

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	—
Worship	75
Contribution	\$1897

### Sunday PM

Worship	36
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	39
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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

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 September 25, 2016

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Singing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Herman Herren	Jim Ashworth
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Jim Ashworth, Jacob Mowery, Greg Jernigan, Tim Nygard	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Eric Mowery	Jacob Mowery
<b>PM Table:</b>	James McCrary	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

## Wednesday evening: September 28, 2016

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ben Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dale Mowery

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## Answering Our Accusers

Neal Pollard

There was a time when it was possible to engage in respectful, loving dialogue with brothers and sisters we disagreed with or had a problem with. Even if we felt passionately, we could discuss it civilly and retain or even strengthen our relationship with our "disputant." We should be thankful that there are still many who are open to such a biblical methodology. However, there are some who seem intent only on winning the day, seizing some perceived moral or doctrinal high ground, or championing what appears to be a self-serving cause. Some of these same individuals are rife with rancorous rhetoric, baiting or calling out those they seem to see as enemies or the guilty. When we are called out, are we scripturally obligated to answer them or defend ourselves? Or, as the late Wendell Winkler put it, are we simply giving them a platform to spread their extreme views?

For the minority of brethren whose minds are made up, no matter what, or who seem eager to tangle, the question is whether or not it is necessary or helpful to answer their accusations. I realize there were circumstances like 2 Corinthians where Paul, who was innocent, wrote by inspiration to defend himself. But I also remember when the Lord stood before Herod, Pilate and the Jews and "answered...nothing" (Mat. 27:12; Mark 15:3,5; Luke 23:9; Isa. 53:7). While none of us are nearly as good as our Lord, He is the example we are to strive to follow (1 Pet. 2:21). Before answering an accuser, it is wise to determine the following:

- **What is my motivation for answering?** Is it to save face for myself? Is it to somehow punish or put my accusers in their place? Is it to prove I'm right and they are wrong? Pride, anger, and hurt feelings are not proper motivations for answering an accuser.
- **What do I hope to accomplish by answering?** Will I change their minds or those to whom they pander? Are they actually desirous of an answer? Will I rescue my reputation or harm it by going to their level?
- **What are the ethics of my accusers?** Is this a hobby or obsession of theirs (i.e., do they have a pattern and history of doing this with others)? Do they have the facts straight? Do they assert things as facts that are quantifiably wrong? If so, will they deal honestly with the answers I give them or twist them to suit their own agenda?

Here is the judgment call we have to make. Solomon gives divergent advice in Proverbs 26 when he says, "Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes" (4-5). Sometimes you do, and sometimes you don't. Perhaps the Lord has placed that ball in our court, trusting us to use our judgment. If my Lord's name and cause is threatened, I will be ready to jump to His defense. If someone tries to do that with my name, I should be more careful and if this is a means to allow the common sense observer to look at both of our works and discern each of our characters, may I have the patience and maturity to see it as an opportunity to fulfill Matthew 5:38-48. We don't have to attend every fight people goad us to join.

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Sept 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Oct 9	Homecoming/Friends Day
Oct 9	Fellowship Lunch
Oct 9	2:00 Afternoon Worship
Oct 12	Silver Saints
Oct 29	Trunk-or-Treat
Nov ??	Clothing Giveaway

### SONG SERVICE/FINGERFOODS

Be sure to come back tonight for our monthly song service and finger food fellowship meal. Our singing is stronger if we have a big group, so please come lend your voice to our worship service!

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## HOMECOMING FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY Sunday, Oct. 9

*Invite your friends, family, & former members now!*

Our next Friends & Family Day will be here before you know it - Sunday, Oct. 9. If we all invited at least one guest, we could have nearly 200 here on Sunday morning. We will enjoy a potluck lunch together and then have an early afternoon worship at 2:00pm.

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### INDIA MISSION REPORT

Garry Jones called last week to report that all the children are doing well. He thought you also might like to hear about the four elephants that broke down the gate at the Mustard Seed Village and ate most of the rice harvest!

### LADIES CLASS

We will have a special Ladies Class this morning taught by Laura Bentley in the Fellowship Hall. The subject for the class today is "Ambassadors of Christ." All ladies are encouraged to come!

### LADIES DAY REPORT

Thanks to everyone who helped out in so many ways for our Ladies Day yesterday: food preparation, decorating, planning, cleaning, organizing, and attending! Thanks to our speaker, Kate West, for presenting a great lesson. Together, we can accomplish so much! It was a great day for all that we can definitely say was "uplifting!"

### ASHWORTH CLASS

The Sunday morning class taught by Jimmy Ashworth in the Fellowship Hall will not meet for the next two weeks. Class will resume on Oct. 9.

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Please make plans to be here for our Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 29. We usually have a large crowd of several hundred join us from the surrounding community. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors - plus it's a great time spent with our brothers and sisters.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLASS

Come back on Wednesday for our Kids Bible Story and Art Class. This week's story will be about the Miracles of Jesus. This class is open to kids of all ages. We also have a nursery class available for our littlest ones!

### CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

We will once again host a community clothing giveaway in November. The date has not yet been finalized. Please drop off your bags or boxes of clothing items in the Pantry.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for Josh Patton and the South Clinton Chargers football team for making the playoffs! The playoff games will be at the end of October.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Susan Reagan** had heart stents put in on Friday.

**Carol Burt** has walking pneumonia.

**Daniel, Ashley, and Elle McInturff** have all had strep.

**Betty Cox**, a frequent visitor at Clinton, has been diagnosed with cancer and given 2 weeks to live.

**Rachel Broadway** continues to recover at home from knee replacement surgery.

**Georgia Herren** continues to recover at home and is improving.

**Betty Holt**, Bruce Holt's mother, has started chemotherapy.

**Chloe Bass** is on a liquid diet and may be facing a 10 day stay in the hospital.

**Cheryl Taylor**, Amanda Brown's mother, had lung and brain biopsies. The results of the tests are not in yet.

**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:** Rimikay Bachelor, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Lakhilata Chakma, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Nasha Foster, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Kyle Jennings, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Mary Majors, 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, Jackie & Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, 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, Betty Holt, Gary & Marilyn Jones, Belle McCoy, David McCoy, Stanley McInturff, Kathy Schankowitz, Leah Seiber, Jack Stearsman, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Jean & Virgil Weaver

**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

### AREA EVENTS

**Mountain View church of Christ Area-Wide Singing** - Sept. 25

**Debate:** Freed-Hardeman Bible Professor Ralph Gilmore will be participating in a debate with Dr. Alexander Rosenberg on the existence of God on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 6:30 to 9:30pm. You may watch the debate online at [www.warrencenterlive.com](http://www.warrencenterlive.com).

**Karns church of Christ Forever His Day Camp** - Oct 1. Our very own Clyde Camel and Cleo Croc will be traveling to this event to see the kids!

**Elgin church of Christ Revival and Gospel Meeting** with Wayne Miller - Oct. 2-5

**Lenoir City church of Christ Gospel Meeting** - Oct 2-5

**Karns church of Christ Ladies Day "Balance"** - Oct 22