

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	51
Worship	97
Contribution	\$1928

Sunday PM

Worship	47
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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*)

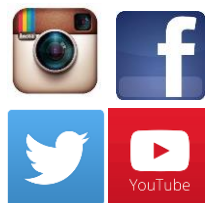
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation September 20, 2015

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Rick Caudle
Opening Prayer:	Stump Smith	Herman Herren
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Hobert Humphrey, Bob Hamby, Mike Olsen	
Closing Prayer:	Jacob Mowery	Glen Morgan
PM Table:	James McCrary	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: September 23, 2015

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

September 20, 2015

Clinton Chronicle ***

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A friendly church with a saving message

A Definitive Ranking of Sins

By Jack Wilkie via www.focuspress.org

1. Murder 2. Rape 3. Homosexuality 4. Adultery 5. Drug use 6. Fornication 7. Pornography 8. Drunkenness 9. Stealing 10. Lust...97. Outbursts of anger 98. Envy 99. Lying 100. Covetousness "But all sins are equal in God's sight," you're probably thinking. And that's exactly right. **There is no such thing as a "definitive ranking of sins."** The payment for each and every sin is the exact same – death (*Romans 6:23*) or the blood of Jesus (*Isaiah 53:5*). Sure, different sins can carry different earthly consequences, but in the end they are all rebellion against God's holy nature. "A sin is a sin," we say.

But... do we live like we believe that? I don't think we do. Even though sins can't be ranked along any particular lines, I don't think the list above is too much of a stretch for the way most of us see sins. Some might even see the list and try to rearrange the rankings based on what they think is worse. The truth is, we often do have an arbitrary hierarchy of sins, typically so we can look at the first few listed and say "Well, at least I don't struggle with THAT" and feel better about ourselves. That would make us just like the Pharisee in *Luke 18* saying, "I thank you, God, that I am not like this man."

Or, on the other side, we can look at people who do have things like that in their past and view them in a totally different light, never letting them outgrow their former life, or worse – never helping them leave it. But many homosexuals have abandoned that life and come to Christ. A number of adulterers have restored their marriages. Even murderers (*Saul of Tarsus*, anyone?) can be restored, because the blood of Christ is that powerful. Imagine how the history of the world would've been radically altered if *Ananias* hadn't taken God's command to go speak to someone whose career was to persecute people just like *Ananias*.

If you are that person who is either struggling with one of those sins or has in the past, you have likely felt the stigma associated with such shortcomings. It's this feeling that drives many with a deep, dark sin history to drive it deeper and darker rather than exposing it to light through confession.

Sin is bad. It's ugly, evil, and will be the death of each of us if we don't repent. But that doesn't mean sin can't be forgiven. Regardless of where a sin falls on the lists we come up with for "big" and "little" sins, we have to strive to have the heart of Christ in all things, forgiving others and helping them move past their sins. Or, it could mean forgiving ourselves, because we know God is faithful and righteous to forgive and we aren't being more just than He is by continuing to beat ourselves up over the past. Finally, it's important that we don't gloss over those little sins. An unrepentant heart will only care about the "big" sins that might make others look down on us, or the sins for which we may get caught or punished, but a heart that's truly given to God will be constantly striving to root out all sin. Every sin is a failure to show the glory of God, and we should never forget that it's our purpose to shine His glory as brightly as possible in all things.

If You're Visiting With Us Today – WELCOME! – We're Glad You're Here!

CLINTON CALENDAR

Sept 25-26	Fall Family Retreat
Oct 4	Clinton Homecoming
Oct 4	Friends & Family Day
Oct 4	Fellowship Lunch
Nov 1	Scott Shanahan speaking
Nov 7	EDP Breakfast
Nov 14	UT Football outing



RETREAT THIS WEEKEND

We want to remind everyone about our Fall Family Retreat this weekend at Hillbrook Camp. This is a great event for all ages – and a great opportunity to spend time together. Please see Stump with any questions.



Fall Family Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 25-26

at Hillbrook Christian Camp

Friday Night Cookout

**S'Mores & Singing Around the Fire
Saturday Morning Scavenger Hunt**

*Come and stay the night in the
cabins....or just come and enjoy the
daytime activities.*

KCS CANDY

Laura Bentley is selling candy bars to benefit Knoxville Christian School. Please see Laura to pick up some bars and support KCS students.

UT FOOTBALL OUTING

Our outing to the UT football game is Saturday, Nov. 14. Please give Daniel McInturff your ticket money. Tickets are ordered!

NEW ADDRESS

Tangelia Kesterson has moved to Knoxville. Her new address is 7821 Knowledge Lane, Knoxville, TN 37938.

E-D-P 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.



CLINTON CHURCH HOMECOMING

Our Homecoming is in two weeks on Sunday, Oct. 4. We will have a potluck fellowship lunch following morning service and a 2:00 worship service (*there will be no 6pm service*). **This will be a Friends & Family Day, so invite your loved ones to join us.**

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Richard Egerton, Gail Sharp's father, has gone home under hospice care.
Joyce Evans has been diagnosed with cancer.
Harrison Waldron, Ruth Ashworth's nephew, continues to need our prayers.
Ella Mae Burchfield, Sheila Herren's mother, was hospitalized last week.
Lee Carden, Diane's husband, is in need of our prayer. He will need more tests before he is able to have surgery.
Mike Koehler is ill and in need of our prayers.
Howard Herren, Herman Herren's brother, is in ICU in Cookeville in critical condition.
Lesley Mowery has been feeling ill for the past week.
Adam and Becca Seiber, friends of the Pattons, are in need of our prayers.

Continue to remember: Chloe Bass, Mason Battistelli, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Ella Mae Burchfield, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Charles Butler, Lisa Carr, Melissa Caylor, Lakhilata Chakma, Greg Cline, Don Cox, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Fran Denton, Ruby Durst, Jean Dye, Richard Egerton, 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, Dawn Love, 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, Alex Thomas, 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.

LADIES CLASS

Susan Fox, our guest speaker for Ladies Day, will be teaching a special Ladies Class this morning while she is visiting with us. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

AREA EVENTS

Wartburg church of Christ is having a Gospel Meeting Sept. 20-23 with Steve Brown.

Rogersville church of Christ will host an Area-Wide Singing on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 2:30pm.

Norwood church of Christ will be hosting "Archaeology and the Bible" with Dr. Dale Manor on Sunday, Oct. 4.

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.

Great Smoky Mountains church of Christ in Pigeon Forge will host the next Area-Wide Leadership Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 14 beginning at 9:00am.