

Clinton church of Christ

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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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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	57
Worship	84
Contribution	\$1856

Sunday PM

Worship	45
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Wednesday

Bible Study	49
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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 May 31, 2015

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Jim Ashworth	James McCrary
Lord's Table:	Mike Smith, Eric Mowery, Mike Olsen, John Bushey	
Closing Prayer:	Ritch Traub	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:		

Wednesday evening: June 3, 2015

Song Leader: Ben Smith
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Dale Mowery

May 31, 2015

Clinton Chronicle ***

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A friendly church with a saving message

5 Daily Steps to a Stronger Faith

1 Peter 5:8 tells us that Satan is a roaring lion, so in a sense trying to ward off the desire to sin is like running from a lion. You might survive for a while, but there's a sense of inevitability from the very start. Then the cycle starts over again, trying to run from that sin but knowing it will catch up with you again eventually.

In studying the nature of sin, though, I'm reminded of the simple key truth that we often forget: sin comes from within. It's not that we're trying to outrun temptations. Those are always going to be there. We're trying to outrun our own desire to turn and be devoured by whatever sin might be plaguing us. James 1:14 makes it clear that both being carried away (making ourselves vulnerable to temptation) and being enticed (letting ourselves take the bait and get caught on the hook of sin) come from within our own hearts.

The answer, then, is to change our desires. We have to want something more. We're not just trying to outrun a lion, we're running to safety in the arms of our Savior. After reminding us of all the people who persevered in faith in Hebrews 11, the Hebrew writer begins chapter 12 by telling us to run the race with our eyes fixed on Jesus. But holiness, that desire to be like Christ, is an acquired taste. Because that sin is within us, we have to slowly root it out and replace it with new desires. How do we do that? By implementing these 5 steps each day.

1. Set aside alone time with God. No matter what the nature of each relationship might be, it's impossible to develop any relationship without spending time together. The more time we spend talking to God in prayer and listening to Him through the Word, the more we'll get to know Him. The more we know Him, the more we'll know our unholiness. The more we know our unholiness, the more we realize what great love He had for us in sending Jesus to the cross. The more we realize the depth of His love, the more we'll want to respond with love. Wake up a little earlier, cut some time out of your lunch break, or find whatever time you can (not the last 2 minutes as you doze off to sleep) and spend some time with the Father.

2. Take a Scripture with you. It doesn't do us much good to read the Bible, close it, and not think about it again until the next time we open it. Out of every encounter with the Scriptures we should be taking away some principle to work on, some piece of hope for the day, or some reminder of who God is. It's that meditation throughout the day that helps us defeat sin, keep God on our hearts, and share Him with others.

3. Pray in a variety of ways. I've had the privilege of learning from teachers that not every prayer has to be a big event, filled with all of the days requests. Sometimes it's not a bad thing to say a quick, 10 second prayer. On the other hand, that's not a replacement for the longer prayers, where we have more time to focus and express our praise and gratitude along with all of our requests for ourselves and others. Prayers of thanks at meal times or other times where we are blessed throughout the day are another type of prayer we can add to our day. The call to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17) is one we should keep in mind as we go throughout the day, talking to God as we go and taking time to really pour out our hearts when we set aside that time.

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CLINTON CALENDAR

May 31	Song Service/Fingerfoods
May 31	Clyde's Corner
June 6	Church Picnic
June 7	Graduate Recognition
June 13	Creation Museum Trip
June 14	TCC begins
July 26-30	VBS

SONG SERVICE/FINGERFOODS

Come back tonight for worship in song and some time spent in fellowship. Bring your favorite fingerfoods to share!

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 6 for our church picnic! We will meet at 12:00pm at the picnic pavilion at Jaycee Park here in Clinton (behind the Fairgrounds). Please bring your favorite picnic food and enjoy a beautiful day outside. That morning is also "Free Fishing Day" at Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery, just down the road from the park. Go see Stump and then come out for the picnic!

INDIA MISSIONS

Brother Garry Jones is still dealing with customs in India to release the crates of supplies to take to Mustard Seed Village. Please remember Garry in your prayers.

SODA CAN TABS

Josh and Jeremiah Patton are collecting soda can tabs for a classmate at school. If you have any to donate, please see one of the Patton boys, Jackie, or Jason.

