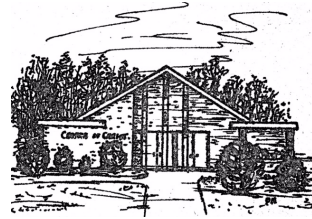
Bible Study	78
Worship	105
Contribution	\$5231

Sunday PM

Worship	57
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Wednesday

Bible Study	57
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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 - SEBS

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Dec 11, 2022

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Chris Cox	Joey Smith
Opening Prayer:	Rick Caudle	Josh Moorey
Lord's Table:	Dale Mowery	Arthur Pigman

Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Jody Yarber
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	

Wednesday evening: Dec 14, 2022

Song Leader:	Tim Melton
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Herman Herren

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A Prayer for Growth

By Jeff Arnette

I am certain that you, like myself, are praying for the growth of the Lord's church here and throughout the world. Regularly, I am praying for growth especially in the ways that the Lord wants us to grow but what is that. True growth is so much more than simply metrics like attendance numbers or contribution amounts. Real growth is growing in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). It is growing in our understanding of and imitation of Jesus (Eph. 4:15-16) in our daily lives.

We tend to think that growth is something the preacher does for the church but that couldn't be further from the truth. The preacher can be a catalyst, but real church growth begins in you and then extends to the whole church.

In Ephesians 3:14-19, the apostle Paul prayed for the growth of the Ephesian Christians. His prayer reveals much about true Christian growth. I want to challenge you to adopt Paul's view on true growth and to pray every day for the growth of this church. Notice that Paul prays for growth in four primary areas.

First in verse 16, he prays for them to be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit in their soul. This power is the power of the Holy Spirit living and working within each one of us and enabling with a power that is like dynamite inside us. We need to learn to depend on and trust in this power of God that is at our disposal.

Secondly in verse 17, I want you to notice that he prayed that Christ would dwell in their hearts. Paul knew that the Ephesians needed to not only know that Christ was within them but also being guided by it. He was praying that Christ would be their center, that he would be the focus of all that they did in this life. We too need to learn to focus on Christ and let him be the center of our life, the focal point of all that we do.

Third in verses 18-19, Paul prayed that they would be able to comprehend the truest expression of Christ love for them. He said that he needed them to be able to understand what that really looked like, what it felt like to be loved by Jesus. To understand the love of Christ for ourselves and others will, or at least it should change your life. It was what changed Paul and he knew that it would do the same for us (Acts 9). We need to focus on and learn to comprehend the truest expression of Christ love for us and others.

Lastly in verse 19, Paul prayed that they would be filled with the fullness of God. He knew that if they were filled up with God and the things of God true growth would happen. Church, the same is true for us too. If we will fill our lives, minds, and hearts with the things of God we will grow in amazing and powerful ways.

Once we grow as individual Christians and embody what it means to radiate the life and love of Jesus, shining as lights in this world (Matt. 5:14-16), then growth will happen. Will you join me in committing to praying for this church? Praying for personal, spiritual growth in each person?

To our members and visitors:

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 15	Ladies Cookie Swap
Dec 17	Youth Party/Cookie Project
Dec 18	Morning Pointe Singing
Dec 31	Game Night
Feb 24-26	CYC

MORNING POINTE SINGING

Everyone is invited to come participate in our first singing at Morning Pointe Assisted Living in Clinton next Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:00pm. We will sing hymns with them for about 30 minutes and then sing Christmas carols. Please see Arthur Pigman with any questions.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

The signup sheet for 2023 communion prep is now in the foyer. We will continue to utilize the individual cups with pickup in the foyer.

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

We want to recognize the accomplishments of our young folks on our Youth Spotlight board. Please share your updates with Laura Bentley or Joey Smith, and we'll get you on the board!

VISITATION & OUTREACH

Our weekly visitation & outreach sheets are available at the rear of the auditorium. See Arthur Pigman with questions.

STUDENT MISSION TRIP

Samuel Cox will be participating in a mission trip to California in March 2023. If you are interested in contributing funds, donations may be sent to Estes Church of Christ, % Debbie McLaughlin, PO Box 191, Henderson, TN 38340.

NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

We will have a period of fellowship with a game night on New Year's Eve here at the building starting at 6:00pm. Bring a fun dish to share and your favorite games to play!

