

## 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	39
Worship	75
Contribution	\$1850

### Sunday PM

Worship	102
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	97
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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 August 2, 2015

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Mowery	Daniel McInturff
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Jim Ashworth, James McCrary, Jacob Mowery, Bob Hamby	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tim Nygard	Mike Olsen
<b>PM Table:</b>	Hubert Sharp	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith	
<b>Usher:</b>	James McCrary	

### Wednesday evening: August 5, 2015

**Song Leader:** Dale Mowery  
**Invitation:** Richard Bentley  
**Announcements:** Herman Herren

August 2, 2015

# Clinton Chronicle \*\*\*

Clinton church of Christ

A friendly church with a saving message

## Fighting Atheism's Influence in the Home

Brad Harrub, Ph. D.

God does exist. All of the best-sellers in the world that espouse otherwise will not change that fact. But if we really expect our children to believe and follow the One True Living God, we must start thinking outside the box! Sadly, the atheists of this country are doing their job better than we Christian parents are. It's time someone states the obvious: What we've done in the past hasn't worked.

If you do not believe this, just walk into a church building and inquire if anyone there has children who have abandoned the Faith. But be prepared—the line that forms before you may be much longer than you ever expected. Far too many young people are leaving the Church only to turn around and embrace secular humanism, or even worse, atheism.

Now think: How many of those children who have left the Church could list most of the state capitals? How many of those children know the value for pi, or how to solve for x in an algebra problem? How many of those children can name bones of the body or could describe the water cycle? How many of those children know every word to their favorite songs or could tell you, verbatim, lines from their favorite movie? How many of those children have studied for hours to take tests over meaningless material?

As you sit there considering how much time these young people have spent cramming for standardized tests, ask yourself this one simple question: How much time have they spent actually studying Christian evidences or logical arguments to prove God's existence? If we are going to reverse this trend, we must start thinking outside the box as to what is "normal". It's time we expect more from ourselves and more from our children.

"Are you actually suggesting that we test or quiz our children over Christian evidences or make them study biblical material outside of Bible class?"

I guess my response would be: "Yes, whatever it takes." After all, which "test" is ultimately more important? I'm not downplaying the importance of a good education—I'm just trying to remind parents that their children spend an enormous amount of time learning "things," but too often they only spend a small fraction learning about God and His Word. It is no secret that during their educational years students spend a great deal of time studying evolution, humanism, other religious beliefs, and even the tenets of atheism. Why not counter this with a solid Christian foundation?

As I mentioned before, what we've done in the past hasn't worked. It's time we get serious and combat the atheists' propaganda with knowledge! Ask yourself this question: Can my children and grandchildren truly prove that God exists? Our children are told that if you cannot measure something using the scientific method (using your five senses), then it is an illusion. Where does that place God—a Spirit ([John 4:24](#))? Anyone who has spent any time at all studying philosophy or logic understands that while a Supreme Being may not be proven in a laboratory using the scientific method, the laboratory's very existence is proof for His existence.

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## CLINTON CALENDAR

Aug 2	Ashworth Baby Shower
Aug 30	Teacher Appreciation
Sept 15	Ladies Day worknight
Sept 19	Ladies Day
Nov 1	Scott Shanahan speaking
Nov 7	EDP Breakfast
Nov 14	UT Football outing
Oct 4	Clinton Homecoming

### BABY SHOWER

We will host a baby shower for Aaron and Kaydee Ashworth tonight following evening services. The Ashworths are expecting a boy. They are registered at Target and Babies 'R Us.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

We are collecting elementary school supplies to donate to local students. There is a donation box in the lobby.

### LADIES DAY "GET READY" NIGHT

The ladies will have a "get ready" night on Tuesday, Sept. 15 starting at 7:00pm.

### SPECIAL NEEDS DAY CAMP

Karns church of Christ will be conducting a **Fall Bible Day Camp** called "Forever His" for children with special needs on Oct 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This day will consist of singing, Bible story time, puppets, games, crafts, and outdoor activities. There will be special classes for parents as well. The camp is limited to 15 campers. You may register for the event at [www.karnscoc.org](http://www.karnscoc.org).

### TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT

We will honor all our Bible class teachers on Sunday night, Aug. 30.



### VBS 2015 HISTORY!!!

Vacation Bible School was a great success last week. We want to thank everyone who helped out in any way: teachers and assistants, kitchen staff, puppet team, and our directors. Thanks to everyone who stayed Thursday night to help clean up; it was a huge group and the work was done quickly! Our attendance figures for the week:

Sunday: 102	Wednesday: 97
Monday: 112	Thursday: 120
Tuesday: 116	

Please pray for the children and adults who attended. We had many guests and we pray seeds were planted and will be watered!

### UT FOOTBALL OUTING

We are planning to go again as a group to a UT football game on Saturday, Nov. 14. See Daniel McInturff for more info.

### FALL FAMILY RETREAT

Summer will soon be over (sigh) and autumn leaves will start falling. Be sure to make plans to attend our Fall Family Retreat at Hillbrook Camp on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25-26. We had a great time last year – roasting marshmallows and making s'mores, having a nature scavenger hunt, and a good Friday night cookout. Come and stay the night in the cabins....or just come and enjoy the days!

*\*Please share your child's accomplishments in the bulletin!  
Email them to [churchofchristclinton@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com).*

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**Andrew Verble** fell and suffered a broken leg.  
**Fred Davis** had a pacemaker put in last week.  
**Michelle Rowland**, a friend of Gail Sharp, continues to need our prayers.  
**Anna Phillips**, sister of Ernie Poore, known to many of our members, is at MMC.  
**Hubert Sharp's mother** is in the hospital.  
**Betty McInturff**, Daniel McInturff's mother, has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

*Continue to remember:* Chloe Bass, Mason Battistelli, Donna Benjamin, Willard Beshires, Ella Mae Burchfield, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Charles Butler, Lisa Carr, Melissa Caylor, Lakhilata Chakma, Greg Cline, John Crawhorn, Mary Cressy, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Fran Denton, Jean Dye, Joyce Evans, Nasha Foster, Gail Foust, Helen Gilbreath, Mary Gilley, Riley Hackworth, Sue Hale, Tim Hutson, Beulah Jackson, Greg Kell, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Phyllis Leslie, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Sarah Mefford, Carolyn Mitchell, Ronda Moss, Ann Nygard, Joel Peters, Bobbie Sue Phillips, Cordia Reagan, Ron & Susan Reagan, Jimmy Redden, Kenneth Schultz, Nathan Shaw, Sarah Shaw, Helen Shepherd, Ken Smith, Misty 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.

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

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Consider this simple logic: It is a self-evident truth that something cannot come from nothing. (If someone wants to argue this fact, I would love to sell them some "nothing.") Since something now exists, this indicates that something has existed forever. That means something is eternal—meaning it has always been here. This is simple logic—something exists today, thus something has always existed. The question is what or who has eternal properties?

Atheists and evolutionists would have students believe that the Universe is eternal; however that does not fit the scientific data. We know today that the Universe is expanding, which is a clear indication it had a beginning. As evolutionist Robert Jastrow admitted: "The lingering decline predicted by astronomers for the end of the world differs from the explosive conditions they have calculated for its birth, but the impact is the same: modern science denies an eternal existence to the Universe, either in the past or the future" (1977, p. 30).

The only logical conclusion is that God is eternal and He was responsible for the creation of the Universe. With a little time and a little study we can teach these Truths to our children and grandchildren. I've heard it said many times that it takes more "blind" faith to be an atheist. Given the amount of evidence we have for God I would agree.

Brad Stine once mused: "Who is more irrational? A man who believes in a God he doesn't see, or a man who's offended by a God he doesn't believe in?" I would take that even one step further: "Who is more irrational? A Christian who believes in a God but doesn't teach his child about Him, or an atheist who doesn't believe in Him but takes the time to teach the child his beliefs?"

--from [www.focuspress.org](http://www.focuspress.org)

### AREA EVENT

The next **Church Leader's Prayer Breakfast** will be at Arlington church of Christ on Saturday, August 15th, with breakfast starting at 8am. The meeting will end at 10am.