

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	63
Worship	94
Contribution	\$1760

Sunday PM

Worship	55
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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: **India**
Scott Shanahan: **Micronesia**
Jim Waldron: **India**
Our members: **Clinton & Anderson County, TN**

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation August 30, 2015

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Stump Smith	Dwight N.
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Hobert Humphrey, Daniel McInturff, Greg Jernigan	
Closing Prayer:	Eric Mowery	Tim Nygard
PM Table:	James McCrary	
Announcements:	Dale Mowery	
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Wednesday evening: September 2, 2015

Song Leader: Joey Smith
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Stump Smith

August 30, 2015

Clinton Chronicle ***

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A friendly church with a saving message

What is God doing?

Jack Wilkie via www.focuspress.org

We all go through those times in life where we're just not sure what's going on. We just can't seem to figure out what God is doing as we trudge through those difficulties. I can't possibly know what situation might come to mind for you, but I do know that I'm not the only one who has been there a time or two, and it's an uneasy feeling. Whether it's a career issue, a sickness, a difficult relationship, or anything else, life's difficult situations make it so hard to see God at work despite our prayers and faith in Him. It's easy to feel stuck, or worse – forgotten. We turn into spiritual backseat drivers, questioning if He knows where He's going and offering to take driving duties for a few miles. As it grows harder to trust Him and see where He's hearing our prayers and opening the doors we need, the temptation grows stronger to just take things into our own hands.

But as hopeless as our lives may seem from time to time, we rarely go through anything that compares to some of the situations in which God's people found themselves in the Scriptures. One particularly strong example comes in the first few verses of Exodus 14, where God intentionally tells Moses to basically miss their exit – to go the wrong way instead of making a beeline to get out of Egypt. Why? So Pharaoh would find out that they were wandering and would decide to bring them back. As they saw Pharaoh approaching, it starts to make more sense as to why the people of Israel said they had been brought out to die. The way it looked to them, God had abandoned them and Moses didn't know what he was doing.

Here's what we forget – God didn't just use that confusing, seemingly hopeless situation to defeat Pharaoh and show His own glory – He created that confusing, seemingly hopeless situation. He led them straight into that dead end backdrop of the Red Sea to set up one of the most stunning events in human history. Why? 14:4 tells us that it was so that He would be glorified and honored. Because He did everything the way that He did, Israel and everyone else would know that it was by His power that they were saved. For their part, He removed the threat of Pharaoh bringing them back and put a fear into their opponents that was still present 40 years later when they prepared to take Jericho (Joshua 2:8-11 Open in Logos Bible Software (if available)).

As for our lives, God often works the same way. Sometimes we find ourselves wondering just where He is and what He's doing. We ask ourselves, "Why aren't my prayers being answered?" Like Israel, sometimes He has to lead us into places and situations where only He can lead us out. Unlike Israel, though, we should know better than to complain. They had seen Him carry out the plagues. They knew His power firsthand... and yet they still doubted and complained (14:10-12). They were history's most infamous backseat drivers, questioning Him at every turn. That's precisely the moment at which Moses offered the biblical equivalent of "Oh yeah? Watch this."

"Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent" (14:13-14). God parted an entire sea from shore to shore and let His people walk through on dry ground to save them from certain death.

We haven't seen God part the Red Sea or turn water into blood, but we have seen Him cleanse us from the stain of our sins. We know He can do the impossible. What we have to do is just keep praying, keep focusing on growing in His Word, keep doing His will, and keep strengthening our bond with our fellow Christians. He'll come through for you in a way that will leave no doubt that He had a plan and that He was developing it all along. "He will fight for you while you keep silent." We can take comfort in something the Israelites didn't realize – God's glory shines brightest when we are in situations that we could never hope to figure out on our own.

In whatever difficulties we face, we have to realize two things: God is in control, and He has a purpose. When we complain, we show that we don't trust Him. When we try to take control and make our own path apart from His will, we rob Him of the opportunity to work His perfect plan in our lives. But if we respond in faith and simply praise Him and rejoice in our trials, He carries out that plan and our lives reflect His glory to all who see.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Tonight	Teacher Appreciation
Tonight	Fingerfood Fellowship
Sept 15	Ladies Day worknight
Sept 19	Ladies Day
Sept 25-26	Fall Family Retreat
Nov 1	Scott Shanahan speaking
Nov 7	EDP Breakfast
Nov 14	UT Football outing
Oct 4	Clinton Homecoming

TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT

We will honor all our Bible class teachers tonight during our evening services.

