

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

<b>Sunday AM</b>	
Bible Study	69
Worship	103
Contribution	\$2648
<b>Sunday PM</b>	
Worship	51
<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 – Ireland**

Please follow us on



## Serving the Congregation Mar. 11, 2018

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Ben Smith	Dale Mowery
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Stump Smith	Darryl Glenn
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Hobert Humphrey, Greg Jernigan, Dwight Nicholson, Micheal Olsen	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tim Melton	Tim Nygard
<b>PM Table:</b>	Stump Smith	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Jim Ashworth	
<b>Usher:</b>	Joey Smith	

**Wednesday evening: Mar. 14, 2018**

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Joey Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Stump Smith
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren

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# Clinton Chronicle

Mar. 11, 2018

## You Can Always Find Somebody to Tell You What You Want to Hear

Neal Pollard

Someone wants to be involved in an illicit relationship, defend an unscriptural marriage (or enter into one), engage in some vice or sinful behavior "in moderation" (or otherwise), and they talk to someone who shows them from scripture why it should not be done. Perhaps they ask several people and get the same discouragement.

Sometimes, the inquirer is wise enough to let that guide them away from wrongdoing. Other times, they persist in looking for someone to tell them what they want to hear. Without exception, such a searcher will eventually, and probably sooner than later, find someone to validate and endorse their desire.

Solomon wrote, "The thoughts of the righteous are just, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful" (Proverbs 12:5). His father kicked off "the songbook of Israel" by saying, "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked..." (Psalm 1:1a). Job speaks of how he shunned "the counsel of the wicked" (Job 21:16; 22:18).

Wicked Ahaziah was rejected by God, in part, "for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly" (2 Chronicles 22:3). This characteristic of human nature, whether giving or taking wicked counsel, is timeless. But, seeking counsel from the proper sources is encouraged by Scripture (Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 24:6).

How can we make sure that we are "hearing what we need to hear," not just "what we want to hear?"

- We must realize our personal accountability (2 Corinthians 5:10). No matter what anyone else tells us, we'll stand individually in the Judgment. Christ's word, as Judge, is the only one that ultimately matters. What has He said?
- We must pray for wisdom and discernment (Colossians 1:9). Are we ignoring a pricked conscience, clear teaching, or red flags? Is self in control, or is the Savior's will?
- We must grow in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). Have we studied this out yet? Are we convinced beyond a doubt? What does the Lord say?
- We must be honest with ourselves (Psalm 15:2). We cannot deal fairly in any situation if we're deceiving ourselves. Lying to ourselves does not change God's truth. It simply hurts us.
- We must train our hearts to desire what is good (cf. 2 Peter 2:14). This can be excruciatingly hard! Proverbs 21:10 says, "The soul of the wicked desires evil." But listen to a cleansed heart: "Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom" (Psalm 51:6).
- We must put emphasis on the eternal rather than the temporary (2 Corinthians 4:16ff). Is what we wish to pursue destructive to heavenly objectives? Are we risking an eternity in heaven for a few years of fleeting pleasure on earth? Nothing is worth sacrificing salvation!
- We must weigh the advice of our counselors on the scales of truth (Proverbs 18:17). The Berean Christians fact-checked an inspired apostle (Acts 17:6). We owe it to ourselves to compare what our advisers tell us-however much we love and respect them-with what God's Word says. Many times, they will align. If they do not, we must choose God's Word every time!

Beware! At times, what we want to hear is right and good. Many times, it is not. As we lean on others, let us lean most heavily on "the rock" (Matthew 7:24)!

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 14	Silver Saints
Mar 17	Young-At-Heart Dinner
Mar 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Mar 31	Egg Hunt
Apr 14	Work Day @ Building
May 26	Church Picnic
July 22-26	VBS
Oct 21	75th Anniv. Homecoming

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Jim Ashworth** in the sudden passing of his sister, **Tammy Ellis**. She was undergoing surgery and died after complications with a blood clot. Her funeral services were last week in Arkansas.

### NEW BABY GIRL

Congratulations to Buck & Kristen Herren on the birth of their daughter, **Akeyah Saleen Herren**, born on March 1. She was 7lbs and 19 inches.

### SILVER SAINTS

The monthly meeting of the Silver Saints will be this Wednesday, March 14 at 10:00am here at the building.

