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FOR THE RECORD

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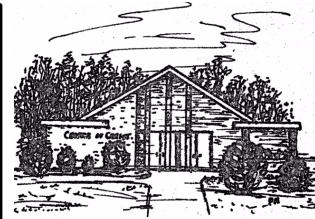
Bible Study —
Worship 120
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Sunday PM

Worship 67

Wednesday

Bible Study 60



*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: Nov 26, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Joshua Moorey	Dale Tanner
Lord's Table:	Billy Fields	Don Scott

Closing Prayer:	WT Crider	Dale Mowery
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	

Wednesday evening: Nov 29, 2023

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

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

We Must Have the Church

By Adam Faughn

In our world, we sometimes hear people who speak of how they want a relationship with Jesus, but they do not want much (if anything) to do with the church. This is not new; in fact, some of you will remember the days when the saying, "give me the Man, but not the plan," was in vogue. Still, in our day, the numbers seem to be growing of people who want some connection to Jesus but not to the church.

There may be any number of reasons they give for that. Some might say it is because Jesus is perfect, while the church, being composed of people, has so many flaws. Others, though they may not actually say it, want the Jesus of love and acceptance and not the "rules" they believe the church puts on people.

Whatever the reason, those who think that you can have Jesus without the church are sadly mistaken. For one thing, Jesus is the Head of His body, which is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23), and you simply cannot remove the Head from the body without it being ugly and deadly.

There is another reason, though, that I want to consider for a moment. It is found in a verse that many of us know and love. It is a passage that is filled with praise to God from the pen of Paul. Quite often in his writings, Paul just seemed to not be able to hold back praise to God, and words of praise just flowed from his mind onto the parchment.

As he wrote about the plan of God through Jesus, Paul wrote these beautiful words of praise: To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:21). Why would we look at that verse as we consider our subject? Notice that Paul is making it clear that the glory of God is given, yes, by Christ, but also by the church, and that is to be done until the world ends...and beyond.

It is vital for us to remember that in connection with our understanding of the importance of the church. Paul's words should help us realize that God cannot be praised as He desires unless the church is praising Him, and that is to last for as long as the world stands. Those who want to try to have a relationship with Jesus without having a connection with the church are simply unable to praise God as He has demanded.

I would hope that each one of us would have a desire to praise God to the very best of our ability. Certainly, we would each say that we fall short of being able to praise God perfectly, but we should also want to praise Him as best we possibly can. If that is true, then we must be part of the church! We must be active in the church. For it is both "in Christ" and "in the church" where God's praise is lifted to the fullest in this life.

Those who want to have a relationship with Jesus without having a connection with the church are missing out on so much. That includes their ability to praise and worship God fully. Why would anyone not want to praise Him completely?

CLINTON CALENDAR

Nov 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Dec 2	Ladies Holiday Brunch
Dec 9	Youth Holiday Party
Dec 10	Special Contribution Day
Dec 10	Herman's 90th Birthday
Dec 14	Ladies Cookie Swap
Dec 17	Special Contribution Day
Dec 11-14	Pew reupholstery
Feb 23-25	CYC trip
Mar 29-31	Lads to Leaders Convention

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Tonight is our monthly singing and fellowship meal. Hope to see everyone back tonight!

LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH

All ladies are invited to a Holiday Brunch and Ornament Exchange at the Pigman/Cox home on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10:00am. Please bring brunch food and a wrapped ornament or small Christmas decoration for the exchange game. Please see Hannah Cox with any questions.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Please join us in celebrating Herman Herren's 90th Birthday on Sunday Dec. 10 after morning worship. There is sign up sheet in the foyer for soups and chili. Please see Sheila Herren, Annette Smith, or Amy Scott with questions.

YOUTH BULLETIN

We have a new youth bulletin available today for all of our young folks. A special thanks to Caroline Smith for creating this newsletter for us!

PEW REUPHOLSTERY

Reupholstering of our pews will begin on Monday, Dec. 11 and finished on Thursday, Dec. 14. Please be aware that the entire auditorium will be closed off for this time period.

FALL QUARTER WEDNESDAY NIGHT

When Heroes Falter: Nov 29, Peter - Hypocrisy

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION DAYS

The elders have decided to set aside two Sundays, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, as special contribution days for our building expansion project. The entire contributions on both days will go towards the building fund. Please be prayerful and thoughtful about giving to this project above and beyond our usual.

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

All youth and families are invited to a Christmas gathering here at the building on Saturday, Dec. 9 starting at 4:30. We will work on our annual Cookie Project. Everyone is asked to bring one batch of cookies and one pair of silly socks for a Secret Santa exchange.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of tuna packets, fruit cups, and beanie weenies. A box for items is in the foyer.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2024 will be Feb. 23-25. The cost to attend will be \$95 per person and payment will need to be made before we can order your ticket. We will need to order tickets prior to Dec. 31. Please see Joey Smith with any questions.

LADIES COOKIE SWAP

All ladies are invited to a cookie swap at the Bentley home on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:30. Please bring 3 dozen of your cookies to swap and a container to take your cookies home.

BUILDING PROGRAM

Drawings are posted on the back wall of the auditorium for a much-needed addition to our facility and parking lot. The elders ask for your prayers and input as we embark upon this expansion to aid in our work here.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Blu Knight** will have a camera endoscopy on Wednesday to rule out Crohn's Disease. He is doing better.
- **Stacey Schulz** is in need of our prayers as she has a custody court date on Dec. 5.
- **Rachel Broadway, Millard Adkins, and Derek Payne** have been ill and are in need of our prayers.

Last Week:

- **Charlotte Spickard**, Billy Fields' grandmother, is now back home.
- **Billy Humphrey** has been recuperating at home.
- **Betty Gossett** underwent a stress test and got good results.
- **Cathy Glenn** has been sick at home.
- **Debbie Couch** is recovering from knee surgery.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Bob Foust**, neighbor to the Pattons, passed away in his yard last week. Joe Patton was the first to find him.
- To **Jenny**, a friend of Patty McKnight in Georgia, in the passing of her 20 year old son.

Shut-In:

- At home - **Betty Weaver**
- 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.

Baptism Every Fourth Sunday

By Bob Prichard

A sign outside a large church building in Birmingham announced "Baptism every fourth Sunday." I wonder what Peter or Paul would have thought about baptism offered as a kind of fourth Sunday "blue plate" special.

Consider Peter's experience. On Pentecost, he told the gathered multitude, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Then just three verses later, Luke tells us that the same day three thousand were added by being baptized for the remission of sins. Daily church growth (Acts 2:47) must have meant daily baptisms.

When Ananias came to Paul and said, "And now why tarriest thou, arise and be baptized, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16), he was baptized immediately.

As prisoners in Philippi, Paul and Silas prayed and sang at midnight, and the prisoners heard them. An earthquake shook the jail, so that the jailer planned suicide, thinking the prisoners had escaped. But after they taught the jailer and his family, they were baptized "straightway," "the same hour of the night" (Acts 16:31).

"Baptism every fourth Sunday" just doesn't sound like God's plan.