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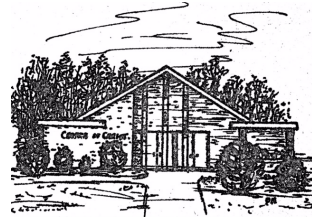
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*A friendly church with
a saving message*

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 - Australia

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation: Apr 2, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Chris Cox	Joey Smith
Opening Prayer:	WT Crider	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Arthur Pigman	Billy Fields

Closing Prayer:	Don Scott	Billy Humphrey
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	

Wednesday evening: Apr 5, 2023

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

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study 75
Worship 112
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Sunday PM

Worship 59

Wednesday

Bible Study 65

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

Stand Fast

By Edd Sterchi

According to the American Heritage Dictionary of Idioms, the phrase "stand fast" means, "to be firm or unyielding." It also reveals that: "This idiom, dating from the early 1600s, originally was applied to an army holding its territory against the enemy." The phrase "stand fast" occurs in some translations of our English Bibles, as well. Actually it is translated from the Greek word "stekos" which is defined as, "to stand firm, to persevere, to persist, to keep one's standing" (Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon).

With all this in mind, let's examine a few of the "stand fast" passages in the New Testament and notice the different ways we are to "stand fast" in holding our territory against our enemy – Satan.

* **Stand fast for the Lord.** - "...so stand fast in the Lord, beloved" (Phil. 4:1). First and foremost, we must stand for the Lord. If we don't stand for Jesus, then we stand for the world. Christ must come first in everything in our lives.

* **Stand fast in your Christianity.** - "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1). Christianity is about maturing and moving forward. Standing fast in this mindset and lifestyle keeps Satan at bay.

* **Stand fast with the brethren.** - "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ...that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27). Standing fast with the brethren in fellowship, worship, and work strengthens our ties and helps all.

* **Stand fast on the Bible.** - "Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle" (2 Thess. 2:15). We must be those who stand upon the Bible and stand by its teachings. We must learn them, live them, and defend them. This keeps us safe.

* **Stand fast through faith.** - "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13). It is only through faith and trust in God that we will do any of these. It is only by standing through thick and thin with our faith intact that we will persevere all the way to heaven.

If we always stand fast in God's ways, we will be in good standing with Him and He will make sure we stand in heaven forevermore. So Christian – stand up – stand fast – stand your ground – don't let Satan get any headway.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Apr 5	Silver Saints
Apr 6-9	Lads to Leaders
Apr 21	Youth Campfire
Apr 22	Sister Friends
Apr 30	80th Anniversary H-coming

80th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

Our 80th anniversary Homecoming is less than a month away! A fellowship meal will follow the morning services on April 30 and an early afternoon service afterwards. The lunch will be potluck, so please bring extra dishes for all of our guests!

We need YOUR help in inviting as many friends, family, and former members as possible to be with us on this day. Invite with a personal phone call, email or Facebook event invite; we also have flyers available in the foyer and on the visitation table that you can mail out.

SISTER FRIENDS

Please join the Sister Friends brunch here at the building on Saturday, April 22 at 10am, hosted by Sheila Herren, Crissy Thurman, and Rebecca Nash. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or RSVP on the Sister Friends Facebook page so we can get an accurate count for preparing the food.

We need your participation for a fun activity! Please provide two pictures of yourself as described below to Sheila or Rebecca. Original pictures will be returned. You can also email them to Sheila or Rebecca at their addresses in the directory. Please be sure to give the pictures by no later than Sunday, April 16 to give time to prepare the game. Pictures should be: 1. One childhood picture (up to age 12) and 2. One teenage picture (13 to 18 yrs). If you have any questions, ask one of the hostesses.

THE ELDERS CORNER

Let's Go Fishing

Have you ever wondered why fishing is mentioned in the four gospel accounts in the New Testament? Could it be that most people can relate to fishing in one way or another? If you've never fished in your life, you have a general idea of what fishing is all about. A person uses certain tools like hooks, lines, bait, to go into the water to catch a fish.

There is a great fishing story in Luke 5:1-11 that tells of how Jesus got into the boat with Simon Peter and said launch out into the deep and let down your net for a catch. Peter told Jesus that he had fished all night and caught nothing. Peter obeyed Jesus' command and lowered the net and the results were amazing. As Peter witnessed this catch he fell to his knees and said to Jesus, depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord. Jesus' response to Peter was both comforting and profound - do not be afraid Peter, from now on you will catch men.

May God help us that we be fully equipped with the fishing gear of truth and always be ready to troll the water of the world for lost souls. So with that, let's go fishing!

-Herman

AREA EVENTS

LADIES DAY

East Main Church of Christ: Apr 15

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Highland View Church of Christ: Apr 16

LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Nashville: Apr 6-9

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: Apr 23-26

LADIES DAY

Scarboro Church of Christ: May 6

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Kenneth Gossett** is in need of our prayers.
- **Fred Lawson**, Richard and Pat Powlus' son-in-law, was diagnosed with ALS.
- **Tonya Webber**, Sheila Herren's niece, is now home. She will have another stent put in next week.

Last Week:

- **David Pharr** has been diagnosed with liver cancer and is currently in the hospital in South Carolina. They are waiting for biopsy results to come back to determine treatment. The family requests no phone calls or visits at this time.
- **Pat Humphrey** is now home from the hospital.
- **Ouita Northcutt** is experiencing problems with back pain.
- **Greyson Byrge**, a 7th grader at Clinton Middle School, is in critical condition at Children's Hospital after suffering an accidental gunshot wound.
- **Richard Powlus** is being moved to a rehab facility in Knoxville.
- **Mark Yarber** had reconstructive surgery on his jaw. Doctors determined the cancer was stage 4 and in at least 2 lymph nodes.
- **Laura Bentley, Mason Bentley, and Amber Bentley** are all recovering from COVID.
- **Samuel Cox** is completing his mission trip to California. Thanks to all for their encouragement and support.

Shut-In:

- At home - **Derita Steele**
- Morning Pointe - **Kenneth Gossett**
- Norris Health & Rehab - **Polly Keck**
- The Waters of Clinton - **Dacey Humphrey**

Please send prayer requests and updates to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or give to Joey Smith in writing.

NEW BABY BOY

Congratulations to Jeremy and Jessica Traub and big sister Audrey on the birth of **Maverick Richard Traub** last week. He was 6lbs 12oz!

SILVER SAINTS

The Silver Saints will meet this Wednesday at 10:00am here at the building. Everyone is invited to join in as we prepare Garry's India mission newsletter for mailing.

CLINTON CHURCH T-SHIRTS

We have new Clinton church t-shirts available for \$10 each. Please see Joey Smith if you are interested in one.

T-SHIRTS FOR INDIA

Brother Garry Jones would like to raise money to purchase 200 of our Clinton church t-shirts for the children in India. The total needed to do this is \$1,700. If you would like to contribute towards this effort, please see Joey Smith.