

## Clinton church of Christ

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### Evangelist:

Richard Bentley	264-0560
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### WORSHIP TIMES

<b>Sunday:</b> Bible Class	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Worship	6:00 PM

### Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00 PM
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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	50
Worship	78
Contribution	\$2045

### Sunday PM

Worship	39
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	59
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## God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the word of God (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32*)
2. Believing what is taught (*Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6*)
3. Repentance (*Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
4. Confession (*Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37*)
5. Baptism (*Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4*)
6. After the above five steps, faithful Christian living (*1 Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10*)

## The church of Christ

1. Bible is its only guide (*Romans 1:16; 1 Thess. 2:13*)
2. Wears a Biblical name (*Romans 16:16*)
3. Established at the right place (*Isaiah 2:2, 3; Acts 2*)
4. Established at the right time (*Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2*)
5. Established on the right person (*Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:36*)
6. Saved are in it (*Ephesians 5:23; Acts 2:47*)
7. Its members are enrolled in heaven (*Hebrews 12:23*)
8. Membership in it is obtained by obedience to God's commands including baptism (*Acts 2:41-47, 1 Cor. 12:13*)

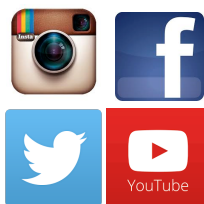
## Our Mission Works

### Garry Jones – India

The Mustard Seed Village, The Rainbow Village for Girls, & The Theophilus Bible Institute

### Scott Shanahan – Pohnpei, Micronesia

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## Serving the Congregation May 1, 2016

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jim Ashworth	Tim Nygard
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Herman Herren, Dwight Nicholson, Bob Hamby, Greg Jernigan	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Daniel McInturff	Jacob McCrary
<b>PM Table:</b>	Hubert Sharp	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dale Mowery	
<b>Usher:</b>	Jim Ashworth	

### Wednesday evening: May 4, 2016

**Song Leader:** Joey Smith  
**Invitation:** Richard Bentley  
**Announcements:** Stump Smith

May 1, 2016

# Clinton Chronicle \*\*\*

Clinton church of Christ

A friendly church with a saving message

## Herding Cats

By Stan Mitchell

Do you remember that marvelous advertisement that had a bunch of cowboys herding cats? Thousands of cats ran helter-skelter across the prairie, with those hapless men in chaps waving their hats and yelling, "Git along little kitties!"

The words "cats" and "orderly," do not usually appear in the same sentence! Cats are independent, unwilling to be trained, taught, or led. Did you ever see a cat bring in a pair of slippers? Have you ever heard of a "seeing eye cat," a "sheep cat" or a "watch cat," or one that would even acknowledge his name? A friend has the theory that all cats think their name is "Dinner time."

Our cat, as empty-headed a ball of fluff as any, would survive in the wild exactly six minutes. She is uncoachable, uncontrollable, yet dependent on us for nourishment, protection, and shelter. Not that she would acknowledge any of it, or express gratitude of any kind! I notice that every time it rains, though, our little bundle of indifference saunters in again, making herself at home on the most freshly laundered clothing!

There is a book on leading the church entitled, "Herding Cats." In churches, everyone wants to be nourished, pampered, and allowed to sleep for days on end. No one wants to be directed, corrected, or trained in righteousness. We expect and never thank, we wander all over the neighborhood yet expect attention on demand, and if the food in the old kitty dish is not the finest cuisine, we "walk" next door, or down the street requesting neighbors to give us what we want.

All of which is to say that as members of the church, we should expect more of ourselves than the average tabby. We should make the job of our elders easier, the success of our church more assured.

"Obey your leaders, and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work may be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you" (Hebrews 13:17).

If you're visiting with us today – WELCOME! – We're glad you're here!

## CLINTON CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>VBS Meeting</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Youth Trip: Knoxville Zoo</b>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>School's Out! Party</b>



### VBS MEETING

We will be meeting today at 5:30 to start planning for our VBS "The Voyage." This will be a pirate themed VBS! If you would like to help out in any way with our VBS, please come to this meeting!

### WEDDING GIFT

Mason Bentley and his fiancé, Amber Pippin, will be moving to the Dallas, TX area after the wedding, so we will not be able to have the shower as planned on June 5. We will be getting them a gift instead. If you want to contribute, please give your money to Susan Smith by Sunday, May 15.

