

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

<b>Sunday AM</b>	
Bible Study	—
Worship	85
Contribution	\$2878
<b>Sunday PM</b>	
Worship	41
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bible Study	48



*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

## WORSHIP TIMES

**Sunday**  
Bible Class 10:00 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
Bible Class 7:00 PM

## GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **Hear** the Gospel (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32-34, 1 Cor. 15:1-2*)
- **Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (*John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6*)
- **Repent** of your sins (*Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
- **Confess** faith in Jesus Christ (*Romans 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32*)
- **Be Baptized** (immersed) for forgiveness of your sins (*Acts 2:38; John 3:5; Rom 6:3, 4*)
- **Live Faithfully** (*2 Peter 1:10-11; Revelation 2:10*)

## Our Mission Works

**Garry Jones – India**  
The Mustard Seed Village, The  
Rainbow Village for Girls, & The  
Spiritual Sword Bible Institute,  
Antioch Program

**Scott Shanahan – Italy**

Please follow us on



## Serving the Congregation Sept 16, 2018

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Herb Byrd	Tim Melton
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Bruce Holt, Bradley Crider, Darryl Glenn, Micheal Olsen	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Hobert Humphrey Glen Morgan	
<b>PM Table:</b>	Stump Smith	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dale Mowery	
<b>Usher:</b>	Tim Nygard	

## Wednesday evening: Sept 19, 2018

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

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## The Parable of the Pump

Michael Light

Once there was a man lost in the desert, near death from thirst. He wandered aimlessly through the burning sand for many days. At long last he saw an oasis far in the distance. Its palm trees indicated a source of water. He stumbled forward feverishly and fell beneath the shade of the trees.

Finally, he might quench his tortured thirst. But he noticed something strange about this particular oasis. Instead of a pool of water, or a well, or a spring bubbling up from the ground, the man found a pump. And beside the pump were two objects-- a small jar of water and a parchment note.

The note explained that a leather gasket within the pump must be saturated with water for the pump to work. Within the jar was just enough water for this purpose. The note also warned the reader not to drink from the jar. Every drop must be poured into an opening at the base of the pump to soak the heat-dried gasket. Then, as the leather softened and expanded, an unlimited supply of sweet water would be available. The parchment's final instructions were to refill the container for the next traveler's use.

The man faced a dilemma. He was dying of thirst, and he had found water. Not much, of course. Maybe not even enough to save his life. But it seemed the height of folly to pour it down the base of the pump. On the other hand, if the note was accurate, by pouring out the small quantity of water, he would then have all he wanted. What should he do?

The above parable illustrates a number of truths and principles which apply directly to us today. One of the primary lessons has to do with trust. The man had some water yet he had the promise of an abundance of water.

We today have a similar promise in God's word. If we trust in God, and will give Him the life that we now have, He has promised eternal life to us in return. In Matthew 10:22 we read, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Jesus promised us in John 10:10, "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Let's put our trust in Jesus and pour out the water in the here and now knowing that He will be our eternal fountain of blessing in the hereafter.

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Sept 25	Ladies Night Out
Sept 29	Noah's Ark trip
Sept 30	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Oct 7	Ladies Bible Class begins
Oct 20	Work Day
Oct 21	75th Anniv. Homecoming

### HOME COMING PREPARATION

Our 75th Anniversary Homecoming, Friends & Family Day, and Lunch is Oct. 21. In an effort to reach out to as many former members as possible, we are asking everyone to help us collect mailing addresses. If you are in contact with any of our Clinton family, please see Joey Smith.

### NOAH'S ARK ENCOUNTER

If you are interested in visiting the Noah's Ark Encounter in Kentucky on Sept. 29, please sign up in the foyer. We are in need of a van driver! See Ruth Ashworth with questions.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Have life's challenges ever caused you to wonder "Why?" or to ask God "How long must I wait?" If so, please make plans to attend Ladies Bible Class beginning Oct. 7, in the fellowship hall. If you'd like a copy of *Those Who Wait* by Rosemary McKnight, a sign-up sheet is in the foyer. We hope you will join us and **bring a friend!**

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

All ladies are invited to the home of Resa Byrd, Tuesday Sept. 25, from 6:00-8:00pm. Please join us for fun, a devotional, and fellowship. Food will be provided. If wheelchair accessibility is needed, let us know. For questions, call Resa at 406-5114. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. If you forget to sign up, come anyway! Address is: 111 Masthead Drive, Clinton, TN.

