

## Clinton church of Christ

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#### 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	53
Worship	76
Contribution	\$2969

### Sunday PM

Worship	48
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	31
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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: **India**  
Scott Shanahan: **Micronesia**  
Jim Waldron: **India**  
Our members: **Clinton & Anderson County, TN**

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### Serving the Congregation January 11, 2015

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Rick Caudle	Joey Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Mike Smith	Herman Herren
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Hobert Humphrey, Earl Broadway, Dwight Nicholson, Mike Olsen	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Eric Mowery	Tim Nygard
<b>PM Table:</b>	James McCrary	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dale Mowery	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

### Wednesday evening: January 14, 2015

**Song Leader:** Ben Smith  
**Invitation:** Dale Mowery  
**Announcements:** Herman Herren

January 11, 2015

# Clinton Chronicle \*\*\*

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A friendly church with a saving message

## While We Were Still Sinners

Alan Smith

Some years ago, the Journal of the American Medical Association published an article by Dr. Paul Ruskin on the "Stages of Aging." In the article, Dr. Ruskin described a case study he had presented to his students when teaching a class in medical school. He described the case study patient under his care like this:

"The patient neither speaks nor comprehends the spoken word. Sometimes she babbles incoherently for hours on end. She is disoriented about person, place, and time. She does, however, respond to her name... I have worked with her for the past six months, but she still shows complete disregard for her physical appearance and makes no effort to assist her own care. She must be fed, bathed, and clothed by others.

Because she has no teeth, her food must be pureed. Her shirt is usually soiled from almost incessant drooling. She does not walk. Her sleep pattern is erratic. Often she wakes in the middle of the night and her screaming awakens others. Most of the time she is friendly and happy, but several times a day she gets quite agitated without apparent cause. Then she wails until someone comes to comfort her."

After presenting the class with this challenging case, Dr. Ruskin then asked his students if any of them would like to volunteer to take care of this person. No one volunteered. Then Dr. Ruskin said, "I'm surprised that none of you offered to help, because actually she is my favorite patient. I get immense pleasure from taking care of her and I am learning so much from her. She has taught me a depth of gratitude I never knew before. She has taught me the spirit of unwavering trust. And she has taught me the power of unconditional love." Then Dr. Ruskin said, "Let me show you her picture." He pulled out the picture and passed it around. It was the photo of his six-month-old baby daughter.

I'm not sure exactly what the doctor's point was intended to be when he presented that lecture, but it reminds me that those of us who are parents do things for our children that we would never dream of doing for anyone else. Allow me to clarify that thought just a bit: We do things for those we love that we would not be willing to do for anyone else.

It's true, isn't it? We make sacrifices for those we love, but we are unwilling to make the same sacrifices for those we don't know well (or that we don't know at all). We gladly give of our time, money and energy to assist those we are close to. But when Jesus told us to do good to those who are our enemies, it goes against our natural instinct.

What seems so obvious to us is used by Paul to demonstrate the amazing love of Jesus Christ. "Look at it this way: At the right time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for ungodly people. Finding someone who would die for a godly person is rare. Maybe someone would have the courage to die for a good person. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This demonstrates God's love for us." (Romans 5:6-8, God's Word)

To have the love we are willing to express toward our children and those we hold dear, and be willing to show that same sacrificial love toward who oppose us -- enough that we are willing to die -- is love beyond anything we have ever experienced (or can even imagine). But such is the love that God has for each and every one of us. May that love motivate you to respond to the one who has given up so much just for you.

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

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Jan 14	Silver Saints meet
Jan 18	Youth/Family Meeting
Jan 25	Romines Wedding Shower
Jan 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Jan 25	West End Youth Devo
Feb 11-15	GSM Marriage Retreat
Feb 21-Mar1	CYC

### 2015 THEME: THINK SOULS

Richard presented our theme for the year last Sunday: THINK SOULS. We will have bookmarks available next week. We look forward to a successful 2015 for Clinton!

### 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 in the Resource Room!

### WEDDING SHOWER

The Clinton congregation will host a wedding shower for JT Romines and Haley Robison on Sunday evening, Jan. 25, during our fingerfood fellowship. JT & Haley were married here at the building on Dec. 27. A list of gifts is available on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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



### YEARLY PLANNING MEETING

We will meet next Sunday afternoon, January 18, following morning services, eat pizza, and have a planning meeting for 2015. **ALL YOUTH AND PARENTS** are invited, regardless of age. All ages are included in the Clinton Youth Group, from newborns to college kids.

### NEW BROTHER

We rejoice at the baptism of Jonus Robison on Dec. 27! Jonus was baptized following his sister's wedding. Please pray for and encourage this young man!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Jacob Mowery was recently recognized in the Anderson County *Herd Headlines* for his nomination for the US Air Force Academy. Jacob is in the Top 5% of the ACHS Class of 2015, made a 10 point increase on the ACT composite his junior year, was a Boys State representative, and was the NJROTC Commanding Officer for both his sophomore & junior years. He has participated in over 150 AC Color Guards, is the Editor-In-Chief for the annual, and is an Eagle Scout. **GO JACOB!!!**

### 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!

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**Carlos Herren** is in the hospital in Oak Ridge Room 356.  
**Mary Gilley** is back home after a stay in the hospital with pneumonia.  
**Hayden Evans** is in the hospital in Oak Ridge Room 450.  
**Jean Humphrey** had open heart surgery last week. She had 4 bypasses.  
**Becky Spann Williams**, a friend of Amanda Brown and frequent camper at Hillbrook Camp in the 1980's, is greatly in need of our prayers. She has suffered two heart attacks and her liver, kidneys, and heart are very weak.

Continue to remember: Phyllis Leslie, Sue Hale, Joyce Evans' grandson, Andrew Verble, Tim Hutson, Greg Kell, Delphia Rose, John Hill, Lisa Bullock, Flossie Spradling, Ray Bolden, Luke Jarrett, Kenny Reagan, Ella Mae Burchfield, John Crawhorn, Denzil Thompson, Steve Yearwood, Charles Butler, Sharon Martin, Joseph Dillman, Ron & Susan Reagan, Mary Jo Dailey, Ronda Moss, Joel Peters, Greg Cline, Carolyn Mitchell, Nathan Shaw, 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.

### PRAYER REQUEST

Jim and Barbara McCrary, parents of James McCrary, lost their home to a fire last week. Please remember them in prayer. As we get information about what they might need, we will share that information with you.

### SILVER SAINTS

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will be Wednesday, Jan. 14 here at the building at 10:00am. Everyone (silver or not) is invited to come, bring food to share, and participate in an act of service. If you've never been a part of the Silver Saints, come out and join us!

### 2015 CALENDAR

Our congregational calendar for the New Year will be posted next Sunday. Take note and plan to participate!



Which Clinton member is a former agent for the Internal Revenue Service?

**Answer to last week's Member Spotlight: Sue Hale**