

The Clinton Messenger

*Devoting ourselves to one another
in brotherly love.*

-- Romans 12:10

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Sunday Bible Study9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Services6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study7:00 P.M.



ELDERS
Alva Routh
Don Ross
Keith Carmichael

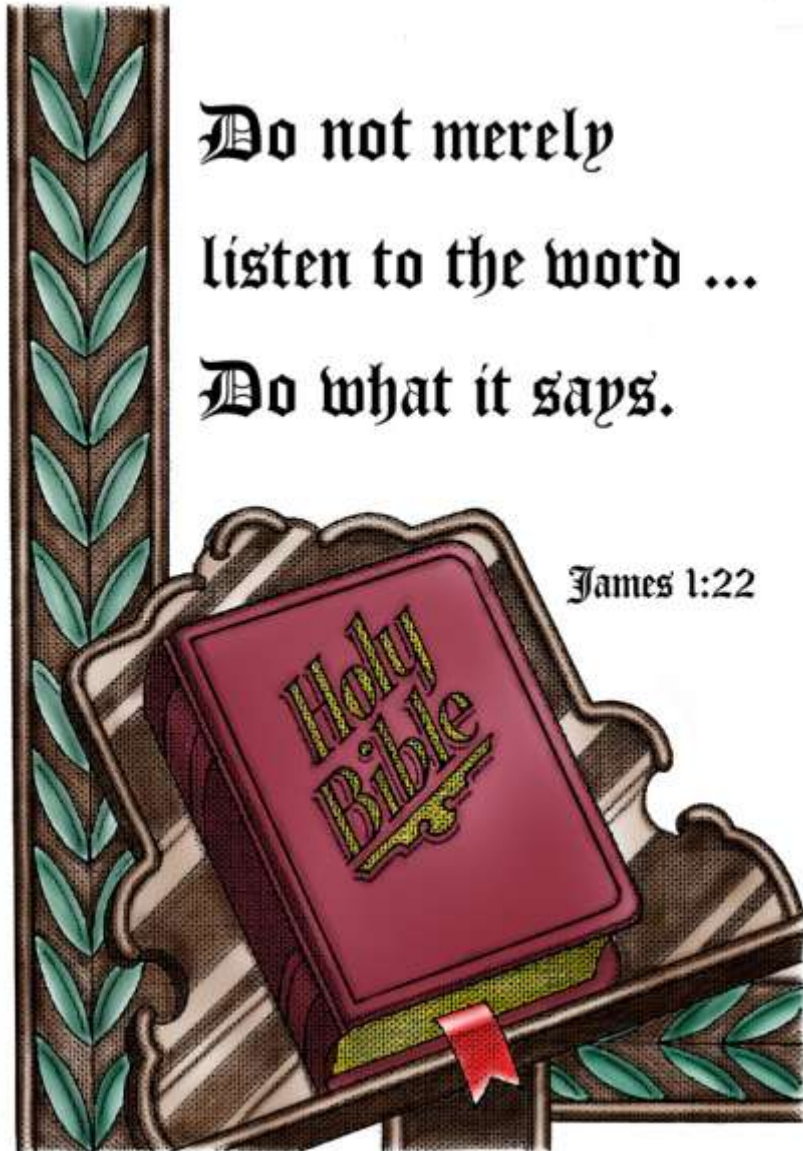
DEACONS
Glen Austin
Congregational Development
Rick Hill
Treasurer/Finance
Barry Bullock
Benevolence
Kyle Adkins
Youth/Education and Worship

Do not merely

listen to the word ...

Do what it says.

James 1:22



PRAYER

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much... James 5:16



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| Bert Williams | Jerry Pickle | Gertrude Cox | Leroy Long |
| Ashley Parmalee | Roger Nearmyer | Carol Curry | Steve Flgaras (Cancer - A. Rutter) |
| Butch Good | Beth Good | Tyler Matias | Alvino Hernandez (Liver Trans) |
| Schaelyn Blevins | Randy Burress | Jerry Little | Jerilyn Rush |
| Greg Gunter | Garth Gunter | Gary Andrews | Ed Bennink (Home from Iraq) |
| Al Tobey (R. Hill) | Dee Blevins (Burn-Improving) | | Willeen Scorgum (G Cox cousin) |
| Mike Chenier (Knee Surgery) | Preston Parmley (Paula' Grandson) | | Joshua Bullock (Shoulder) |
| Anna Palmer (Heart By-Pass) | Barbara Andrews (Heart/Stroke) | | |

REQUESTS

TRAVELLING THIS WEEK... Carmichael's and Pat Gunter

Our Elders/Deacons Namikango Mission Fair Haven Children's Home GV Door of Hope

WELCOME!! -- **The apostle Paul wrote that in Christ "all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17).** As we worship, let us remember that only Christ can hold a person, a church congregation or a nation together. We hope that you will linger after services and let us get to know you.

- Today is the 5th Sunday of August. That means our weekly offering/contribution is committed to the **parking lot loan!! Let's be just as giving today as we always are each week!**

- The Clinton Christian Academy is beginning a band program this year and is seeking instruments, either on loan or donated. If you have anything that would be useful to them, or know of someone who does, you can let them know directly or you can let Brother Nolan know.