### GRADUATION

**Noah Burt** will be graduating from Clinton High School on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm, at Thompson Boling Arena. Congratulations, Noah! We are proud of you. Please see Noah's announcement on the bulletin board in the foyer.

### THANK YOU NOTE

We received a very nice thank you note from Rick and Ruth Compton of the Karns congregation who visited with us for our Friends & Family Day. It is posted in the foyer.

### OUTREACH & VISITATION

Have you reached out to anyone lately? We are always in needs of volunteers to help. See Joey Smith to participate.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jacob Mowery on winning the American Veterans Award and Medal last week. We are very proud of you, Jacob!

### AREA-WIDE DEVOTIONALS

The 2016 schedule for area-wide youth devos is posted on the youth board in the foyer. We will host a devo here at Clinton in September.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The kids have really been enjoying our Bible Story & Art class and are learning a lot. This week's lesson will focus on **Elijah**.

One of the creations of our class is at the rear of the auditorium today – a life-size Goliath that is really 9 feet 9 inches tall! This piece of artwork was created by students Caroline, Emma, Lillie, Braxton, Isabella, Daegan, Kason, and our adult helpers Jacob, Katie, and Bethany!

### ZOO TRIP

We will visit the Knoxville Zoo on Saturday, May 21, for anyone that is interested in going.

### SCHOOL'S OUT PARTY

We will host a "School's Out Party" for our young people here at the building on June 11. All youth are invited to come kick off summer!!

*\*Please share your child's accomplishments in the bulletin! Email them to [churchofchristclinton@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com).*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Mary Gilley** is scheduled to have surgery.

**Betty Weaver** will have eye surgery on May 9.

**Millard Adkins** is dealing with heart issues and needs our prayers.

**Kelly Norton**, Jean Crowe's daughter, is having back surgery. Please pray that this surgery will be successful and relieve her pain.

**Beverly Burt**, Sherry Bushey and Carol Burt's sister, fell and broke her shoulder.

**Bryan Brown**, from the Lake City congregation, got good news last week. His lymphoma is isolated to one spot on his face.

**Joshua Stokes**, a friend of the Mowerys, will be undergoing brain tumor surgery.

**Alyne Matthews** continues to recover from a fractured vertebra.

**Belle McCoy**, a friend of Carol Burt, may be diagnosed with cancer.

**Mary Lou Ramsey**, Herman Herren's sister, had surgery last week.

**Wilma Cardwell**, a friend of Ouita Northcutt, is in the last stages of cancer.

**Dorothy Richey**, Melissa Caylor's mother, suffered a stroke.

**Norma Cooper, Sue Hale, Mary Gilley, Jimmy Redden, & Jo Rutherford** continue to be shut in and need our prayers, encouragement, calls, cards, and visits.

**Continue to remember:** Chloe Bass, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Rick Caudle, Lakhilata Chakma, Greg Cline, Don Cox, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Fran Denton, Nasha Foster, Amanda Harness' mother, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Betty McInturff, Carolyn Mitchell, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Bobbie Sue Phillips, Ron & Susan Reagan, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Cheryl Taylor, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Franklin Wharton, Steve Yearwood

**Cancer Treatment:** Ruby Durst, Gail Foust, Stanley Hash, Gary & Marilyn Jones, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber

**Shut-In:** *At home* – Mary Gilley, Sue Hale, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Norma Cooper, Jo Rutherford; *Golden Living* – Jean Dye, Jimmy Redden, Kenneth Schultz; *Cumberland Village LaFollette* – Ella Mae Burchfield; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard

Updates to the Prayer List can be sent to [churchofchristclinton@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com) or given to Joey Smith.

### AREA EVENTS.

**Scarboro church of Christ** (Oak Ridge) *Ladies Day* – Saturday, May 7 with Carolyn Baldwin Tucker. The theme is "Keep Calm; God's In Control." Registration is 9-9:45am and the program will begin at 10am. Lunch will be provided.

**Gatlinburg church of Christ** *Gospel Meeting* – May 13-15 with Jim Dearman. The theme will be "Who Is Jesus?"

Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for flyers and more information on these events