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Richard Bentley	264-0560
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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	59
Worship	90
Contribution	\$1833

Sunday PM

Worship	51
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Wednesday

Bible Study	48
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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*)

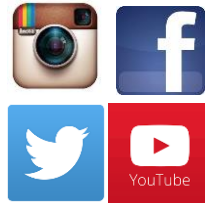
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 27, 2015

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leaders:	Hobert Humphrey	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Stump Smith	Jim Ashworth
Lord's Table:	Jim Ashworth, Jacob Mowery, Greg Jernigan, Tim Nygard	
Closing Prayer:	Eric Mowery	Jacob Mowery
PM Table:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Herman Herren	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: September 30, 2015

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

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A friendly church with a saving message

Are You Willing to be a Spoon?

Alan Smith

Recently, Pa was being irritable, especially regarding food. At a nearby restaurant, he stopped for a quick meal and the waiter provided a bowl of soup.

As the waiter turned away to return to the kitchen, Pa stopped him, calling: "Waiter!"

"Yes, sir, is there something wrong?"

"The soup. Taste it," replied Pa.

"I beg your pardon, Sir?"

"Taste it."

"But, Sir, I can assure you that the soup is excellent."

"Taste it," Pa persisted.

"Sir, the soup was made this morning of the finest ingredients."

"Taste it!"

The exasperated waiter finally relented. "All right, Sir, I'll taste it." Then after a pause he said, "Where is the spoon?"

To which Pa replied triumphantly, "Ah ha ... "

It doesn't matter how good soup is, if I have no way to get the soup to my mouth, I will never be able to enjoy it. In a similar way, it doesn't matter how wonderful the gospel message is, if it doesn't get to those who need it, it will never do them any good. The Bible uses several metaphors to describe this process. We are the "hands and feet" of Jesus. Also, Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:7 that we are "earthen vessels" of little value that carry the far more valuable message about Jesus. Allow me to add one more image to the list -- we are God's "spoons"!

Think about this. Nobody eats a meal at a fine restaurant, then later raves about how nice the spoon was! No, they may rave about how good the soup was, but no one pays much attention to the spoon. The purpose of the spoon is merely to allow you to enjoy the soup. In fact, you hardly even notice the spoon.....unless you don't have one!

Our job is not to get people to notice us. Rather, our purpose is merely to get the gospel message to as many people as possible.

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14).

There are people around you who will never know the beauty of the story of Jesus Christ unless you're willing to be a "spoon"! Will you share that message with someone today?

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Tonight	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Oct 4	Clinton Homecoming
Oct 4	Friends & Family Day
Oct 4	Fellowship Lunch
Oct ??	Trunk-or-Treat
Nov 1	Scott Shanahan speaking
Nov 7	EDP Breakfast

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Gail Sharp in the passing of her father, **Richard Egerton**. His funeral was last week in Indiana and the burial was in Arkansas.

We also learned this week of the passing of longtime member **Phyllis Leslie** who had recently moved to Golden Living in Clinton. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 3 at 2:00PM at Holley-Gamble Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Garry Jones Mission/The Mustard Seed Village.

INDIA MISSION NEED

Garry Jones is looking to collect about 20 pocket knives for the boys at the Mustard Seed Village. If you would like to donate a used knife or purchase a new one, you may give it to Garry or Cindy.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Work will begin this Monday, Sept. 28 on our new ceiling and lighting project in the auditorium. Please be aware that if you should come by the building during the week, you will not be able to enter the auditorium for the sake of safety. The project should take about a week to complete and will be a wonderful improvement!



SONG SERVICE/FINGERFOODS

Tonight is our monthly song service, fingerfood fellowship, and puppet show. It will be a great evening – and even greater if you are here!

UT FOOTBALL OUTING

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



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.**

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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Joyce Evans has been diagnosed with cancer.

Harrison Waldron, Ruth Ashworth's nephew, continues to need our prayers.

Estlina Wilson, Amanda Brown's aunt and a member of the Laurel church, is in ICU at UT Hospital with pneumonia. She is also on a feeding tube.

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.

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, Adam & Becca Seiber, Helen Shepherd, Ken Smith, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, 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.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Sister Joyce Evans could use some cards of encouragement during her illness. Her mailing address is: 215 E. Main Street, Hickman, TN 38567.

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.

AREA EVENTS

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.