FINGERFOOD FELLOWSHIP

We will also enjoy our monthly fingerfood fellowship tonight, so come prepared!

LADIES DAY @ CLINTON

The ladies will have a "get ready" night for Ladies Day on Tuesday, Sept. 15 starting at 7:00pm. There are signup sheets in the foyer for various jobs and needs. See Laura Bentley with questions.

OUTREACH & VISITATION

Please get involved with our outreach program! We have lots to do and need more workers. We have cards to send, calls and visits to make, and even some folks that need transportation to services. See Joey Smith to help out.

CLINTON HOMECOMING

Mark your calendars (and start inviting folks now!) to our Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 4. We will have a fellowship lunch following morning service and a 2:00 afternoon worship service (*there will be no 6pm service*).



T-SHIRTS

A new shipment of the blue Clinton church t-shirts has arrived. If you ordered one, please see Joey Smith. There are a few extras of each size just in case you didn't order but wanted one (while supplies last!). The shirts are \$10.

FALL FAMILY RETREAT

Our Fall Family Retreat at Hillbrook Camp will be Friday - 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 daytime activities. We want to have a big group this year, so please make plans to be there. There is a signup sheet in the foyer.

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.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Be making plans to be here on Friday night, Oct. 30 for our Trunk-or-Treat. We will be having pizza following the festivities. Stay tuned for more details.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Ann Nygard suffered a mini-stroke but is doing well.
Richard Egerton, Gail Sharp's father, is undergoing chemo.
Bunny Nash is in Room 102 at Briarcliff in Oak Ridge. She is doing well.
Greg Kell, Cindy Jones' brother, is critically ill and is in need of our prayers.
Theresa Bean, a coworker of Diane Shelton, has health issues and is unable to work.
Ruby Durst, a friend of Ouita Northcutt, has lupus and cancer of the breast and lungs and is at UT Hospital.
Harrison Waldron, Ruth Ashworth's nephew, sustained a severe brain/head injury in a 4 wheeler accident in Pennsylvania.
Phyllis Leslie continues to need encouragement, calls, visits, and cards.
Don Cox, a member at Highland View and friend of the Nicholsons, has cancer.
Alex Thomas, Drew Battistelli's nephew, has been in the hospital for several days undergoing tests to his neurological system. They are still unsure of the problem.

Continue to remember: Chloe Bass, Mason Battistelli, Donna Benjamin, Ella Mae Burchfield, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Charles Butler, Lisa Carr, Melissa Caylor, Lakhilata Chakma, Greg Cline, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Fran Denton, Jean Dye, Joyce Evans, Nasha Foster, Gail Foust, Helen Gilbreath, Mary Gilley, Riley Hackworth, Sue Hale, Beulah Jackson, Garry Jones, Greg Kell, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Phyllis Leslie, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Betty McInturff, Kayla Mefford, Sarah Mefford, Carolyn Mitchell, Ronda Moss, Ann Nygard, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Bobbie Sue Phillips, Cordia Reagan, Ron & Susan Reagan, Jimmy Redden, Michelle Rowland, Kenneth Schultz, Carolyn Scruggs, Nathan Shaw, Sarah Shaw, Helen Shepherd, Ken Smith, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Elaine Stevenson, Rosemary Summers, Jack Taylor, Denzil Thompson, Elmira Trentham, Andrew Verble, Franklin Wharton, Trisha Woosley, & Steve Yearwood in your prayers.

Updates to the Prayer List can be sent to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or given to Joey Smith.

ELDERS-DEACONS-PREACHER BREAKFAST

The elders, deacons, and preacher will have a breakfast meeting on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 9:00am here at the building. Please mark your calendars now and be in attendance.

AREA EVENTS

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. The camp is limited to 15. You may register at www.karnscoc.org.

West Sparta church of Christ is coordinating a Tennessee Prayer Meeting on Wednesday night, Sept. 16, with a goal for New Testament Christians across the state to join in prayer to God on behalf of our nation. See the info flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Karns church of Christ will have their Ladies Day on Oct. 17 with Kathleen Ferrell, 9:00am to 12:30pm. The topic will be "Fear." Lunch will be provided.