

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	55
Worship	100
Contribution	1951

Sunday PM

Worship	53
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Wednesday

Bible Study	42
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God's Plan of Salvation

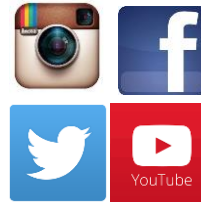
1. Hearing the word of God (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32*)
2. Believing what is taught (*Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6*)
3. Repentance (*Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
4. Confession (*Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37*)
5. Baptism (*Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4*)
6. After the above five steps, 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*)



Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation December 6, 2015

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	James McCrary
Lord's Table:	Herman Herren, Jacob McCrary, Eric Mowery, John Bushey	
Closing Prayer:	Daniel McInturff	Jacob Mowery
PM Table:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Jim Ashworth	

Wednesday evening: December 9, 2015

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

December 6, 2015

Clinton Chronicle ***

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A friendly church with a saving message

The Truth Behind the Fancy Words

Alan Smith

The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. Their relatives included senators and Wall Street wizards.

They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren, and hired a fine author. Only one problem arose -- how to handle the two black sheep of the family -- George, who was executed in the electric chair for murder and Sam, who was hanged for rustling cattle.

The author assured them he could handle the story tactfully.

When the book appeared, it said that great-grandfather Sam died, "taking part in a public function when the platform gave way."

As for great-uncle George, he "occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock."

I wish I could blame it all on "political correctness", but it's a problem that goes back hundreds (and thousands) of years. We want people to think well of us (or our relatives), so we paint a pretty picture of words, or we hide behind a beautiful hand-crafted mask. But when you get behind the pretty words and the image we have erected, there's only one thing that God wants to know -- what's in the heart? There's the reality.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." (Matthew 23:27-28)

May your focus this day not be on creating an image so that others will think well of you, but on cleansing your heart so that God will think well of you.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 12 Youth Christmas Party
Dec 23 Song & Prayer Service
Dec 31 Game Night

NEW SISTER

We rejoice in the baptism of Bethany Adcock Wednesday night after our Bible Study. Bethany is the niece of Eric and Julia Mowery. Welcome and encourage our new sister Bethan and her husband Logan and son Kason.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please check your information at the rear of the auditorium for our next directory. We hope to print them soon!

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Ron Reagan and family in the passing of his mother, Cordia Reagan.

GAME NIGHT

To celebrate the coming new year, we will enjoy a period of fellowship on New Year's Eve. Please bring your favorite games to play and food to share. We will ring in 2016 with our church family.

INDIA MISSION UPDATE

Garry Jones sends good news from India. The crates have finally shipped and should have arrived at the Mustard Seed Village on Friday. Garry is currently working with the homeless in the city of Calcutta. He will return to MSV on Monday. We is scheduled to be home on Monday, Dec. 14.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joe Patton who was named the "Star Student" in gym at Dutch Valley Elementary School!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Our youth and families will gather here at the building on Saturday, Dec. 12 for the annual Christmas gathering. We will enjoy some food and games, put together our cookie baskets for our widows, and have a gift exchange. Every kid is asked to bring: 1. One batch of cookies and 2. A gift that you made yourself, re-gifted, or found around the house – *you can't spend ANY money on it!* Feel free to invite a friend to come with you. Everyone please bring "party-type" food to share.



CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

It is time to start making plans for our trip to CYC 2016 the weekend of Feb. 26-28. We will need to register by December, so please let Joey Smith know now if you plan to go. The cost to attend will be around \$55.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Bunny Nash had a heart cath last week and is doing well.
Chloe Bass had blood work and a cat scan at Children's Hospital last week.
Andrew Verble is in need of our prayers.
Cheryl Taylor, Amanda Brown's mother, had an MRI last week showing the spot on her brain has grown. She also has 4 ruptured discs in her neck and back.
Sherry Bushey is battling hypertension and asks for prayers that it will return to normal.
Jimmy Redden is now at Golden Living in Clinton.
Stanley Hash, Bunny Nash's brother, is undergoing cancer treatment in Texas.
Don Cox, a friend of the Nicholsons, had surgery on Nov. 16.
Harrison Waldron, Ruth Ashworth's nephew, has been making improvements. He is able to communicate with his family by typing on an iPad.
Kathy Schankowitz, the sister of a friend of Ben Smith, is undergoing cancer treatment.

Continue to remember: Chloe Bass, Drew Battistelli, Mason Battistelli, Theresa Bean, Donna Benjamin, Ella Mae Burchfield, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Tammy Burt, Charles Butler, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Melissa Caylor, Lakhilata Chakma, Greg Cline, Don Cox, John Crawhorn, Mary Jo Dailey, Fred Davis, Fran Denton, Ruby Durst, Jean Dye, Nasha Foster, Gail Foust, Helen Gilbreath, Mary Gilley, Riley Hackworth, Sue Hale, Amanda Harness' mother, Howard Herren, Beulah Jackson, Garry Jones, Lee LaMay, Linda Laughter, Connor Livingston, Dawn Love, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Betty McInturff, Kayla Mefford, Sarah Mefford, Carolyn Mitchell, Ronda Moss, Kayla Mowery, Ann Nygard, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Bobbie Sue Phillips, Ron & Susan Reagan, Jimmy Redden, Kenneth Schultz, Carolyn Scruggs, Adam & Becca Seiber, Leah Seiber, Helen Shepherd, Ken Smith, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Rosemary Summers, Alex Thomas, Denzil Thompson, Elmira Trentham, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Franklin Wharton, & Steve Yearwood in your prayers.

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

LOCAL FAMILY IN NEED

Sabrina Schwenke has met a local family in need during the holidays. All of their belongings were recently lost. We are coordinating help as best we can. This family is in need of furniture to furnish their new living arrangements – particularly twin or bunk beds, tables, chairs, desks, etc. If you have any of these items that you can donate, please bring them to the building. If you would like more information on clothing and Christmas gifts for the children (ages 11, 9, 7, 5, and 18 months), please see Joey Smith for a list.

CAR NEED

Jonathan Bentley will be going to Harding University in January and is in need of a car. If you have one or know of one for sale, please let Jonathan know.

FRUIT & CHEESECAKE ORDERS

If you ordered items to support the Clinton High School Band, Karen Hamby reports that the fruit will be here the 2nd week of December. If you have not already paid for your order, Karen needs to collect that as soon as possible.