

The Clinton Messenger

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 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.



ELDERS

Don Ross

Keith Carmichael

DEACONS

Rick Hill - *Treasurer/Finance*

Barry Bullock - *Benevolence*

Kyle Adkins - *Education/Worship/Youth*

Sean Langston - *Building & Grounds*

*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...*



PRAYER



REQUESTS

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

Our Nation and its Leaders

Fair Haven Children's Home

R & T Ministries

GV Door of Hope

TRAVELING

Andrews'

MILITARY MEMBERS

Gage Gunter

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!!

- Today we are having our third Sunday activities and we hope you will be able to join us for our potluck dinner following our morning worship assembly. The business meeting will follow our dinner and the day will finish up with an early assembly for worship at 1:00 PM.

- Ladies Day for the Clinton congregation is scheduled for March 30th and the ladies are working tirelessly to make this an edifying event. Sister Jane Maynard has agreed to be their speaker. Let's encourage our ladies as they prepare for this special day.

- We have scheduled Brother Joe Bright for our spring Meeting in April and he will be addressing The Growing Church. Our members are highly encouraged to make this a priority as we consider how we can serve God in the Golden Valley as His people! Put April 12, 13, 14 on your schedule for this.

- Our Friday morning breakfast bible study is examining Parables in Luke and it has been quite an exciting and uplifting study. This 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!!

- The Signup Sheet for the church sign message is posted and awaiting your decision to serve in this aspect of the church's ministry to the public. Opportunities are limited, so don't wait!!

THOSE Serving...

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Announcements	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
Scripture Reading	Barry Bullock	Terry Easterly
AM Song Leader	Terry Easterly	Keith Carmichael
Opening Prayer	Mark Andrews	Kyle Adkins
Closing Prayer	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
Lord's Table Lead	Joshua Bullock	Nolan Rutter
Lord's Table Assist	Sean Langston	Caleb Bullock
Lord's Table Assist	Rick Hill	Joshua Bullock
PM Song Leader	Terry Easterly	Keith Carmichael
Opening Prayer	Rick Hill	Don Ross
Closing Prayer	Caleb Bullock	Caleb Bullock
PM Speaker	Nolan Rutter	Nolan Rutter
Wed. Opening Prayer	Sean Langston	Don Ross
Wed. Closing Prayer	Mark Andrews	Keith Carmichael

- The new signup sheet for Hymns @ Home for 2019 is posted... do we want every month, every other month or quarterly.

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 @ 9:00 AM*



Secret Disciples

by Bill Denton

Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.
(John 18:20, NASB95)

Christianity is something which is meant to be seen. As someone has well said, "There can be no such thing as secret discipleship, for either the secrecy destroys the discipleship, or the discipleship destroys the secrecy." A man's Christianity should be perfectly visible to all men. -- William Barclay

There was something about Jesus that both enabled him to accomplish his mission in life and caused him to become a target of unbelievers. Nothing he did was in secret. He did not hide behind closed doors, he did not covertly conduct his ministry. When he taught, he did so openly. His life was on display for all to see.

It's interesting that this lack of secrecy is an essential part of discipleship. In the 'Sermon on the Mount,' Jesus said to his audience, "You are the salt of the earth. . . you are the light of the world." When he gave the great commission to his disciples he told them to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." There is something so fundamentally basic about those ideas, that it is surprising to find so many people who evidently think that it is best to be a secret disciple, to hide their faith and life that faith ought to produce.

Real discipleship means that Christ has not only saved us from our sins, but he has become Lord of our lives. It means that when we turned from sin to God, we were born again. That new birth brought a new source of life, a new purpose of life, a new standard of life, and a new meaning for life. Correctly understood, there is no way such a life can be led in secret. Yes, during times of oppression and persecution, people have sometimes found that survival meant hiding away, or at least keeping under cover the more obvious identifying marks of following Jesus. But, even at those times we find that the very secrecy itself was a burden and a shame, and that when required, those believers often died instead of maintaining a secret.

What a tragedy it is that today so many should try to hide their faith, or at least keep their Christianity under wraps. Barclay was correct when he said, "either the secrecy destroys the discipleship, or the discipleship destroys the secrecy." Too many people are being destroyed by secret discipleship. More believers must live as followers of Jesus. Young people must understand what this means. Older people, may need a reminder. You are salt. You are light. The presence of neither can be a secret. Salt. Light. When they are present, they make a difference where they exist. It is the difference between open and secret. Which disciple are you?



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