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Betty Weaver in the passing of her son, **John**. A celebration of life will be held Jan. 8 at 3:00pm at Arlington Church of Christ.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2023 will be February 24-26 with the theme "Are You Listening?" The cost to attend this year will be \$75. Please see Joey Smith with any questions.

LADIES COOKIE SWAP

Join us for a cookie swap at the home of Laura Bentley on Thursday, December 15 at **6:30 pm**. Plan to bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookies to share. If you aren't able to bring cookies, that's ok! Please plan to come. Sign up on Facebook or on the list in foyer. More details to come!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY & COOKIE PROJECT

Our annual youth Christmas party will be here at the building on Saturday, Dec. 17 starting at 5:30pm. Everyone is asked to bring one batch of cookies for our Cookie Project for our widows and one gift for a Secret Santa exchange. Your gift should be something you made or found around the house!

SISTER FRIENDS 2023

Ladies, it is time to sign up to host the monthly Sister Friends events in 2023. The list is in the foyer or on the Ladies group on Facebook. See Susan Smith with any questions.

OUTREACH SUPPLIES NEEDED

We continue to collect supplies for the "Hands & Feet" for the homeless. If you would like to contribute items to this work, a box is in the foyer. Please see Don and Amy Scott with any questions.

Please silence your cell phones during worship & Bible class. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Jacob Mowery** is recovering from an appendectomy.
- **Dacey Humphrey** is now under hospice care.
- **Ouita Northcutt** has been diagnosed with COPD.
- **Lillie Mefford** will have a tonsillectomy on Dec. 29.
- **Annette Smith** will have her second knee replacement surgery on Jan. 11.
- **Susan Olsen** is in need of our prayers for good health.
- **Laura Bentley** will be having surgery on Dec. 21.
- **John Gayne** has been admitted to Methodist Medical Center.
- **Rick Caudle** suffered a dizzy spell and went to the hospital. He is undergoing tests.
- **Garrett Hamm**, Natasha Hamm's husband, is recovering from knee surgery.
- **Sabrina Perkins** had rotator cuff surgery on Dec. 1. Recovery will take 6 to 12 months.
- **Jason Melton** is having problems with blood pressure issues.
- **Pat Humphrey's** pathology report showed that the tumor had clear margins, but 2 out of 7 lymph nodes contained cancer. She will meet with the oncologist Dec. 19.
- **Garry Jones** has two more procedures scheduled in the near future.
- **Reba Medley**, Bonnie Chumley's mother, continues to need our prayers.
- **Melissa Weaver**, a coworker of Clint Patterson, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.
- **Nader Al-Tawabini**, a friend of Ben Smith's coworker, is having open heart surgery.
- **Nadia**, a coworker of Clint Patterson, lost her brother suddenly to a massive heart attack.
- **Rhett Wallace** will be entering a substance abuse treatment facility.
- **Stefany Nelson** will be undergoing hip surgery.
- **David Phippen**, father of Richard and Laura Bentley's daughter-in-law, found out his cancer has grown.
- **Chris**, a student of Chuck Kilpatrick, recently passed away.

Continue to remember: Dudley Brewer, Marge Brewer, Haley Bozeman, Harriette Brown, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, John Bushey, Sherry Bushey, David Byrd, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Ron Churchwell, Susan Clifton, Wade Colwell, James Cooper, John Gayne, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Jackson Igou, Holly Jackson, Brenda Jennings, Eddie Jennings, Austin Lancaster, Nicole Lancaster, Tivis Lute, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Reba Medley, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Ouita Northcutt, Susan Olsen, Denise Osborne, Jimmy & Joann Patton, Barb Peters, Britni Pflieger, Katelynn Pflieger, Kevin Pflieger, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, Ruby Thomas, Jerry Truitt, Andrew Verble, Rhett Wallace

Cancer Treatment: Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Lisa Bailey, Curtis Barnes, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Tish Clarke, Sawyer Cole, Julie Coppage, Jerry Cross, Dick Deising, Adam Dunning, Mackenzie Earle, Michael Ford, Jean Huges, Pat Humphrey, Gene Hundley, Glen Morgan, Larry Phillips, David Phippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, Steve Simpson, Robert Sudderth, Ted Wheeler, Gail Wilkinson, Anne Williams, Buddy Wilson, Donnie Woods, Mark Yarber

Shut-In: Morning Pointe - Kenneth Gossett; Norris Health & Rehab - Polly Keck; The Waters of Clinton - Dacey Humphrey

Updates to the Prayer List may be sent to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or given to Joey Smith.