

# The Clinton Messenger



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*Setting our minds on things above, not on earthly things... -- Col 3:2*

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Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Services ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday Home Bible Study . 7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 P.M.  
Friday Breakfast Bible Study  
Breakfast ..... 9:30 A.M.  
Bible Study ..... 10:30 A.M.



**ELDERS**  
Don Ross  
Keith Carmichael

**DEACONS**  
Rick Hill - *Treasurer/Finance*  
Barry Bullock - *Benevolence*  
Kyle Adkins - *Education/Worship/Youth*

*Urgent announcements are made via email and snow closings will be posted on KCTV 5. Routine notices and events posted on Facebook and email/text...*



*Whoever does the  
will of God is my  
brother and sister  
and mother.*

Mark 3:35, NRSV

# PRAYER

Have we prayed about it as much as we have talked about it?

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much... **James 5:16**



Our Elders/Deacons                      Namikango Mission                      GV Door of Hope  
Fair Haven Children's Home   R & T Ministries                      **Court Challenges on Abortion**

**Our Nation and its Leaders**

**TRAVELING: None Known**

**MILITARY MEMBERS**                      Zachary Gunter

**Additional Prayer Needs on Bulletin Insert**

**\*\* Prayer requests can now be made and acknowledged on our church web page...**

**Welcome...** to the worship and Christian fellowship of the Clinton church of Christ. If you are visiting with us today, know that your presence is an encouragement to us. May we all be blessed of God!!

- The services today are being adjusted for special circumstances. We will follow our morning worship assembly with a "tailgate-themed" potluck dinner. We will have a praise and worship time at 12:30 PM and we will not have an assembly at the 6:00 PM hour tonight.

- The February monthly planner has been printed and is available on the table in the foyer.

- Sisters Karen Pearson and Debbie Easterly have been taking new family photos for the family board and directory. Changes in address (mailing and emailing), phone numbers should be provided by checking your information on the clipboard that is being passed around.

- Did you know we have a suggestion box in the foyer? If you have an idea or a suggestion for the church activities, leadership, or facilities, this would be the place to put it if you would like! Let's see what God can do with the Clinton congregation in 2020!

- Please remember Fair Haven needs... Detergent, Fabric Softener and Softener Sheets are being collected for Fair Haven's pantry and a box is in the foyer for you to place these items. They also can use large black trash bags, shampoo, and anti-perspirant. David Grimm will be picking up today.

- The revised bylaws are available for your receipt. They are also on the church web site.

## THOSE Serving...

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<b>Announcements</b>	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Mike Johnson	Rick Hill
<b>AM Song Leader</b>	Kyle Adkins	Barry Bullock
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Karl Austin	Nolan Rutter
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
<b>Lord's Table Lead</b>	Mark Andrews	Don Ross
<b>Lord's Table Assist</b>	Kyle Carmichael	Mike Johnson
<b>Lord's Table Assist</b>	Joshua Bullock	Wayne Nance
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	Praise & Worship	Barry Bullock
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Nolan Rutter	Don Ross
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rick Hill	Mark Andrews
<b>PM Speaker</b>		Nolan Rutter
<b>Wed. Opening Prayer</b>	Nolan Rutter	Barry Bullock
<b>Wed. Closing Prayer</b>	Don Ross	Rick Hill

- Our Friday morning breakfast bible study is reviewing "The Church of Christ in the 21st Century" and is open to any who would be able to attend. Let brother Nolan know if you would be interested in attending, we have a couple of extra study books!!

### Don't forget our Bible Study Opportunities

- Sunday morning @ 9:00 AM
- Sunday evening @ 6:00 PM
- Tuesday Home Study @ 7:00 PM
- Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:00 PM
- Friday Morning Breakfast @ 9:30 and Study @ 10:30 AM



## Is the Bible Too Hard to Understand?

Russell Haffner

I think all would agree that there is widespread religious division and confusion in our world

today. Some are saying this current situation is a result of the Bible being too hard to understand. However, it is wrong to blame God or His word (the Bible). Saying the Bible is too hard to understand is a blasphemous attack on either God's goodness or His ability to communicate to mankind. The Bible can be understood!

The Scriptures were written for our learning and understanding (Romans 15:4). In Ephesians 5:17 the apostle Paul says, "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." He told the Christians at Corinth, "For we are not writing any other things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end" (2 Corinthians 1:12-13).

Peter also wrote inspired words which were fully able to bring remembrance of the truth to the people (2 Peter 1:12-15).

John's purpose for writing was to explain what he had witnessed so it could be understood (1 John 1:1-4). His inspired words said that those who read, listened and understood the message given by Christ would be blessed (Revelation 1:3).

The young evangelist Timothy was able to understand God's Scriptures even from childhood (2 Timothy 3:14-17).

The noble Bereans were praised for searching the Scriptures to gain understanding (Acts 17:11).

Therefore, it is clear that we are able to understand God's word. We can come to the Father, learn and understand the Holy Scriptures (John 6:44-45). God never commands us to do something we cannot do. It is God's truth that will make us free (John 8:31-32) and He has provided that truth for us today in the pages of the Holy Bible. God intends for us to both understand and obey His word.

It is true that some parts of the Bible are more difficult to understand than others (2 Peter 3:15-16), but we can easily understand what we need to do to be saved and to live a faithful life. It may take more study to understand some passages, but this does not mean it is impossible to understand what God would have us to do to serve Him faithfully. We live in a time of religious error and misunderstanding of the Scriptures, but let us not blame God and His word. If we are determined and willing to study we can find and know the truth revealed in God's word (2 Timothy 2:15) and we will surely be rewarded for our efforts (Matthew 7:7-8). May God bless you as you seek to understand His words and do His will.



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