# The Clinton Messenger



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

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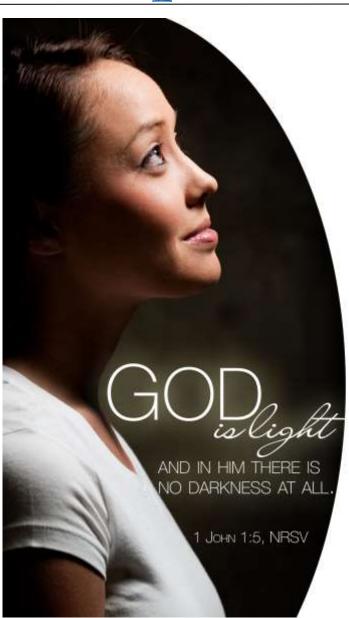


ELDERS
Don Ross
Keith Carmichael

#### **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...





Wed. Closing Prayer

**AYYER** 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!!

- We will be singing this afternoon at Truman Lake Manor in Lowry City. The residents really love having us come and the blessings are to our benefit as well as theirs. Let's truly pour on the blessings by turning out in a major way!
- We want to congratulate our sister Avery Adkins for her recognition as Summa Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA) for the first semester Honor Roll! What a tremendous accomplishment you've earned! Not to be overlooked is her selection as one of the January Students of the Month (Marketing)!
- Sisters Karen Pearson and Debbie Easterly have been taking new family photos for the family board and directory. Please check your information on the clipboard in the foyer for any changes in address (mailing and emailing), phone numbers. Please return old directory's to re-use covers...
- 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 new Fair Haven needs for April... Seven categories with specific items are posted in the foyer for your information and Fair Haven's pantry and a box is in the foyer for you to place these items.

Mark Andrews

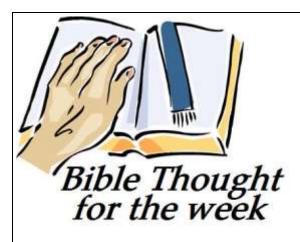
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	This Week	Next Week
Announcements	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
Scripture Reading	Rick Hill	Mike Johnson
AM Song Leader	Barry Bullock	Terry Easterly
Opening Prayer	Nolan Rutter	Mark Andrews
Closing Prayer	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
Lord's Table Lead	Don Ross	Joshua Bullock
Lord's Table Assist	Mike Johnson	Sean Langston
Lord's Table Assist	Wayne Nance	Rick Hill
PM Song Leader	Barry Bullock	Terry Easterly
Opening Prayer	Don Ross	Rick Hill
Closing Prayer	Mark Andrews	Barry Bullock
PM Speaker	Nolan Rutter	Nolan Rutter
Wed. Opening Prayer	Barry Bullock	Sean Langston

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



### **Great Is Your Reward**

Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven....(Matthew 5:12)

As I sit thinking about these words, the thought keeps running through my mind that we should be the happiest people on planet earth. There should be within us an excitement that causes our hearts to leap with joy. This earth is not our home, we are just passing through this land to a better land (Hebrews 11:13-16). I hear

Paul as he tells us, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those thinks which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"--Phil. 3:13-14. A few verses later (3:20), we are told that our citizenship is in heaven. What a journey this will be with our eyes fixed on Jesus, trusting in him every step of the journey (Heb. 12:1-2)

Just knowing that one day when we fold up this earthly tent, we will fly away to a home where joys shall never end should thrill our souls and fill our hearts with great anticipation and excitement as we move closer to that day with every passing moment of time (Psalms 90:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:1; John 14:1-3).

We must understand that everything about us in this life, everything that surrounds us is only temporary in nature, even our own lives. The life we now live is nothing more than a dressing room for eternity. We are weak, frail human beings and must diligently discipline our lives each day. It is imperative that we stand fast in the faith fervently fighting the good fight as we press onward seeking to lay hold on eternal life (1 Timothy 6:11-12; 1 Corinthians 9:27; 1 Peter 5:6-10; 1 John 2:15-17).

Considering how frail we are and the uncertainty of life should cause us to apply our hearts to wisdom leading us to seriously think about what is going to happen to us once we end this earthly sojourn (Psalms 90:12). In Colossians 4:5, Paul urges us to "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time". Again, I hear Paul as he says, "Redeeming the time because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). We live in a time in which wickedness is filling the hearts of so many people, a time in which we are constantly facing evil temptations. We must use our time wisely, being watchful for our souls lest one day we take that last feeble step and go out into eternity to face our God unprepared (2 Cor. 5:10). Our eternal destiny lies in front of us. Will it bring to us that great reward or will it bring destruction from the presence of the Lord? Each of us holds the answer in our own hands.

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## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Call to Worship Song

Scripture Reading

**Opening Prayer** 

Song Service

Communion

Song of Thanks

Offering

Song of Inspiration

Message

Song of Encouragement