

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...*



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

ROMANS 1:3, NRSV

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: Pat Gunter

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 revised bylaws are available for your receipt. If you need to view them, they can be found on our church web page. You must have sign on credentials to access this area. If you have any questions about this, see Brother Nolan.

- Our Wednesday assembly this week will not meet to allow you family time for the holiday...

- We are going to have a chili cookoff/supper the evening of January 1st immediately following our Wednesday assembly. Signup to make or judge chili on the signup sheet in the foyer...

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

- 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.

- The Tuesday night Bible study at the Rutter home is taking the holiday season off and will resume January 7th, 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

THOSE Serving...

- 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!!

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Announcements	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
Scripture Reading	Sean Langston	Joshua Bullock
AM Song Leader	Barry Bullock	Terry Easterly
Opening Prayer	Rick Hill	Nolan Rutter
Closing Prayer	Keith Carmichael	Keith Carmichael
Lord's Table Lead	Kyle Carmichael	Mark Andrews
Lord's Table Assist	Joshua Bullock	Barry Bullock
Lord's Table Assist	Wayne Nance	Mike Johnson
PM Song Leader	Barry Bullock	Terry Easterly
Opening Prayer	Sean Langston	Joshua Bullock
Closing Prayer	OPEN	OPEN
PM Speaker	Nolan Rutter	Nolan Rutter
Wed. Opening Prayer	No Study	Nolan Rutter
Wed. Closing Prayer	Christmas Day	Rick Hill

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

The Spirit of Christmas

by Charles Hicks

Throughout America and much of the world for that matter, December 25th will be remembered and celebrated as the birthday of Jesus. Some believe in this celebration so firmly that it is nothing short of blasphemy to question engaging in this celebration as a religious event. The birth of Jesus was a momentous event yet the men who wrote under God's inspiration are totally silent regarding designating the birth of Jesus as special day to be celebrated once a year (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Now, it is the responsibility of each individual to search out the truth through diligent study of God's word to come to their own conclusion regarding the celebration of December 25th as the birthday of Jesus. I would that all of us consider the silence of God's word on this and remember that Jude tells us to contend for the faith once delivered and Peter tells us that His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3).

It is commendable that during this time of year there is a disposition of mind among people that is wondrous. That disposition is seen in a generous spirit of giving and receiving; a bountiful spirit of forgiveness, kindness and happiness. There is also a spirit of love that is seen and felt everywhere we go. And, yes, I must say that this is a time in which people do pause momentarily to think about God and His Son. I submit to you that it is a mistake to think that the spirit of Christmas belongs only to one day, one week or one month per year. The birth, life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior of man should be part of our lives 365 days a year.

Should we enjoy this season called Christmas? I believe the answer is yes because it is a season of joy and happiness in which we can enjoy some of the greatest fellowship imaginable. It is a great holiday season, just not one of a religious observance for us. I do believe that in the mix of joy and happiness there are some deceptive traditions practiced during this season that should be given diligent thought before engaging in them.

A final thought: a lot of controversy has arisen as to whether or not we should say "Happy Holiday" instead of "Merry Christmas". The thinking is that by saying "Happy Holiday", Christ is taken out of Christmas. Considering the way Christmas is observed in a religious way with no biblical authority for doing so along with the deceptive traditions engaged in as a part of Christmas and the manner in which it has become so commercialized, I have just about come to the conclusion that Christ was put into the Christmas celebration by man not God so maybe, just maybe, "Happy Holiday" is more appropriate.

I make no effort to bind any of this writing on anyone. It is strictly one man's opinion. Call me a "Grinch", call me "Scrooge" or call me whatever you wish but please don't be angry with me. "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holliday" (whichever you prefer) to all of you. I just pray that in 2020 you will prosper, be in good health and most of all that your soul will prosper (3 John 2).

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