

# Clinton Church of Christ

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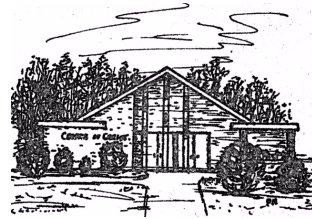
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## FOR THE RECORD

<b>Sunday AM</b>	
Bible Study	72
Worship	101
Contribution	\$2846
<b>Sunday PM</b>	
Worship	45
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bible Study	54



*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

## WORSHIP TIMES

**Sunday**  
Bible Class 10:00 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
Bible Class 7:00 PM

## GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **Hear** the Gospel (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32-34, 1 Cor. 15:1-2*)
- **Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (*John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6*)
- **Repent** of your sins (*Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
- **Confess** faith in Jesus Christ (*Romans 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32*)
- **Be Baptized** (*immersed*) for forgiveness of your sins (*Acts 2:38; John 3:5; Rom 6:3, 4*)
- **Live Faithfully** (*2 Peter 1:10-11; 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 – Italy**



## Serving the Congregation Aug 25, 2019

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Ben Smith	Singing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bradley Crider	Dwight Nicholson
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Tim Melton, Eric Mowery, Micheal Olsen, John Bushey	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Herb Byrd	Clint Patterson
<b>PM Table:</b>	Tim Nygard	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren	
<b>Usher:</b>	Dale Mowery	

## Wednesday evening: Aug 28, 2019

**Song Leader:** Dale Mowery  
**Invitation:** Richard Bentley  
**Announcements:** Herman Herren

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# Clinton Chronicle

## Are You Faithful?

By Caleb J. Rutherford

A used car dealer said to a potential customer: "This one has very low mileage. The former owner drove it only when he could get it started." The church of Christ at First Century Sardis had some members who were like that. All cleaned up and looking good on the outside, but hard to get started. Saying all the right things at church. Showing up on Sunday and singing the songs and praying the prayers and eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Looking alive and well.

And not only that, but the congregation as a whole had a widespread and good reputation. Jesus referred to this in Revelation 3:1 where He said of the saints at Sardis: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead." This group of Christians had all the appearances of being a vigorous, flourishing church.

Brethren in other places had talked about how sound and faithful they were. Perhaps her elders and preachers were invited from time to time to speak at workshops or lectureships to tell about all the wonderful things that were going on. But it's hard to fake Jesus out. After all, He is the One with eyes like a flame of fire that see right through all the shallow pretenses and superficial put-on's and spiritual games people play (Revelation 1:14b; 2:18b).

Did you catch Jesus' divine diagnosis of this congregation: Actually, it is not a diagnosis but an announcement of death - YOU ARE DEAD. A dead church. Still going through the motions -but they were already dead. Like the old preacher who said of the man whose funeral he was performing: "The deceased has been a member of this church for thirty-five years." In Revelation 3:2-6, Jesus seeks to perform a spiritual "CPR" on this congregation as He calls them to watch, hold fast, and repent. But wait a minute. Unlike some human critics of the church, Jesus is not content simply to condemn and see the negative. Revelation 3:4 reveals there were some unnamed and unsung heroes in the church at Sardis: "You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy."

All my life as a Christian, I have listened to preachers and members of the church talk about "the faithful few." Some preachers and members of the church insist that 90% of the Lord's work is done and financed by 10% of the members while the other 10% is done and financed by the remaining 90%. I don't know about all that. But I know Someone who does. Whether there are many or few where you worship. Jesus is looking for the faithful, and He knows who they are; and He commends them. Whether there are many or few, are you one of the faithful?

**If you are visiting with us today - Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!**

## CLINTON CALENDAR

**Aug 25**      **Song Service/Fingerfoods**  
**Sept 4**      **Silver Saints**  
**Sept 20**     **Sister Friends**

### SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Everyone is invited and encourage to come back this evening for a period of singing and a great fellowship meal. We cherish a little bit of extra time together!

### NEW BABY GIRL

Congratulations to Natasha and Garrett Hamm on the arrival of baby girl Luna Rae, born Aug. 19 at 8lbs 3oz and 20.5 inches long. Congratulations to mom, dad, and proud grandma Thelma!

### SILVER SAINTS

The Silver Saints will now be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Their next meeting will be Sept. 4 here at the church building starting at 10am. Everyone is invited to join in, whether you are silver or not!

