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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.

... THE GOSPEL



concerning his Son,
who was descended from
David according to the flesh...

ROMANS 1:3, NRSV



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...

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

GV Door of Hope

Fair Haven Children's Home

R & T Ministries

Abortion Court Challenges

Our Nation and its Leaders

TRAVELING: Pearson's

Ross'

Easterly's

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!!

- Today is the 3rd Sunday and we will have our monthly potluck dinner immediately following our morning assembly; the monthly business meeting will be conducted before our early service and we have a 4PM singing at Truman Lake Manor... Staying busy, but staying busy for the Lord!

- Our annual association meeting last week resulted in the appointment of directors for 2020 and approved three administrative changes to the Bylaws. Minutes of the meeting are posted in the foyer. Revised Bylaws have been printed and are available. See brother Nolan for your copy.

- Our member directory is going to be updated after the first of the year. Sisters Karen Pearson and Debbie Easterly will be taking new photos for it and the family board in the foyer.

- 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 are also in need of large black trash bags, shampoo, and anti-perspirant.

- The Tuesday night Bible study at the Rutter home is conducting a study of The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah with That the World May Know video series.

THOSE Serving...

- A thank you card has been received from Disaster Assistance Group and is posted in the foyer...

	This Week	Next Week
Announcements	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
Scripture Reading	Kyle Adkins	Sean Langston
AM Song Leader	Sean Langston	Barry Bullock
Opening Prayer	Joshua Bullock	Rick Hill
Closing Prayer	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
Lord's Table Lead	Don Ross	Kyle Carmichael
Lord's Table Assist	Rick Hill	Joshua Bullock
Lord's Table Assist	Barry Bullock	Wayne Nance
PM Song Leader	Sean Langston	Barry Bullock
Opening Prayer	Nolan Rutter	Sean Langston
Closing Prayer	Barry Bullock	OPEN
PM Speaker	Mark Andrews	Nolan Rutter
Wed. Opening Prayer	Don Ross	No Study
Wed. Closing Prayer	Mark Andrews	Christmas Day

- Our Friday morning breakfast bible study is reviewing "Living a Life That Matters - Part 2" 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

RESTORING THE RISK OF SINNING

In 1974, economist Sam Peltzman took note of, what he called, "a feed-back affect" from enhanced auto safety. Drivers wearing safety belts suffered fewer injuries than drivers who did not. But safety-belt-wearing drivers also inflicted more injuries. His conclusion? "The safer drivers felt, the more recklessly they drove." (George Will, "Up From Geniality," Newsweek, 5 September, 1994, 76.)

Theoretically, a prescription for safer drivers would be to reduce auto safety. Take away the safety belt, ABS brakes and the airbag. Restore the risks of driving. You would breed discipline, sobriety and prudence behind the wheel.

A tight rope walker might experience a similar feedback effect from practicing with a safety net. He might have a tendency to become careless and sluggish on the high wire. The safer he feels, the more recklessly he performs. Remove the safety net and restore the risks of falling. He would breed discipline in his high-wire performance.

There is often a temptation to remove the subject of hell from our theology. But hell was a real part of Jesus' "theology."

Hear Jesus: "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). And, "If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having you two feet, to be cast into hell, where the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:45, 46).

Peter grounded his instructions to Christians, in danger of becoming sluggish, in the fact of the burning day of judgment that is coming. "Since these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness" (2 Pet 3:11).

If we are going to ignore the facts about the day of the Lord in our preaching and teaching, we had better be prepared for a feedback effect. The safer unrepentant sinners feel, the more recklessly they are inclined to live. There is a time to eliminate that safety. Remove the "everything's hunky dory" feelings. Preach judgment and hell. Restore the risk of sinning. The Word will breed discipline, sobriety and prudence. Don't misunderstand me. We need to teach the security of those who are in Christ (1 John 5:13). Some who are living scared silly of going to hell need not live that way. There is safety in Jesus.

But if Peter did not deem it inappropriate to remind Christians about the risk of judgment and hell as a motivating tool toward "holy conduct and godliness," then neither should we. And those who are walking the broad way are ignorant of its destination (Matthew 7:13, 14). They have a right to know where that road is going.

- Brad Poe



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