- Baby Bottle Boomerang is a fundraiser of the Golden Valley Door of Hope for the purpose of raising funds for an ultrasound for the pregnancy center. If you want to participate, the bottles are available now. Pick one up in the foyer and sign the sheet to let us know you have one... The bottles are to be returned to the

church in four weeks, September 19th. It's up to us to help save innocent lives!

THOSE Serving...

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Announcements	Glen Austin	Keith Carmichael
AM Song Leader	Barry Bullock	Kyle Adkins
Opening Prayer	Kyle Adkins	Alva Routh
Closing Prayer	Chris Rutter	Rick Hill
Lord's Table Lead	Wayne Nance	Glen Austin
Lord's Table Assist	Kendal Carmichael	Barry Bullock
Lord's Table Assist	Karl Austin	Don Ross
In Home Communion	Not Assigned	Not Assigned
PM Song Leader	Barry Bullock	Kyle Adkins
Opening Prayer	Rick Hill	Wayne Nance
Closing Prayer	Don Ross	Barry Bullock
PM Speaker	TBD	TBD
Wed. Opening Prayer	Nolan Rutter	Joshua Bullock
Wed. Closing Prayer	Glen Austin	Alva Routh
Wed. Devotional	TBD	TBD

- The Wednesday night ladies bible study will be beginning a new study September 8th. They will be going through a study of the Christian **Woman's Self-Esteem.** The ladies are all invited to come and join in what promises to be a wonderful study!

- A missing shoe is looking for its partner. If you have lost one it may be on the table in the foyer!

- **Are you cheerful???** God's word says to those who are cheerful **"He is to sing praises"...** Now that isn't restricted to men, but applies to all. I hope to see many cheerful brothers and sister this Wednesday as we gather to sing praises!!

IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME...

It's Hard To Be Humble

By Bill Denton

"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. – Matthew 5:5 (NAS)

Humility is a worthy attitude for any disciple of Jesus. Nevertheless, unless properly regarded, humility itself may become a source of pride. – Unknown

Several years ago, Mac Davis wrote a song with the following words:

Oh Lord it's hard to be humble

When you're perfect in every way.

Of course, if one is perfect in every way, that includes humility, right? So we might expect such a perfect person to declare their perfect humility. If that sounds a bit strange, it's because it is. Even Mac Davis understood this.

Many desire to be humble. Few achieve it. It's one reason the Bible constantly insists that we work on becoming humble. Part of the problem is that we don't understand humility very well. There is a family of words associated with the idea of humble, and it would probably be a good idea to familiarize ourselves with those words. Sometimes, we use words because we find them in our favorite translation of Scripture, but they may or may not be words in common use today. If we don't use them, chances are we don't understand them deeply. So words like "humble," or "meek", don't always trigger immediate recognition.

It's one reason I like the way the New American Standard translates Matthew 5:5. You might be accustomed to reading, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." But the NAS says, "Blessed are the gentle. . . ." In today's world, the word "gentle" very possibly says something clearer than does "meek." Why? Simply because most people won't necessarily get the meaning of "meek," but they will understand "gentle."

Reading the Greek language reference books, you will discover this family of words I mentioned. "Gentle," "mild," "unassuming," "soothing," "calming," "taming," and "pleasant," are all words that belong to this family. Jesus would have been talking about a person who exhibits the qualities defined by this family of words. A "meek" person is gentle instead of rough, mild instead of harsh, unassuming instead of assuming, soothing instead of hurting, calming instead of irritating, taming instead of running wild, and pleasant instead of disagreeable. In Proverbs 15:1, the writer penned, "A gentle (soft) answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger." He was writing about the importance of practicing what might otherwise be called "meekness."

The idea is not so terribly difficult to understand, but it is not always so easy to practice. It's easy to justify less-than-meek behavior. Truthfully, when we're disturbed, "gentle" is not always the first thing on our minds.

Another part of this discussion needs a voice. A person can't really self-proclaim their own meekness or humility. If they did, they would end up sounding like Mac Davis in his song. "Lord, it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way." Once a person begins to declare their own humility, it goes sour. The humility they claim turns into pride, which ruins the humility they're trying to claim.

Wouldn't it be a good thing, however, if more of us could develop a little humility, or gentleness, or however you'd like to say it? Wouldn't you rather people be gentle with you rather than hard and abrasive? Wouldn't you rather they be soothing rather than hurting? Wouldn't you rather they be calming instead of disturbing? Pleasant instead of disagreeable? Then perhaps we'd all better get about the business of practicing the golden rule. If we want those things to come our way, let's practice them toward others.



August 29th
- 2 Corinthians 1-3
August 30th
- 2 Corinthians 4-7
August 31st
- 2 Corinthians 8-10
September 1st
- 2 Corinthians 11-13
September 2nd
- Galatians 1-3
September 3rd
- Galatians 4-6
September 4th
- Ephesians 1-3

God's Plan For Saving Man

God's Grace -- Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood -- Romans 5:9

The Holy Spirit's Gospel -- Romans 1:16

Sinner's Faith -- Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance -- Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession -- Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism -- 1 Peter 3:21

Christian's Work -- James 2:24

Christian's Hope -- Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance -- Revelation 2:10