### SISTER FRIENDS

We will have our next Sister Friends get together on Friday Sept. 20 at Dale and Lesley Mowery's house. We will have pot luck, devotional, fellowship, and learn to knit. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. More details will be coming.

### THANK YOU!

A big "thank you" to the Byrds for hosting a wonderful get-together for the youth and their families yesterday. If you are interested in hosting a youth get-together at your home or any location of your choice, please see Joey Smith.

Thanks to Tim Melton, Bruce Holt, and Joey Smith for assembling our new playground. More improvements will be added soon!

## Is My Worship Praise?

By David Bragg

The famous composer Franz Haydn attended the performance of one of his great works, The Creation, at the Vienna Music Hall in Austria. The audience, aware of Haydn's presence among them, were caught up in the excitement of the orchestra's performance and burst forth with an explosion of applause for the composer. But the elderly Haydn, struggling to stand from his wheelchair, motioned for silence. When the crowd became quiet the composer pointed toward heaven and said, "No, no, not from me, but from thence comes all!" Having given recognition to God, Haydn collapsed into his wheelchair in exhaustion (*Daily Bread*, September 20, 1992).

God, the only true audience of worship, is the One (and only One) who has the right to demand how He is worshiped. He has authorized in the New Testament the form and modes of worship He will accept. But in addition to that, our worship must go beyond the physical acts. There is a mental, emotional, and spiritual aspect to worship. Each individual worshiper must transform the acts and words of worship into personal praise directed to a loving and majestic God. Think about the words you pray and sing. Exalt God in your worship and then your worship will be praise.

## AREA EVENTS

### FUN RUN/WALK FOR TN CHILDREN'S HOME

West End Church of Christ: Aug 25

### FOREVER HIS "SUPER FRIENDS" DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: Sept 7

*\*For more information on these and other area events, please see the bulletin board in the foyer.\**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Jack Price** has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is the 5 month old great-nephew of Cathy Glenn.

**Charles Biggerstaff**, brother of Rachel Broadway, is suffering with shingles and other health problems.

**Rachel Broadway** is still experiencing problems and complications with the cut on her leg.

**Jonas Moore**, a 4 year old friend of Natasha Hamm, has just been diagnosed with cancer.

**Bud Isbell**, a friend, neighbor, and coworker of Herman Herren, has just been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

**Alison Daube**, Cindy Jones' cousin, is battling cancer that has metastasized.

**Magen Smith**, Janella Melton's granddaughter, is recovering from back surgery.

**Mark Jernigan**, Greg Jernigan's father, is in the hospital and is in need of our prayers.

**Carol Burt** is in need of our prayers as she is going through some difficult situations.

**Polly Keck** is in need of our prayers.

**Lillie Mefford** has been sick this last week.

**Continue to remember:** Stephanie Baird, Don Blackwell, Elbert Boyd, Lisa Carr, Taylor Castillejo, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Dakota Fuller, Eddie Godsey, Steve Griffith, Lynn Hawkins, Sheree Hoskins, Edward Hernandez, Georgia Herren, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Tangelia Kesterson, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Craig McWilliams, Tim Melton, Cheryl Morrow, Bridget Moses, Jacob Short, Elaine Stevenson, H.R. Stooksbury, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

**Cancer Treatment:** Curtis Barnes, Linda Bell, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Jerry Cross, Pam Davis, Alison Daube, Beth Farrow, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Bud Isbell, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Lois Layne, Sharon Lowe, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Jonas Moore, Brittany Oberbeck, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, David Pippen, Matt Scudder, Braden Stewart, Joshua Stokes, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Franklin Wharton, Gail Wilkinson

**Shut-In:** *At home* – Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *The Waters of Clinton* - Dicey Humphrey

## The Changing Seasons

By Bill Brandstatter

One of the times of year I like the most is fall. The leaves begin to change colors. The weather becomes cooler. It reminds me of what the Psalmist wrote: "*The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.*" (Ps.19:1 KNJV).

God indirectly speaks to us through nature. When we think of nature we should be able to see God's beauty. We should be able to witness and feel God's power. Nature shows us how changes can come rapidly. Perhaps this is why Paul wrote: "*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.*" (Rom. 1:20). Let us think about God and all his attributes as we see the changing seasons, but let us always remember that God never changes (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).