### PICTURE BOARD UPDATES

If you would like to have your picture updated on the picture board, please see Dwight Nicholson.

### DOOR KNOCKING

Anyone interested in learning more about or participating in door knocking in our community, please see Darryl Glenn.

### IRELAND MISSION UPDATE

Scott and Rebecca Shanahan have just learned that they are going to have to return to the states for a period of time as they work through the issues with ministers of religion and immigration. They are in need of our support and prayers at this time.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Josh Patton on being in the Student Spotlight at Clinton Middle School for the month of March for 8th Grade Academics!!!

### YOUNG-AT-HEART DINNER

Our youth will be hosting the Young-At-Heart Dinner for our "over 50" members this Saturday, March 17 here at the church building starting at 5:00pm. We invite everyone to come!

### EGG HUNT

Our Egg Hunt will be Saturday, Mar. 31 beginning at 10:00am at the home of Russell and Lauren McElroy on Washington Avenue, just a block away from the church building.

### NATURE HIKES

A series of nature hikes are planned for the community on March 24 and 31 in Norris. Gail Sharp has more information on these hikes if you are interested in learning more about them.

### KCS IS HIRING

If you are interested in applying for teaching or substitute positions at Knoxville Christian School, you may complete an employment application at [www.knoxvillechristianschool.org](http://www.knoxvillechristianschool.org).

### FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASS

The side class taught by brother Jim Ashworth will not meet today due to Jim & Ruth traveling.

## AREA EVENTS

### GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Mar 18-21

### LADIES DAY

Great Smoky Mtns Church of Christ: Mar 24

### GOSPEL MEETING

Eastside Church of Christ-Maryville: Mar 25-28

### SOUTHEAST LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: April 22-25

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Ann Nygard** is back at Summit View after a visit to the hospital.

**Georgia Herren** continues to need our prayers for good health and encouragement.

**Herman Herren** is in need of our prayers as he takes care of Georgia.

**Sarah Mefford** will have knee replacement surgery on April 4, a later date than originally planned. Please pray for Sarah as she is in a great deal of pain.

**Delma Byrd**, resident of Clinton and known to many here, was diagnosed with Alzheimers.

**Janis Plagge**, Julia Mowery's cousin, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

**Chris Clear**, Thelma Merrill's brother-in-law, is still in the hospital following an auto accident.

**Roger Hart, Travis Hart, & Tracy Hart**, family members of Betty Weaver, are all sick and in need of our prayers.

**Terance Willis**, cousin of Denise Henderson, is discouraged and needs our prayers for strength and courage to press on.

**Terry McGhee**, friend of Terance Willis, continues to need our prayers as well. He lost his son in a fatal car accident.

**David Every**, a friend of Terance Willis, is also in need of our prayers.

**Brenda Jennings** had a doctors appointment to determine the best treatment for her.

**Audrey Egerton**, great-niece of Gail Sharp, is tentatively scheduled for heart surgery in July.

**Connor Livingston** continues to need our prayers as new tumors have been found in his brain and spinal column. Treatment is very difficult due to the location of the tumors.

**Emily**, a teaching assistant at Dutch Valley, is now in a rehab facility.

**Kay Collins**, mother of David Collins (who came to inspect our baptistery) will be having heart surgery at ParkWest Hospital.

**Continue to remember:** Rimikay Bachelor, Ben Barbee, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, Tracy Hart, Lynn Hawkins, Sheree Hoskins, Dicey Humphrey, Beulah Jackson, Polly Keck, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Carolyn Mitchell, Becky Monday, Chloe Parker, Jean Perkins, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Tabitha Weaver, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood

**Cancer Treatment:** Christie Cinnamon, Bill Coker, Josh Deaton, Joe DeLucia, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Belle McCoy, Rhonda Perkins, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Gail Wilkinson

**Shut-In:** At home – Mary Gilley, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; Morning Pointe – Jo Rutherford; Summit View of Rocky Top – Ella Mae Burchfield; Summit View – Ann Nygard; Beverly Park Place Knoxville - Jean Dye

### RESPONSE

Brother **Millard Adkins** responded to the invitation Wednesday evening asking for prayers and forgiveness.

### PRAYER LIST UPDATE SHEETS

Please check the list in the foyer for names that have been on our Prayer List for an extended period of time. If you have updates on these folks, please let Joey Smith know.