

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## Deacons:

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| Jim Ashworth     | 405-2757     |
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## Evangelist:

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| Richard Bentley | 264-0560 |
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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Bible Study  | 55     |
| Worship      | 94     |
| Contribution | \$1783 |

### Sunday PM

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Worship | 42 |
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### Wednesday

|             |    |
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| Bible Study | 47 |
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*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

## WORSHIP TIMES

### Sunday

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Bible Class | 10:00 AM |
| Worship     | 11:00 AM |
| Worship     | 6:00 PM  |

### Wednesday

|             |         |
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| Bible Class | 7:00 PM |
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## GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **Hear** the word of God (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32*)
- **Believe** what is taught (*Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6*)
- **Repent** of your sins (*Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
- **Confess** the name of Jesus (*Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37*)
- **Be Baptized** (*Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Rom 6:3, 4*)
- **Live Faithfully** (*1 Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10*)

## Our Mission Works

**Garry Jones – India**  
The Mustard Seed Village, The  
Rainbow Village for Girls, & The  
Spiritual Sword Bible Institute,  
Antioch Program

**Scott Shanahan – Pohnpei,  
Micronesia**

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## Serving the Congregation August 14, 2016

|                        | AM   | PM            |
|------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>Song Leaders:</b>   | Rick Caudle  | Jacob McCrary |
| <b>Opening Prayer:</b> | Stump Smith  | Herman Herren |
| <b>Lord's Table:</b>   | Hobert Humphrey, Greg Jernigan,<br>Dwight Nicholson, Micheal Olsen |               |
| <b>Closing Prayer:</b> | Buck Herren  | Eric Mowery   |
| <b>PM Table:</b>       | James McCrary  |               |
| <b>Announcements:</b>  | Jim Ashworth   |               |
| <b>Usher:</b>          |  |               |

## Wednesday evening: August 17, 2016

**Song Leader:** Ben Smith  
**Invitation:** Richard Bentley  
**Announcements:** Dale Mowery

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## 5 Things Elders Need To Hear Regularly

Adam Faughn

If it were not tragic, it would be funny. That is this: often, the only thing elders ever hear from the congregation is complaining. If things are going well, we just assume the elders know we appreciate it. But let things start going downhill—even just a little bit—and we have no problem talking to our shepherds.

Part of being in a position of leadership is understanding that you will hear complaints at times. It comes with the territory. But it really is tragic that too many elders *only* hear complaints, though they are striving to help people grow closer to the Lord and reach heaven.

Elders are not perfect men, but those who are in this position of leadership are worthy of our consideration and kindness. Additionally, they need to be built up through our words on a regular basis.

To that end, here are 5 things that elders need to hear from each member on a regular basis:

1. **I Pray for You.** Carrying the weight of watching over the souls of a congregation is a very heavy task, indeed. Elders need to know that members are regularly bringing their names and concerns before the throne of God.
2. **I Trust You.** Our society always leans toward distrust of anyone in any position of leadership. Yes, that bleeds over into the church. Elders need to hear that the members trust their wise judgment. Even if the elders make mistakes, their intent is not to be harmful or disruptive. They need to know that you know that!
3. **I Pray for Your Wife.** One of the hardest roles in the church is that of being the wife of an elder. When something is heavy upon the heart of her husband but, due to confidence, he cannot share that with her, it weighs on her heart and mind, as well. She needs your prayers, too, and elders need to know that the members do not treat their wives as some group of "others," but as ladies who need our prayers.
4. **I Think Our Future is Bright.** Elders are constantly hearing from people about how things "used to be." "Back when we were..." is a very common beginning to many conversations with elders. While that certainly has its place, elders need to know that you think the congregation has a bright and God-glorifying future. While they do not seek nor want the credit, it helps put wind in their sails to know that their vision of what—with God's help—could be is being shared.
5. **Thank You.** Those two words mean the world to anyone, but especially to those in positions of leadership. Long hours, heart-wrenching prayers, and sleepless nights are the parts of the work that most people do not see. All we see is the fruit of all those things. For those things we should be grateful, and that gratitude needs to be regularly expressed.

Elders hold an office that simply is unequalled in its importance. These pastors love souls, and want the church to grow in number, spirit, and unity. They understand the depth and breadth of their position, and they also know the pressures that come with it.

Just a few words, regularly and honestly spoken by the members, will help these men lighten their load and bring more joy to their lives.