DUMPSTER

Please note that the dumpster has moved to a different spot!



CLYDE'S CORNER

Clyde and friends will be here tonight immediately following our song service. Come join Clyde as we continue learning the books of the Bible!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will honor our 2015 grads on Sunday night, June 7: Ian McCrary, Jacob McCrary, Jacob Mowery, and Katie Tidwell. Please join us for cake and ice cream!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Josh Patton on making all A's all year and receiving the DARE medal for being an All-Around Good Citizen at Dutch Valley Elementary School! Good job, Josh!

**Please share your child's accomplishments in the bulletin! Email them to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com.*

CREATION MUSEUM TRIP

We will visit the Creation Museum in Kentucky on Saturday, June 13. Tickets have been ordered. Please give your money to Joey (checks may be made out to the Clinton church):

- Adult (13–59 yrs): \$19.95
- Senior (60 yrs and up): \$15.95
- Children (5–12 yrs): \$11.95
- Children (under 5 yrs): Free

We will depart from the church building at 7:30am. Be here early and you might get a donut!

PRAYER REQUESTS



Richard Bentley is doing better after being ill for nearly 4 weeks.
Jo Rutherford recently fell and suffered a broken hip. She is now at NHC following surgery.
Cordia Reagan, Ron Reagan's mother, is doing much better but still needs our prayers. She is moving in with Ron's sister due to her health problems.
John Bishop, Lesley Mowery's father, is in poor health in New Zealand.
Riley Hackworth had a CT scan on Friday. Please keep him in your prayers.

Continue to remember: Melissa Allen, Chloe Bass, Mason Battistelli, Donna Benjamin, Willard Beshears, Ella Mae Burchfield, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Charles Butler, Lisa Carr, Melissa Caylor, Greg Cline, John Crowthorn, Mary Cressy, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Fran Denton, Joseph Dillman, Joyce Evans, Nasha Foster, Gail Foust, Helen Gilbreath, Mary Gilley, Peggy Hackworth, Sue Hale, Tim Hutson, Beulah Jackson, Cindy Jones, Greg Kell, Chris Kelsey, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Phyllis Leslie, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolyn Mitchell, Ronda Moss, Lauren Nickelson, Ann Nygard, Joel Peters, Bobbie Sue Phillips, Ron & Susan Reagan, Jimmy Redden, Kenneth Schultz, Nathan Shaw, Sarah Shaw, Helen Shepherd, Sharon Shoopman, Ken Smith, Flossie Spradling, Elaine Stevenson, Rosemary Summers, Jack Taylor, Denzil Thompson, Elmira Trentham, Andrew Verble, John Verble, Franklin Wharton, Trisha Woosley, Steve Yearwood 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 or given to Joey Smith.

****PRAYER LIST NEED:** If you could, please provide the mailing addresses of those already on our Prayer List and for any future Prayer List requests. Please give this info to Gail Sharp.

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4. Cut out the junk. In trying to develop a new sense of taste, eliminating the desire for sin and the things of this world and training ourselves to desire closer fellowship with God instead, consuming spiritual junk is as much of a hindrance as junk food is to someone on a physical diet. Television, movies, social media, and all of the things that are available for endless consumption every day can quickly make us content with the unfulfilling, mindless entertainment of this world, keeping us from desiring God. A little entertainment here and there isn't always a bad thing, but we have to have our limits.

5. Connect with another Christian. Most days we don't get a chance to see our entire church family, but it's still necessary to keep a connection to someone who is in the battle with us. God gave us the church family to keep each other from being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:12-13). He knew that we can all be tricked into thinking that sin is more desirable than Christ, and so He provided us the support we need to win that fight. Having an accountability partner, someone to pray with, or just someone to discuss the day with is an invaluable tool that prevents spiritual stagnation.

Most of us live lives of great comfort, peace, and (relative) wealth, making it remarkably easy to forget that we are in the middle of a war every single day. Those desires that come from within our hearts are going to keep leading us astray until we take command of them and turn them over to Jesus. Every day we make the choices that will determine which way we're going to go. Having the right habits makes all the difference in learning to taste and see that the Lord is good, so we can take refuge in Him (Psalm 34:8).

By Jack Wilkie via www.focuspress.org