### THE ELDERS CORNER

Faithfulness: A prime example of what is required for one to obey in order to go to heaven is that we, as elders, are faithful in the Lord's service.

Faithfulness is required of us and each New Testament Christian throughout our pilgrimage in this life to "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God . . . with joy" **Colossians 1:10-14.**

We, who have been placed as shepherds of the Clinton TN congregation, must always pray for wisdom recognizing the example given us in the seven Revelation churches. Jesus "knows our works" as a church of the Kingdom of God.

May each of us as elders feel the same concern of each soul of the Clinton TN congregation demonstrated by Jesus, the Shepherd, Who went out to bring back the one sheep that went away from the 99. **Luke 15:4**

May we as a congregation continue and improve to be spiritually strong.

*-Dwight*

## AREA EVENTS

### GOSPEL MEETING

Eastside Church of Christ, Maryville: Sept 16-19

### LADIES DAY

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Oct 6

### AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Eastside Church of Christ, Maryville: Oct 14

### M2Y CONFERENCE

Pigeon Forge: Nov 1-4 - *more info on this event to come in next week's bulletin!*

### EAST TENNESSEE SINGING

The Venue of Lenoir City: Nov 10

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pam Davis** has been diagnosed with skin cancer. She will need surgery.

**Bob Hamby** fell and was unconscious for a while. He had to be taken back to UT hospital.

**James Whitefield**, father of Pat Humphrey, is in the hospital in Cookeville. He had surgery to remove part of his prostate. He is in very serious condition.

**Mary Gilley** fell and broke her arm. She is back home after a stay in the hospital.

**Larry Glenn**, Darryl Glenn's brother, is in the hospital in Oak Ridge.

**Tim Melton** had successful surgery and is recovering well.

**Brenda Jennings** has been diagnosed with COPD.

**Mark Jernigan**, Greg Jernigan's father, is now recovering at home.

**Gabe Martin**, Dale & Lesley Mowery's son-in-law, is recovering from hernia surgery.

**Georgia Herren** was able to be with us again last Sunday! We rejoice!!!

**Audrey Egerton**, great-niece of Gail Sharp, will have a heart cath on Oct. 24. This will determine whether they schedule her for surgery or wait longer.

**Elaine Stevenson** is in very poor health and is in need of our prayers.

**Richard Cates**, brother of Gloria Morgan, is now at home and doing very well.

**Connie Whitson**, niece of Betty Weaver, is in Fort Sanders Hospital.

**Carolyn Vankirk**, a friend of both Resa Byrd and Annette Smith, has terminal cancer.

**Pam Ingram**, a family friend of Susan Smith, had a heart procedure last week to determine if valve replacement is necessary.

**Continue to remember:** Audrey Lynn Egerton, Kim Fulton, Betty Holt, Sheree Hoskins, Dicey Humphrey, Brenda Jennings, Polly Keck, Connor Livingston, Morgan McGlacken, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

**Cancer Treatment:** Christie Cinnamon, Sawyer Cole, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Lois Layne, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Janice Plagge, Rhonda Perkins, David Pippen, Matt Scudder, Gail Sharp, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Carolyn Vankirk, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson

**Shut-In:** At home – Mary Gilley, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard; *Beverly Park Place Knoxville* - Jean Dye

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Ashley McInturff** in the loss of her brother, **Joshua Deaton**, at the age of 30. His funeral services were last week in Tullahoma, TN.

### CAMERON'S PLACE AT MSV

Cameron's Place is a playground at the Mustard Seed Village in India. The MSV has been notified by the government that they must move to the bordering state of Arunachal Pradesh, where the Rainbow Village for girls is located. The new MSV will be built on land purchased there. It will not be possible to move the playground equipment at Cameron's Place, so Gail Sharp is seeking to raise \$2,000 to build a new playground that will be used by all children at the Mustard Seed Village and Rainbow Village. A little over \$500 is needed to reach the goal. Donations may be marked "Cameron's Place" and can be placed in the collection plate.