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Tonight</b> | <b>Mefford/Harwell Shower</b>   |
| <b>Aug 28</b>  | <b>Song Service/Fingerfoods</b> |
| <b>Sept 4</b>  | <b>Youth Devo @ Clinton</b>     |
| <b>Sept 14</b> | <b>Silver Saints</b>            |
| <b>Sept 24</b> | <b>Clinton Ladies Day</b>       |
| <b>Oct 9</b>   | <b>Homecoming/Friends Day</b>   |
| <b>Oct 29</b>  | <b>Trunk-or-Treat</b>           |
| <b>Nov ??</b>  | <b>Clothing Giveaway</b>        |

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Diane Carden and family in the passing of sister **Norma Cooper** on Friday morning. A memorial service will be held at some point in the future. We will all miss sweet sister Norma on this earth and look forward to the great reunion in heaven that awaits us!

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Don Cox** who passed away Aug. 9. He was a friend of the Nicholsons and a member at Highland View church of Christ.

### MEFFORD/HARWELL WEDDING SHOWER

We will host a shower for **Kayla Mefford** and **Jeff Harwell** tonight after *evening* services. Kayla and Jeff are registered at Wal-Mart, Target, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

### THANK YOU

A big "thanks" to the Silver Saints who met last week and completed numerous tasks all over the building. You are always welcome to join this active and vital part of the congregation - every second Wednesday of the month.

### BULLETIN UPDATES

If you have updates to the prayer list or the bulletin, and do not use email, please be sure to give your updates to Joey Smith on Wednesday evenings.

### VBS T-SHIRTS

We received an initial shipment of VBS t-shirts. Check with Joey to see if your size is available. If it is not, we will be placing a second order.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our Wednesday night Kids' Bible Story & Art Class this week will focus on **The Last Supper**. This class is a fun way to learn for all ages - join us!

### AREA-WIDE DEVOTIONAL

The Scarborough congregation in Oak Ridge will host an area-wide devotional for youth today at 4:00. If you would like to go, please see Joey this morning.

We will host an area-wide devotional for youth here at Clinton on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4 starting at 4:00pm. Please mark your calendars and plan on being here. We will need help serving food following the get-together.

### CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

We plan to have a clothing giveaway this fall. Please bring your clothing items to the building and drop them off in the kitchen. We will publish a date for the giveaway at a later time.

### FALL IS COMING

The autumn season will be here before you know it. Let's all be making plans to be involved with our upcoming fall events:

- Youth Devo @ Clinton - Sept 4
- Ladies Day - Sept 24
- Friends & Family Day and Homecoming - Oct 9
- Trunk-or-Treat - Oct 29
- Clothing Giveaway - Nov ???

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rachel Broadway** will have knee replacement surgery Aug. 18 at ParkWest Hospital.  
**Kyle Jennings**, brother-in-law of Brenda Jennings, was injured while using a skill saw and then suffered a heart attack.

**Leon Owen**, a friend of Daegan, suffered a broken hand.

**Tiffany Vann**, friend of Annette Smith, is in need of our prayers as she deals with cancer.

**Rimikay Bachelor**, infant grandchild of a friend of Stump and Annette Smith, will have open heart surgery soon.

**Laura Bentley** was feeling ill Wednesday and was unable to be with us.

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

**Continue to remember:** Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, John Crowthorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Nasha Foster, Amanda Harness' mother, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Betty McInturff, Carolyn Mitchell, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Mary Lou Ramsey, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Cheryl Taylor, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood

**Cancer Treatment:** Ruby Durst, Gail Foust, Kim Gill, Stanley Hash, Gary & Marilyn Jones, Belle McCoy, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber, Jack Stearsman, Joshua Stokes

**Shut-In:** *At home* – Mary Gilley, Sue Hale, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *Golden Living* – Jean Dye, Jimmy Redden; *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** Area-Wide Youth Devo - Aug 14

**Livingston church of Christ** Gospel Meeting - Aug 14-18

**Tazewell church of Christ** Breakfast Meeting - Aug 18

**Polishing the Pulpit** in Sevierville - Aug 19-25

**West End church of Christ** Ladies Inspiration Day - Aug 27

**Central church of Christ - Johnson City** Mountain Empire Men's Fellowship - Aug 27

**Sneedville church of Christ** Area-Wide Singing - Aug 28

**Tazewell church of Christ** Gospel Meeting & Building Dedication - Sept 1-4

**Jamestown church of Christ** Ladies Day - Sept 3