

# CLINTON TORCH

*Share God's Love*

**JANUARY 2010**

*Through Service*

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**The Annual Meeting of the Clinton Church of Christ will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January during the Sunday School Hour at 9:30 a.m. It is at our Annual Meeting that we choose our leadership for the New year. The Bible gives us a view of the type of person who should be a leader in the local church. Please read these qualifications before you come to the meeting from I Timothy 3:1-16. Then after you read them let me give you a paraphrase of those verses from Mark Scott, a professor at Ozark Christian College.**

## **Interpretive Paraphrase (I Timothy 3:1-16)**

Mark Scott

1) This is a faithful saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he has an intense longing for an excellent work. 2) Therefore, it is of divine necessity—and in the will of God—for the overseer to be morally consistent; this would include being one wife's husband, clearheaded, self-controlled, well-balanced, one who has an open house to all, and one who can teach the content of the gospel. 3) He is not to be enamored with wine, not inclined to fight, but considerate, peaceable, and not a materialist. 4) He must give appropriate compassionate leadership to his own family, while having children in submission with all respect. 5) Indeed, if anyone does not know how to give compassionate leadership to his own family, how will he be totally responsible for the Church of God? 6) He must be someone who has proven himself so that he will not be deluded into conceit and fall into the condemnation which the devil receives. 7) Now it is also a divine necessity for him to have a good witness among the non-Christians so that he might not fall into the disgrace and snare which the devil puts forward.

8) In the same manner of divine necessity deacons must be as worthy of respect as divinity, not double-tongued, not holding on to much wine, not fond of money made by under-the-counter methods, 9) but holding on to the revealed secret of Christianity in a clean conscience. 10) Let these men be tested and approved first, and then let them serve as deacons by being blameless.

11) In the same manner of divine necessity, women—whether they are wives of these men or not—must be as worthy of respect as divinity, not double-tongued, clearheaded, and faithful in all things.

12) Let each deacon be one wife's husband, giving compassionate leadership to his children and his household in an excellent manner, 13) because after having served excellently as a deacon, they are obtaining an excellent rank and a great boldness in the faith in Christ Jesus.

*Note: We see that these individuals are not perfect, but are ones whose characters are unimpeachable, ones whose habits are self-controlled, ones who lives are well ordered and disciplined, ones whose compassionate leadership is evident in home and church life, ones who are mature enough to not be deluded and ones who are evangelistic enough in witness that Satan trembles.*

14) I write these things to you, eagerly expecting to come to you soon, 15) but it's possible that I might be delayed so I want you to already know how it is divinely necessary to behave in the community of the living

God, the pedestal and the foundation of the truth. 16) The unanimous conviction of Christians is that the revealed secret of our godly faith is: Jesus appeared on the human scene in flesh and blood, he was declared righteous when the Holy Spirit came upon him at his baptism and vindicated him at his resurrection, he was seen by the angels as he experienced temptation in the wilderness and throughout his ministry, he was preached about among the ethnic groups of the world, he was believed on by those peoples, and he went back to God in glory.

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**Sermons for January 2010:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Glimpses of a Glorious Crowd'  
Revelation 7:9-17**
- 10<sup>th</sup> 'The Seventh Seal'  
Revelation 8:1-5**
- 17<sup>th</sup> 'Let the Trumpets Blow'  
Revelation 8:6-13**
- 24<sup>th</sup> 'It's the End of the World as we know It'  
Revelation 9:1-12**
- 31<sup>st</sup> 'The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Sounds'  
Revelation 9:12-21**

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***CCC Book Club***

*The CCC Book Club's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the home of Bill and Loetta Holton. Bring a book that you have been reading or an old favorite and join in the fun!!*

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**CIY Youth Trip**

The youth are planning a trip to CIY (Christ in Youth) in February, Vera and Peg will be sharing more information about this.

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The schedule for Greeters for 2010 and the Kitchen Committee for 2010 is included in this Torch. If you are on the lists, please remember to do your ministry. If you do not want to or change a date, please tell Peggy in the office to change things.

A Sample Ballot for the upcoming annual Meeting is also included in this Torch as well as a copy of the proposed budget for your reviewing before the meeting. Any questions, call the office or talk to someone in leadership.

