

## Clinton church of Christ

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### LEADERSHIP

#### Elders:

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#### Deacons:

James McCrary	740-3066
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Dwight Nicholson	494-9425
Tim Nygard	482-4103
Hubert Sharp	494-8537
Joey Smith	773-8259

#### Evangelist:

Richard Bentley	264-0560
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### WORSHIP TIMES

<b>Sunday:</b> Bible Class	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Worship	6:00 PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00 PM
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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	35
Worship	68
Contribution	\$1898

### Sunday PM

Worship	cancelled
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	43
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### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

1. Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37)
5. Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful Christian living (1 Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10)

### THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

1. Bible is its only guide (Romans 1:16; 1 Thess. 2:13)
2. Wears a Biblical name (Romans 16:16)
3. Established at the right place (Isaiah 2:2, 3; Acts 2)
4. Established at the right time (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2)
5. Established on the right person (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:36)
6. Saved are in it (Ephesians 5:23; Acts 2:47)
7. Its members are enrolled in heaven (Hebrews 12:23)
8. Membership in it is obtained by obedience to God's commands including baptism (Acts 2:41-47, 1 Cor. 12:13)

### OUR MISSIONS

Garry Jones	<i>The Gospel to India</i>
Scott Shanahan	<i>Micronesia Mission</i>
Jim Waldron	<i>India Mission</i>
Clinton, Tennessee	<i>Our friends, family</i>
Anderson County, Tennessee	<i>&amp; neighbors</i>

### Serving the Congregation January 4, 2015

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Ben Smith	Joey Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Mowery	Dwight N.
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Jim Ashworth, Ritch Traub, Greg Jernigan, Jacob Mowery	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tim Nygard	Jacob Mowery
<b>PM Table:</b>	Hubert Sharp	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

### Wednesday evening: January 7, 2015

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

January 4, 2015

# Clinton Chronicle \*\*\*

Clinton church of Christ

A friendly church with a saving message

## Grudges, Schemes and Revenge

Brett Petrillo

When Abraham Lincoln was an attorney, a very rich man came to see him. He wanted to file a lawsuit against a poor man for \$2.50 (about \$33 in today's money). Lincoln tried to reason with the man, but his mind was set on revenge and he passionately insisted on the lawsuit. Seeing he wasn't backing down, Lincoln finally agreed to take the case but only for a legal fee of \$10. The rich man eagerly accepted, paid the fee, and walked away satisfied with his actions.

On the day the lawsuit was filed, Lincoln searched for the poor man. When Lincoln found him, he informed the man about the lawsuit. Then, Lincoln handed him half of the \$10 fee he had collected. The poor man went that very day to confess judgment and paid the \$2.50 (Norman Dog, [Yarns & Stories of Abraham Lincoln](#), p. 185).

Revenge and grudges can cause us to make some ridiculous decisions. The rich man may not have cared or even realized it happened, but he actually walked away much worse off than he came. Not only was he out some cash, but his personal vendetta against the poor man hurt his character.

When someone wrongs us, it almost feels natural to get revenge against them. No matter how it feels, this is the complete opposite way God wants us to act. Consider Romans 12:17-21, "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' says the Lord, 'But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Revenge shouldn't even be in a Christian's vocabulary. Following these guidelines will do wonders in our relationship with others. It will prevent problems from occurring. It will smooth them over when they do happen. Most importantly of all, when people do wrong us, we can rest assured that God is going to handle the situation much more appropriately than we ever could.

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

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Jan 18	Youth/Family Meeting
Jan 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Jan 25	West End Youth Devo
Feb 11-15	GSM Marriage Retreat
Feb 21-Mar1	CYC

### COMMUNION SIGN-UP

The sign up list for preparing communion in 2015 is now in the foyer. Please sign up if you are willing to help out. Thanks!

### BULLETIN BOARDS

If you would like to take a turn decorating one of our lobby bulletin boards in 2015, please sign up in the foyer. We have all the decorating supplies you'll need – letters, border, papers, posters, etc – and we have a good collection of bulletin board idea books to help spur your creativity!

