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Clement to the Corinthians

Between 95-97 AD, a believer named Clement wrote a letter to the church at Corinth. Though there is a person named Clement in the New Testament (Philippians 4:3), we do not know very much about this particular Clement other than that he knows the Scriptures fairly well and seems to live in Rome. His letter to the church at Corinth is one of the earliest Christian writings we have other than the inspired texts of the New Testament. In his letter, he indicates that the problems that Paul had mentioned in his letter to Corinth had flared up once again. Clement is trying to get these Christians to remember the words of Jesus and of Paul so that they may live in harmony together. The text below is an excerpt from the letter which calls the Corinthians to love and unity. — Benjamin Williams

Let us, therefore, join with the innocent and righteous, for these are the elect of God. Why is there strife and angry outburst and dissension and schisms and conflict among you? Do we not have one God and one Christ and one Spirit of grace that was poured out upon us? And is there not one calling in Christ? Why do we tear and rip apart the members of Christ, and rebel against our own body, and reach such a level of insanity that we forget that we are members of one another? Remember the words of Jesus our Lord, for he said: "Woe to that person! Rather than cause one of my elect to sin, it would have been good for that one not to have been born. It would have been better for that person to have been tied to a millstone and cast into the sea, rather than pervert one of my elect." Your schism has perverted many; it has brought many to despair, plunged many into doubt, and caused all of us to sorrow. And yet your rebellion still continues!

Take up the epistle of the blessed Paul the apostle. What did he first write to you in the beginning of the gospel? Truly he wrote to you in the Spirit about himself and Cephas and Apollos, because even then you had split into factions. Yet that splitting into factions brought less sin upon you, for you were partisans of highly reputed apostles and of a man approved by them. In contrast now think about those who have perverted you and diminished the respect due your renowned love for others. It is disgraceful, dear friends, yes, utterly disgraceful and unworthy of your conduct in Christ, that it should be reported that the well-established and ancient church of the Corinthians, because of one or two persons, is rebelling against its elders. And this report has reached not only us but also those who differ from us, with the result that you heap blasphemies upon the name of the Lord because of your stupidity, and create danger for yourselves as well.

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Bruce Rothell,

MISSIONS

SECRETARY

Karen Brown

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

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Let us therefore root this out quickly, and let us fall down before the Master and pray to him with tears, so that he may be merciful and be reconciled to us, and restore us to the honorable and pure conduct that characterizes our love for others. For this is an open gate of righteousness leading to life, as it is written: "Open to me the gates of righteousness, so that I may enter through them and praise the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it." Although many gates are open, this righteous gate is the Christian gate; blessed are all those who have entered through it and who direct their path in holiness and righteousness, doing everything without confusion. ...

Let the one who has love in Christ fulfill the commandments of Christ. Who can describe the bond of God's love? Who is able to explain the majesty of its beauty? The height to which love leads is indescribable. Love unites us with God; love covers a multitude of sins; love endures all things, is patient in all things. There is nothing coarse, nothing arrogant in love. Love knows nothing of schisms, love leads no rebellions, love does everything in harmony. In love all the elect of God were made perfect; without love nothing is pleasing to God. In love the Master received us. Because of the love that he had for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, in accordance with God's will, gave his blood for us, and his flesh for our flesh, and his life for our lives.

You see, dear friends, how great and wonderful love is; its perfection is beyond description. Who is worthy to be found in it, except those whom God considers worthy? Let us therefore ask and petition his mercy, so that we may be found blameless in love, standing apart from any human factiousness. All the generations from Adam to this day have passed away, but those who by God's grace were perfected in love have a place among the godly ...

Clement, 95-97 AD (1 Clement 46.4-50.3)

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties
meetings

Sunday, September 22nd

Youth Devo (lunch will be provided)

Saturday, September 28th

Hope Harbor Open House & Fish Fry

Sunday, September 29th

This will be our 5th Sunday Fellowship meal with early evening service. **Group Hill** is responsible for set/clean up.

Special Contribution for the building fund.