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**JANURY BIRTHDAYS:**

2 – Marlynn Meyermann  
3 – Dan Hogan  
4 – Dee Goodridge  
7 – Brenna Drury  
9 – Steve Banker  
11 – Inez Hull  
14 – David Boyd  
14 – Brenda Merritt  
16 – Timothy Dawson  
18 – Rita Reed  
18 – Stacy Stuhldryer  
23 – Karen Claussen  
23 – Linda Proud  
28 – Ed Shockey  
28 – James Crowe  
29 – Lilli Hall  
30 – Bill B. Barber

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

2 – John & Laura Dawson  
13 – Kevin & Barb McBride  
25 – Ray & June Schumacher

**JAN. KITCHEN COMMITTEE:**

Jenny Green  
Linda Shockey  
Kathy Boyd  
Beth Brandt  
Joy Payne

**GREETERS FOR JANUARY:**

3 – Bob & Alice Fulton, Jean Rouse  
10 – Phil & Mary Holt, Matt & Carmen  
Johnson  
17 – Carol & Paul Behrens, LaRonna & Doug  
Heppner  
24 – Don & Lilli Hall, Vera Niles, Carli Remrey  
31 – Caroline Nelson, Burt & Louise Melvin

**NOTICE NOTICE****Women's Fellowship.**

January 14<sup>th</sup> will be our next Women's Fellowship meeting, we will be revealing our Secret sis names and get new names. Shall we go out to eat on that date? Let Peggy know what you want to do so she can get it on the notifier as well as in the bulletin. As you may have all learned by now we lost our money we have been collecting the last few months when the church was broken into and the office robbed. We had \$84.75 in our Women's Fund. The petty cash money (approx. \$25. was also taken and the deaf class had \$30 in offering money also taken. Luckily we didn't have any more cash on hand in the office, but that teaches us that the office is not a safe place either, even tho it was under lock and key or hidden away.

**IN HIS SERVICE – January 2010**

**8:15 a.m. service:**

**Devotions**                      **No service at 8:15 a.m. until March 2010**

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**10:30 a.m. service:**

**Devotions:**    **Jan. 3** - Todd Burkhart  
                  **Jan 10.** – Ken Merritt  
                  **Jan. 17** - Matt Johnson  
                  **Jan. 24** - Mike Wolf  
                  **Jan. 31** – Ken Greeley

**Shut-in communion:**

Ken Merritt  
Todd Burkhart  
Mike Wolf  
Matt Johnson  
Paul Reed

If you cannot serve anytime, please find someone to take your place.

Ken Greeley does communion to hospitals and nursing homes.

**Communion & Offering Servers:**

**Jan. 3** – P. Kibler, T. Manning, D. Heppner, E. Green, M. Oestreich, M. Johnson, D. Teachout, E. Krebs

**Jan. 10** – J. Covert, G. Tubbs, M. Johnson, S. Burmeister, B. Holton, M. Wolf, K. Merritt, E. Krebs

**Jan. 17**– E.Green, D. Heppner, Rex Brandt, K. Merritt, P. Kibler, G. Tubbs, M. Oestreich, T. Manning

**Jan. 24** - M. Wolf, G. Tubbs, Bill Holton, T. Thiessen, J. Covert, J. Faulkner, S.Burmeister, E. Green

**Jan. 31** –K. Clarke, E. Krebs, Rex Brandt, D. Heppner, M. Oestreich, M. Wolf, K. Merritt, B. Holton

**Elders:** Paul Reed, Todd Burkhart, Mike Wolf

**Deacons:** Matt Johnson, Ken Merritt, Dale Teachout, Eldo Krebs, Gary Tubbs, S. Burmeister.

**Achievement in Figures: Budget is \$2382.83week**

	<b><u>Gen. Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Design.</u></b>	<b><u>Attend</u></b>
<b>Nov. 29</b>	\$1490.68	\$1162.50	28/96
<b>Dec. 6</b>	\$2232.15	\$67.00	129
<b>Dec. 13</b>	\$1653.58	\$835.00	109
<b>Dec. 20</b>	\$1559.00	\$381.00	113
<b>Dec. 24 Christmas Eve</b>			84
<b>Dec. 27</b>	\$1119.00	\$00	95

We had a very good Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, thank you all who participated or came to enjoy.

***Missions Committee***

*The Missions Committee met on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Joy and Loetta reported on the National Missionary Convention they attended in November, they had a lot of pictures with a lot of the missionary booths they visited. They will share these pictures on our bulletin boards. They had quite an enlightening day and wished we all could attend one of the conventions sometime. The one next year will be in Lexington, KY. Ken Greeley, Bill and Loetta Holton, Joy Payne and friend Lisa Thomas went to this one.*

*Loetta will be ordering some plastic Missions Bags that we can start collecting something in to be sent to some Mission of our choice. More information about this later. Also Peggy has ordered 75 baby bottles for the congregation to start saving their coins for the Pregnancy Center which will be in February, so everyone start savings those coins. We did this a few years ago.*

# January 2010

## Monthly Planner

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## **GREETERS 2010**

**Greeters are needed in the foyer (entrance to auditorium), at the double doors(street side) in the auditorium and/or side door by kitchen. Please be ready to greet by 10:10a.m. Ask someone to take your place if you are not able to greet on your designated day. Thank you!**