### NEW ADULT CLASS

Brother Dwight Nicholson will begin a new study this morning in the adult auditorium class on 1, 2, & 3 John.

### A NEW HOME....

Polly Keck is searching for a new home for her 6 year old beagle mix, Candy. If you have any questions or interest in Candy, please see Bunny Nash, Jayme Nash, or Polly.

**THIS WEEK'S PANTRY ITEM:** Ready-to-Eat Soups in microwaveable containers

### 2015 CALENDAR

Our congregational calendar for the New Year will be posted soon.



### YEARLY PLANNING MEETING

It is time for the Clinton Youth Ministry to plan the upcoming year! We will meet on Sunday afternoon, January 18, following morning services, eat pizza, and have our meeting. **ALL YOUTH AND PARENTS** are invited, regardless of age. All ages are included in the Clinton Youth Group, from newborns to college kids.

### LOCK-IN RESCHEDULED

Due to illness, we did not have our Lock-In last Wednesday. It will be rescheduled as a "School's Out! Lock-In" in June.

### AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

The West End congregation invites us to an Area Wide Youth Devotional on Sunday, January 25 in the afternoon. More details will be forthcoming. If you would like to attend, please tell Joey.

### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2015 is Feb. 27 – March 1. The cost to go this year is \$35 per person. Please give your money to Joey some time before the event. Once again, an anonymous donation has been made to cover the full expense of the lodge. Thank you to our very generous friends!

### T-SHIRTS

We have Clinton church of Christ t-shirts for sale for \$10. They are on display at the rear of the auditorium today.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**Carlos Herren** is in the hospital in Oak Ridge Room 356 with pneumonia.  
**Tim Nygard** has pneumonia.  
**Hayden Evans** is now at home.  
**Delphia Rose**, Sarah Shaw's mother, has been moved to a rehab facility.  
**Jeremiah Patton** is recovering from a tonsillectomy.  
**Garry Jones** made it safely back to India.

**An unusually large number of our members** are recovering from the flu, sinus infections, and respiratory infections. We pray for everyone's speedy recovery!

Continue to remember: Phyllis Leslie, Sue Hale, Mary Gilley, Jean Humphrey, Joyce Evans' grandson, Andrew Verble, Tim Hutson, Greg Kell, John Hill, Melanie Nichols, Lisa Bullock, Flossie Spradling, Ray Bolden, Luke Jarrett, Kenny Reagan, Ella Mae Burchfield, John Crawhorn, Denzil Thompson, Polly Keck, Steve Yearwood, Charles Butler, Sharon Martin, Joseph Dillman, Frank Coldwater, Ron & Susan Reagan, Mary Jo Dailey, Ronda Moss, Joel Peters, Greg Cline, Carolyn Mitchell, Nathan Shaw, Jason Caudle, Sharon Shoopman, Bobbie Sue Phillips, Lisa Carr, Sarah Shaw, Linda Laughter, Lee LaMay, Beulah Jackson, Nasha Foster, Mary Ruth McInturff, Donna Benjamin, Connor Livingston, Mason Battistelli, Kenneth Schultz, Rosemary Summers, & Ann Nygard in your prayers.

Please see our extended **Prayer List** on the **Prayer Board** in the foyer. Updates to the Prayer List can be emailed to [churchofchristclinton@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com) or given to Joey Smith.

### SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of **Christopher Scott Cody Bunch**, who was killed accidentally last week. He was 23 years old. He was a friend of Cody Sharp.

### GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT

The GSM Marriage Retreat will be Feb. 11-15. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

*This new section of our bulletin will feature some interesting trivia fact about one of our members. See if you can figure out the answer (which will appear in next week's bulletin). If you have some interesting facts about someone, please let us know!*



Which Clinton member is married to a former mayor of Clinton – making her a former First Lady of Clinton, Tennessee?

**Look for the answer in next week's bulletin!!!**