

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	42
Worship	91
Contribution	\$2132

### Sunday PM

Worship	46
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	45
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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 October 23, 2016

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Hobert Humphrey	Jacob McCrary
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jim Ashworth	Jim Ashworth
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Dale Mowery, Greg Jernigan, John Bushey, Elijah Burt	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Eric Mowery	Jacob Mowery
<b>PM Table:</b>	Joey Smith	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

## Wednesday evening: October 26, 2016

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ben Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren

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# Clinton Chronicle \* \* \*

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## The Bible is NOT a Textbook

by Jack Wilkie

If we're being honest with ourselves, there is very little from our old textbooks that has stuck with us into adulthood. Funny posts are shared around Facebook and Twitter about how (sarcastically) glad we all are that we learned about parallelograms and that the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell rather than how to cook a meal or fill out our taxes. While it's not all useless information, there was certainly a large amount of information that we subconsciously leave behind due to its lack of practical use in our lives.

We became skilled at taking the books, memorizing what we needed to for testing, and then filtering out all but the most pressing information over time. Sadly, we end up applying that same approach to a lot of things in life, sometimes even including the Bible. It's very easy to turn Biblical knowledge into an academic pursuit. Every now and then we hear about some prominent leader being caught up in a web of sin despite preaching, writing, and studying the Bible daily for years, and we wonder – how can that happen? The same way it can happen to any of us. The Bible becomes something to be studied and known only rather than understood and applied.

Our relationship with the Bible has to extend beyond being an academic exercise. Textbooks rarely change us, but the Bible must. It's all too easy to resist or ignore its influence on us, though. A few examples:

- Thousands of sermons are preached each year on Ephesians 5's call for husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the church and wives to submit to their husbands. And yet thousands of Christian husbands and wives listen, go home, and live like they've already forgotten the answers that were just given for their struggling marriage.
- Countless articles, sermons, and classes focus on our need to love our neighbors as ourselves and love our enemies. We all can recite or paraphrase the relevant Bible verses. But how many times do we catch ourselves complaining about those people in our lives, tearing them down in front of others, or treating them poorly?
- Anybody who grew up attending Bible class regularly was probably asked to memorize the great commission verses in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16. How easy is it to sweep those verses under the rug and pretend like we weren't called to share the Gospel?
- We read James 5's call for us to confess our sins to one another... yet a large number of Christian men (and an increasingly large number of Christian women) struggle with pornography and don't feel safe sharing their burden with others.
- We gather and sing songs about longing for God "as the deer pants for the water," and needing Him "every hour" before listening to a lesson on the importance of walking with God. Then surveys tell us that four out of five churchgoers don't read the Bible daily.

To borrow an illustration from Francis Chan, imagine telling your child to clean his or her room, only to have them come back an hour later and say "I didn't clean my room. But I memorized what you said. I can even say it in Greek." What good would that do? Would that satisfy you? Of course not. But that's exactly what we do when we treat the Bible as a textbook.

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## CLINTON CALENDAR

<b>Oct 29</b>	<b>Trunk-or-Treat</b>
<b>Oct 30</b>	<b>Song Service/Fingerfoods</b>
<b>Nov ??</b>	<b>Clothing Giveaway</b>
<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Youth Day of Service</b>
<b>Nov 23</b>	<b>Thanks-Singing</b>
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>Ladies Holiday Lunch</b>
<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>Youth Christmas Gathering</b>
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>New Years Eve Game Night</b>

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If there is no transformation, why are we doing any of this? Why wake up on Sunday mornings to drive to the church building? Why listen to (or even prepare and present) a lesson if we have no intention of letting it change us? If that's how we're going to approach Christianity, we might as well quit. But of course we shouldn't quit. We should rededicate ourselves to submitting our lives to God's shaping. In Ezekiel God describes this process as turning hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Ephesians 2 describes us as being dead before being made alive with Christ. The Bible isn't about a series of historical events and a list of commands. It is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16), profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It is literally all about transformation, changing the hopelessly sinful into the image of Christ. So what do we do when we get stuck in the rut of viewing the Bible as a textbook? Give extra diligence to your study. Take notes from the sermon and/or Bible class, and take them home to study so you can meditate on the lessons from the text. Pray that God would soften our hearts and draw us near to Him. Find a Christian who is setting the example of what it looks like to walk with God and ask them to help make you a disciple of Christ. We all struggle with a lack of obedience (Romans 3:23) and know that none of us will ever be perfect, but we also know that God loves us anyway. However, our relationship with Him will greatly depend on how we view His word. If it's become nothing more than a textbook that we can know and quote with no spiritual change and no relationship with Him, it's time to reexamine our view of God and His Word.

## 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. We will begin at 6:00, so you may want to arrive at 5:30 or earlier to set up your vehicle.

Following the Trunk-or-Treat, we will gather for a fellowship meal here at the building starting at 8:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite chili or soup.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLASSES

Come back on Wednesday for our Kids Bible Story and Art Class. This week's story is about the Heaven - A Forever Promise. 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.

## NEW DIRECTORIES

We will be putting out correction sheets soon for the next edition of our directory. Please take a look and make any changes needed for your family's contact information.

## AREA-WIDE YOUTH HAYRIDE

The Rockwood congregation will host an area-wide youth hayride on Saturday, Nov. 5. Please stay tuned for more details.

## YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE

Our youth will be having a day of service on Saturday, Nov. 5. We plan to go out to Hillbrook Christian Camp to help with preparing the camp for winter - blowing leaves, cleaning out cabins, storing mattresses in the mess hall, etc. Please let Daniel McInturff, Stump Smith, or Joey Smith know if you will be able to help.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Paul Adkins** has been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis.  
**Susan Reagan** had heart stents put in. She is doing very well.  
**Rachel Broadway** is doing very well following her knee replacement surgery.  
**Georgia Herren** continues to recover at home and is improving.  
**William Donovan** is in Room 203 at Golden Living and will be there for several weeks.  
**Laura Bentley** has not been feeling well.  
**Brian Kell**, Cindy Jones' nephew, is recovering from 3rd degree burns caused in a bonfire accident.  
**Gerri Gaylor**, Sarah Mefford's sister, is very ill with cancer.  
**Dacey Humphrey**, mother of Hobert and Billy Humphrey, is 93 years old and having health problems.

**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, Gerri Gaylor, Stanley Hash, Betty Holt, 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

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

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Anna Young**, who passed away last week. Bob and Anna were members at Clinton many years ago. The funeral will be today (Sunday) at 2:00 at Martin Funeral Home in Oak Ridge with the burial following at Anderson Memorial Gardens.

## AREA EVENTS

**Rogersville church of Christ Area-Wide Singing** - Oct. 23

**Nelson Chapel church of Christ (Maryville) Gospel Meeting** with Doug Couch - Oct. 23-26

**Sevier Drive church of Christ (Harriman) Ladies Day** - Nov. 5

**Rockwood church of Christ Ladies Day** w/Amanda Houston "The Abundant Life" - Nov. 12

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