### **JANUARY 2010**

- 3 - Bob & Alice Fulton, Jean Rouse
- 10 - Phil & Mary Holt, Matt & Carmen Johnson
- 17 - Carol & Paul Behrens, LaRonna & Doug Heppner
- 24 - Don & Lilli Hall, Vera Niles, Carli Remrey
- 31 - Caroline Nelson, Burt & Louise Melvin

### **FEBRUARY 2010**

- 7 - Ed & Linda Shockey, Mike & Margaret Wolf
- 14 - Kathy Boyd, Ken & Monica Clarke
- 21 - Ray & Helen Jorgensen, Michele & Steve Banker
- 28 - Todd & Robin Burkhart, Joy Payne

### **MARCH 2010**

- 7 - Donna Faulkner & Jorge Faulkner
- 14 - Ryan & Shawna Kent, Jack & Betty Covert
- 21 - Margaret Heck, Kerry Widener
- 28 - Becky Niles, Molly Thiessen

### **APRIL 2010**

- 4 - Bill & Loetta Holton
- 11 - Rita & Jim Reggelsen, Lisa & Mike Suessmith
- 18 - Ed & Jenny Green, Eldo & Peggy Krebs
- 25 - LaRonna & Doug Heppner, Kerry & Doug Heppner

### **MAY 2010**

- 2 - Linda Johnson, Gen Sager, Sharon Johnson
- 9 - Bernice Sander, Joan Sander, Tom Manning
- 16 - Bob & Alice Fulton, John & Laura Dawson
- 23 - Ray & June Schumacher, Caroline Nelson
- 30 - Ken & Monica Clarke

### **JUNE 2010**

- 6 - Lola Clary, Beth & Rex Brandt
- 13 - Matt & Carmen Johnson, Burt & Louise Melvin
- 20 - Connie Vegter, Anna Richards
- 27 - Polly Teachout, Karen & Dale Teachout

### **JULY 2010**

- 4 - Bill & Loetta Holton, Vera Niles
- 11 - Emma & Loren Simpson, Deb Leonard
- 18 - Ray & Helen Jorgensen
- 25 - Donna Faulkner, Jorge Faulkner

### **AUGUST 2010**

- 1 - Margaret Heck, Arlene Murphy
- 8 - Jerry & Sandy Martin, Bill B.Barber
- 15 - Paul Kibler, Gen Sager, Sharon Johnson
- 22 - Don & Dee Goodridge, Lola Clary
- 29 - Maurice & Shirley Oestreich,

### **SEPTEMBER 2010**

- 5 - Bernice Sander, Joan Sander, Joy Payne
- 12 - Phil & Mary Holt,
- 19 - Roy Hume, Bill May, Kathy Hansen
- 26 - Anna Richards, Connie Vegter

**If you are not on this greeters list and would like to help out in this ministry, please call the office and let us know. If you are on the list and would not like to greet, also please let us know.**

**If you want to wear a nametag, get one in the office.**

### **OCTOBER 2010**

- 3 - Tom Manning, Cheyenne & Madison Johnson
- 10 - Bob & Lois Onderbeke, Tracia & Matt Lesniewski
- 17 - Eldo & Peggy Krebs, Ellen Shepler
- 24 - Ken & Judy Merritt
- 31 - Rex & Beth Brandt

### **NOVEMBER 2010**

- 7 - Paul & Rita Reed, Anita & Bob Smith
- 14 - Ray & June Schumacher, Vera Niles
- 21 - Paul & Carol Behrens
- 28 - Don & Lilli Hall, Joy & Lynn Payne

### **DECEMBER 2010**

- 5 - Barb McBride, Ed & Linda Shockey
- 12 - Bill & Loetta Holton, Ed & Jenny Green
- 19 - Jack & Betty Covert, Ryan & Shawna Kent
- 26 - Carly Green, Andy Green, Becky Niles

**Official Ballot----Sample for Torch**

**Clinton Church of Christ**  
**210 No 13<sup>th</sup> St., Clinton, IA 52732**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

After prayerfully considering the candidates and the budget, circle yes or no.

**Elder:**

Todd Burkhart	3 years	Yes	No
Mike Wolf	3 years	Yes	No
Bill Holton	1 year	Yes	No

If elected, these men would join Paul Reed in the Eldership of our church.

**Deacon:**

Steve Burmeister	3 years	Yes	No
Eldo Krebs	3 years	Yes	No
Gary Tubbs	3 years	yes	No

If elected, these men would join Matt Johnson, Dale Teachout, Ken Merritt as Deacons of our church.

**Trustee:**

Bill Holton	1 year	Yes	No
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If elected, Bill would join Eldo as Trustee for our church.

