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

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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.



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	Have we prayed about it as much as we have talked about it?					
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	Our Elders/Deacons	Namikango Mission	Our Nation and its Leaders			
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REQUESTS	** Prayer requests can now	be made and acknowled	ged 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 would like to congratulate the Class of 2019 on the occasion of their graduation. Clinton commencement exercises are this afternoon at 2:00.

- Our monthly potluck is scheduled for today and will immediately follow our morning assembly. We extend an invitation to all of our member to share this meal together. Make sure not to miss it as there will be a number of 'world famous' recipes to sample!!

- The monthly men's business meeting will follow our potluck today with our evening service slated to follow with Brother Kyle speaking. The meeting will begin promptly at 12:05 to allow all necessary actions prior to a special presentation at approximately 12:45.

- The Clinton Christian Academy is scheduled to make a presentation to us today prior to our 1:00 PM assembly. We hope you can make a special effort to come and hear about their school.

- The Tuesday night home bible study at the Rutter's will be finishing their study in the next few weeks before taking the summer off. We have certainly benefited from these studies and their carryover to the Wednesday study as well.

	 Nolan and Ann are taking some time off at the end of the 	
THOSE Serving	month and this has been noted in the May planner.	

	This Week	Next Week	- Our Friday morning breakfast bible
Announcements Scripture Reading AM Song Leader Opening Prayer Closing Prayer Lord's Table Lead Lord's Table Assist Lord's Table Assist PM Song Leader Opening Prayer Closing Prayer PM Speaker	Don Ross OPEN Keith Carmichael Rick Hill Don Ross Barry Bullock Joshua Bullock Caleb Bullock Keith Carmichael Joshua Bullock Sean Langston Kyle Adkins	Don Ross Rick Hill Barry Bullock Karl Austin Don Ross Wayne Nance Kyle Adkins Caleb Bullock Barry Bullock Rick Hill Keith Carmichael Nolan Rutter	study is reviewing "Living a Life That Matters" 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 @ 9:00 AM
Wed. Opening Prayer Wed. Closing Prayer	Rick Hill Barry Bullock	Don Ross Mark Andrews	

True Religion: Separating Fact from Fiction #fakereligion



When watching television, reading the newspaper, or listening to the radio sometimes it is hard to separate fact from fiction. Of course, the only way to do this is to analyze the facts and the source to ascertain if what is said is true. **The same is true four some people's religion. Some people talk** a good talk but do they have true religion. James deals with true religion and teaches us how to separate fact from fiction in James 1:26-27.

The fictitious view of some people's religion is clearly evident by their words. There are many who believe they can be a faithful Christian and talk about others and still possess the religion of Christ. James tells us this is false religion. The Scripture says, "If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless" (James 1:26 ESV). James clearly teaches us that what we say and how we use our tongue is a direct indicator of our religion because it peers inside our souls to who we really are on the inside. This is why James tells us we

must bridle the tongue and "let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath" (James 1:19; James 3:1ff).

True religion is also evident by a person's character and actions. The Holy Spirit says, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27 NKJ). How can we know we have "true" religion in our hearts. By our willingness to "do good unto all men especially those of the household of faith" (Gal.



6:10). Do we really love our neighbor as our self (Mark 12:30ff)? Do we strive every day to make our bodies a living sacrifice to God separated from the world and holy in God's sight (Luke 9:23; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 6:17-18)?

As we think about these indicators of true religion, we must each examine our own lives and see if we have true religion or if we are just "playing church".



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