Friday and Saturday, October 11th & 12th

Ladies Retreat (details coming)

Sunday, October 13th

Youth Zoo Day (bring sack lunch)

Saturday, October 26th

Fall Get Together (wiener roast)

Saturday, November 2nd

Time Changes (turn clocks backward)

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Our sympathy goes out to the Pulliam and Wadkins families after the passing of Sheryl Burrus (daughter of Sonny & Marilyn Pulliam and mother of Jennifer Wadkins). Her services were this past Friday.
- Eddie Whitchurch had a CT scan; we hope his test results come out good.
- Stephanie White will have a series of nerve block treatments; we hope this will give her relief from the pain she has been suffering with.
- Michael Brown is doing well after his surgery; we are waiting on test results to see if he will need chemo treatments or just watch his monthly test results closely to see if the cancer has spread. They are concerned because of the size of the tumor (bigger and a softball, a little smaller than an football). Thank you for all your prayers - we ask that you please continue them.
- Jacob Anderson had his tonsils and adenoids removed, he is also having breathing problems. We hope all is well. (Anderson family are former members).
- Dolores Scherman (former member) will have back surgery on Sept 24th.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Leola Harmon (stroke); Jean Lovett (cancer); Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Eddie Morgan (cancer); Jennifer Dunn (thyroid cancer); Linda Patterson (stroke); Rita Chalakee (lung cancer); Beverly Wooley (shoulder surgery); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Ron Wilson; Jenna Sullivan.

YOUTH DEVO

There is a Youth Devo after services this morning. Lunch will be provided. For any questions see Matt Caldwell.

HOPE HARBOR

You are invited to Hope Harbor's annual Open House and Fish fry on Saturday, Sept 28th. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more details.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Sunday, Sept 29th is a 5th Sunday and we will have our Special Contribution for the Building Fund. You may be asking haven't we reached our goal for the building fund? There are always unexpected expenses that come up, or it can be used to reduce how much money we will need to borrow. This is only if you feel you have the funds available. The collection plate will be passed twice; the second will be for the building fund. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to any of the elders.

CELEBRATE

We will be celebrating Bob and Betty Simons' 60th Wedding Anniversary (it was Sept 16th) during our Fellowship Meal on Sept 29th. A cake will be ordered and a basket will be set out for any cards. Congratulations to Bob & Betty!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Sunday, Sept 29th is a 5th Sunday and we will have our **Noon** Fellowship Meal. Group Hill is responsible for setting up and cleaning up. Also, we will have our evening service moved up to 1:00.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jean Brown, Sept 23	Mary Watson, Oct 1	Tonya & Tony Davidson, Oct 6
Mackayla Bullinger, Sept 25	Ryan Edwards, Oct 1	Bobby Hill, Oct 6
Ryan & Darla Edwards, Sept 25	Rosalie O'Neal, Oct 2	Marisa Wadkins, Oct 7
Jerrad Treat, Sept 27	Jennifer Wadkins, Oct 3	Nick & Steph White, Oct 7
Kay Robinson, Sept 29	Renee Whitchurch, Oct 6	

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	110
Sunday AM Worship	158
Sunday PM Worship	97
Wednesday Bible Classes	78

Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$4,041.50
Budget	\$4,041.00
Over Budget	\$3,474.61
Building Fund	\$433,194.53

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Carl Burrus
Closing Prayer	Mike O'Neal
Scripture Reading	Matt Hamilton
Lord's Table	Doyle Tuggle Carl Burrus Steve Rucquoy Bob Simmons

Ushers

Jack Lierly
Wes Wadkins

Greeter

Ryan McCafferty

Lock Building

Bruce Rothell; Bob Simmons

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Randy Brown
Opening Prayer	Jeff Bullinger
Closing Prayer	Michael Brown
Lord's Table	Doyle Tuggle Carl Burrus

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer	Keith Riggs
Closing Prayer	James Hamilton
Song Leader	Matt Caldwell

Communion Preparation

9/1	Marcia Riggs
9/8	Shirley Hood
9/15	Earline Lierly
9/22	Cathy Burcham
9/29	Rita Risley
10/6	Marilyn Pulliam
10/13	Steph Bullinger
10/20	Janice O'Shields
10/27	Shirley Hill

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, December 8th
3:30 pm

EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

9/22	Ecc 4-6; Ps 77; John 19
9/23	Ecc 7-9; Ps 78:1-39; Jn 20-21
9/24	Ecc 10-12; Ps 78:40-72; Act 1
9/25	Song 1-4; Ps 79; Acts 2
9/26	Song 5-8; Ps 80; Acts 3
9/27	Isa 1; Ps 81; Acts 4
9/28	Isa 2-4; Ps 82; Acts 5



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OF THE LORD'S WAY®

*These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily... (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Search Programs:

Sept 22 - Forgiveness
Sept 29 - What Grace Teaches
Oct 6 - God's Plan for Marriage
Oct 13 - Love and Respect
Oct 20 - Overcoming Hurts

Sunday Morning Sermon

Jesus, the Seen
John 20:28-29

Sunday Evening Adult Class

Series: How to Study the Bible
Benjamin J. Williams