<b>Budget 2010:</b>	\$127,979.28 (\$2461.14 weekly)	Yes	No
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## Proposed Budget for 2010

	A	B	C	D
1	<b><u>Line</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
2	1	Minister	\$49,306.31	\$50,785.50
3	2	Secretary/Treasurer	\$8,511.96	\$8,511.96
4	3	Financial Secretary	\$1,660.36	\$1,660.36
5	4	Custodian	\$3,347.46	\$3,347.46
6	5	<b>Sub total</b>		<b>\$64,305</b>
7	6	Youth Ministry	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
8	7	Discipleship	\$7,500.00	\$1,500.00
9	8	Benevolence		moved to Missions
10	9	Ia.Inform Referral	\$1,200.00	moved to Missions
11	10	Congregational Benevolenc	\$1,200.00	moved to Missions
12	11	Worship	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00
13	12	Custodial Supplies	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
14	13	Utilities(gas,lights,water,tele)	\$9,900.00	\$10,000.00
15	14	Building & Grounds	\$3,184.00	\$6,485.00
16	15	Notes Payable	\$8,000.00	\$7,200.00
17	16	Parsonage	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
18	17	Soc, Sec.Tax	\$3,800.00	0
19	18	Postage	\$300.00	\$500.00
20	19	Payroll Expense	\$1,030.00	\$1,200.00
21	20	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
22	21	Office Equipment	\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00
23	22	Insurance	\$5,942.00	\$6,149.00
24	23	Evangelism	\$384.00	\$1,750.00
25	24	Flowers	\$240.00	\$240.00
26	25	Funeral Expenses(food-lunch	\$150.00	\$150.00
27	26	Membership	\$600.00	\$600.00
28	27	(offering env.Mothers & Father Day gifts,potluck supplies)		
29	28	Marketing	\$300.00	\$300.00
30	29	Misc.	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
31	30	Van Expenses	\$600	\$600.00
32	31	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$114,156.00</b>	<b>\$51,374.00</b>
33	32	Missions (11 org. @ \$75.mo.	\$10,100.00	\$9,900.00
34	33	Ia. Referral		\$1,200.00
35	34	Congregational Benevolen		\$1,200.00
36	35	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$12,300.00</b>
37	36	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$124,256.09</b>	<b>\$127,979.28</b>

## KITCHEN COMMITTEE 2010

**Duties:** (1) Church fellowship (drinks), not including class parties. (2) Keep kitchen in order - dish towels washed and returned. (3) Clean both refrigerators at least once a month. (4) Clean the stoves thoroughly every month. (5) On pot-luck Sundays, make kool-aid or lemonade, turn ovens on for warming foods, set foods out before time to eat. (6) Replenish soap, etc. (7) Funerals - Church provides ham and buns; drinks (keep receipts and get reimbursed from the office).

### JANUARY

Jenny Green  
Linda Shockey  
Kathy Boyd  
Beth Brandt  
Joy Payne

### FEBRUARY

Ellen Shepler  
Jean Rouse  
Lucy Finnicum  
Kathy Hansen  
Carli Remrey

### MARCH

Carmen Johnson  
Shawna Kent  
Laura Dawson  
Barb McBride  
Jessica Hager

### APRIL

LaRonna Heppner  
Kerry Heppner  
Shirley Oestreich  
Irene Reid  
Lisa Suessmith

### MAY

Joan Sander  
Berniece Sander  
Monica Clarke  
Tracia Lesniewski  
Angie Coppess

### JUNE

Alice Fulton  
Melanie Drury  
Nicole Jefferyes  
June Schumacher  
Rita Reggelsen

### JULY

Jean Greeley  
Linda Reick  
Sandy Martin  
Rita Reed  
Lola Clary

### AUGUST

Dee Goodridge  
Connie Vegter  
Linda Proud  
Michele Banker  
Lettie Connolly

### SEPTEMBER

Vera Niles  
Lilli Hall  
Arlene Murphy  
Molly Thiessen  
Judy Merritt

### OCTOBER

Peggy Krebs  
Emma Simpson  
Linda Johnson  
Robin Burkhart  
Louise Melvin

### NOVEMBER

Kerry Widener  
Mary Holt  
Sara Connolly  
Margaret Heck  
Becky Niles

### DECEMBER

Anita Smith  
Loetta Holton  
Betty Covert  
Deb Leonard  
Lois Onderbeke

**Substitutes:** Karen Teachout, Polly Teachout, Evelyn Taylor

**If changes need to be made or help is needed, contact the office (242-1806).** Call also if your name has been omitted and you would like to help. If you are unable to work in the kitchen but want to help in this ministry you can help financially by either buying supplies or coffee, creamers, etc. If you need more help than your committee, contact the office or call on a friend. The office will try to keep the committee informed of anything coming up.