

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	60
Worship	83
Contribution	\$2119

### Sunday PM

Worship	40
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	20 (snow)
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*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
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## 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 – Ireland**

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## Serving the Congregation Jan. 21, 2018

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Hobert Humphrey	Tim Melton
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bradley Crider	Jim Ashworth
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Jim Ashworth, Greg Jernigan, John Bushey, W.T. Crider	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Eric Mowery	Daniel McInturff
<b>PM Table:</b>	Dwight Nicholson	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dale Mowery	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

**Wednesday evening: Jan 24, 2018**

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ben Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dale Mowery

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# Clinton Chronicle

Jan. 21, 2018

## 5 tips for sticking with that Bible reading plan

By Joe Wilkie

If you're like me, consistency is a struggle. This is especially seen in my Bible reading. I always enjoy reading and studying God's Word and it brings me closer to the Almighty, yet I find myself struggling to do it on a regular basis. I don't believe I'm alone in work, family, and other activities getting in my way of consistent Bible reading. We know that as Christians we need to read our Bibles more, but as people in the always-busy 21st century, we can fail at fitting it into our busy schedules. What should we do? How can we make reading God's Word not just a dutiful habit, but a cherished part of every day? Consider these five brief and hopefully helpful tips.

**First, make it a priority.** I know this sounds super basic, but we essentially do what we want to do. While I struggle to read my Bible, I don't seem to struggle getting through season after season of my Netflix show, or checking Facebook, or playing games on my phone. I often sleep as late as I possibly can before getting up and rushing around in order to get to work on time. My priorities are more sleep, more fun, more social media presence – not more Bible reading. For this new year, think about what you prioritize in your life. Is there anything that can be cut back or cut out completely to make time for 10-15 minutes of Bible reading a day?

**Second, make a plan.** By this, I mean a few different things. Make a reading plan and know what you are going to read every day. I suggest starting at either the beginning of the Old or New Testaments or choosing a chronological reading plan, though it's up to you. Also, make a plan by knowing what time you are going to do it each day and where. When I tell myself I'll read it "when I have time," I find myself running out of time. But if I make a daily plan to read it over my cereal before I get ready for work or when I'm lying in bed before I turn my light off then I'm much more likely to stick with it.

**Third, get accountable.** If you find yourself starting your reading plan only to fail again and again, it can help to get accountable or to have a reading partner. The church is an institution like no other with people all over the world striving for heaven the same as you and me. Whether it be someone at your church or halfway across the world through social media, I'd encourage you to get someone to hold you accountable on a regular basis or to read with you. When someone is there to help you, encourage you, and even hold your feet to the fire at times, it can make a big difference.

**Fourth, reward yourself.** Of course, just getting to read our Bibles and growing closer to God is a reward unto itself. However, it can help to reward yourself with a treat from your local bakery, a new Bible, or a gift card somewhere. Each Summer, libraries do a reading plan that rewards kids for the number of pages they read over the 3 months between school. And each Summer, millions of kids read more than they do the entire rest of the year. It's helpful to have some extra motivation and incentives, especially to start. The more you read, the more you'll find that being in God's Word is the true reward.

**Fifth and finally, pray for God to give you a deeper love for His Word.** I believe in the power of prayer and I have no doubt God will answer this prayer for you as He has for me on many occasions. Sometimes we just don't feel like reading our Bibles because there doesn't seem to be as strong of a connection to God as usual, but that's when we need to get on our knees. Prayer can have a profound effect and change the way we view our Bible reading. It shouldn't just be another thing we do in our day, it should be the best part of our day when we get the opportunity to grow closer to God.

We've been blessed by God with another new year. Let's make 2018 the best spiritual growth year of our lives by establishing consistent Bible reading and a deeper love for the Word of God.

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 28	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 2	Youth Meeting @ the Smiths
Feb 7	75th Ice Cream Social
Feb 14	Silver Saints
Feb 16-17	GSM Marriage Retreat
Feb 23-25	CYC
Feb 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
July 22-26	VBS
Oct 21	75th Anniv. Homecoming

### PICTURE BOARD UPDATES

Anyone that would like to have their picture updated on the picture board at the rear of the auditorium, please see Dwight Nicholson.

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

A sign-up sheet for 2018 communion preparation is on the table in the foyer.

### NEW DOORS

New steel exterior doors for the entire building will be installed within the next week. The back doors will also continue to be locked after services have started.

### IRELAND MISSION UPDATE

Scott, Rebecca, and Violet Shanahan arrived last week at their new mission work in Galway, Ireland. They just discovered that the government made recent changes to the immigration laws and no longer grant permission for religious ministers to stay. They have permission to stay for 90 days now and are working on a solution. Please pray for the Shanahans and the small congregation in Galway as this gets sorted out.

### CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Several dates for 2018 congregational activities is now posted in the foyer. Take note of these events, mark your calendars at home, and come be a part of the work!

### YOUTH MEETING

All youth and their parents/grandparents/guardians are invited to Joey and Susan Smith's house on Friday, Feb. 2 around 6:00pm for fellowship and a 2018 activities planning session.

### CYC 2018

Challenge Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge is Feb. 23-25, 2018. We open this trip up to youth of any age and their families. We are now registered! The cost to go is \$50. Please see Joey Smith with any questions.

### PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please help us keep our Prayer List up-to-date. If you have updates on anyone's current condition, please let one of the elders or Joey Smith know.

### 75th ANNIVERSARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The 75th anniversary of the first meeting of the Lord's church here at Clinton is Feb. 7. We will have an ice cream social that Wednesday evening after our Bible study. Please join us!

### 75th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 21 for our BIG Homecoming Sunday. Let's begin now inviting our friends, family, and former members. We will have a fellowship meal - church/eat/church.

## AREA EVENTS

### GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Sevierville/Pigeon Forge: Feb 16-17

### YOUTH DEVO

Scarboro Church of Christ: Feb 18

### TENNESSEE CHILDRENS HOME BENEFIT DINNER

Mar 6, 6:30 p.m. at Rothchild's. Guest Speaker: Brad Harrub. The cost is \$25 per person or \$250 per table. RSVP by March 2 to Loy Molchan at 584-0841.

*\*Please see the bulletin board and table in the foyer for more info on these area happenings.\**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Laura Bentley** has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will have surgery Jan. 24.

**Jean Crowe** had another stroke last week. After being in the hospital, she is now at NHC. This has delayed any treatment options for her cancer.

**Gail Sharp** is recovering very well from surgery. She will begin radiation treatments at the end of February.

**Georgia Herren** is now back home. Her condition remains about the same.

**Herman Herren** is in need of our prayers as he takes care of Georgia.

**Thelma Merrill** is awaiting further tests.

**Sheree Hoskins**, cousin of Karen Hamby, continues to need our prayers as she recovers.

**Natasha Hamm** has been sick with the flu and a respiratory infection.

**Terance Willis**, cousin of Denise Henderson, is discouraged and needs our prayers for strength and courage to press on.

**Terry McGhee**, friend of Terance Willis, continues to need our prayers as well. He lost his son in a fatal car accident.

**David Every**, a friend of Terance Willis, is also in need of our prayers.

**Melissa Everetts**, Susan Reagan's daughter, is in need of our prayers.

**Tabitha Weaver**, Betty Weaver's granddaughter, is having multiple medical issues.

**Tracy Hart**, Betty Weaver's daughter, is having internal bleeding.

**Brenda Jennings** continues to need our prayers as she is struggling with health problems.

**Audrey Egerton**, newborn great-niece of Gail Sharp, is now at home.

**Ori Stoffregen**, 4 week old son of Jake & Shea Stoffregen, is scheduled for heart surgery at Vanderbilt. The Stoffregen's live in Jackson, TN, and are connected to Freed-Hardeman.

**Chloe Parker**, newborn daughter of Susan Smith's cousin, Chanelle Parker, was born at 26 weeks and is in need of our prayers.

**Stacie Cornett**, a teacher at Highland View Church of Christ preschool, requests prayers for her father who is battling cancer.

**Steve Hill**, a former member here at Clinton and SEIBS graduate, had triple bypass surgery.

**Connor Livingston** continues to need our prayers as new tumors have been found in his brain and spinal column. Treatment is very difficult due to the location of the tumors.

Many of our little ones and young folks, including **Caroline Smith, Maddux McInturff**, and **Mackinzie Mowery**, have been sick over the last two weeks.

**Elle McInturff** has been in Children's Hospital with a severe stomach virus and dehydration.

**Continue to remember:** Jack Almroth, Rimikay Bachelor, Ben Barbee, Donna Benjamin, Beverly Burt, Kim Burt, Steve Burt, Lee Carden, Lisa Carr, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Melissa Everetts, Nasha Foster, Bernice Hammock, Lynn Hawkins, Dicey Humphrey, Beulah Jackson, Polly Keck, Lee LaMay, Connor Livingston, Sharon Martin, Norma Jean McGhee, Carolina Grace McClemore, Carolyn Mitchell, Becky Monday, Jean Perkins, Joel Peters, Anna Phillips, Carolyn Scruggs, Misty Smith, Flossie Spradling, Joyce Stearsman, Elaine Stevenson, Denzil Thompson, Darlene Thurman, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Thomas Wales, Steve Yearwood

**Cancer Treatment:** Christie Cinnamon, Bill Coker, Jean Crowe, Josh Deaton, Joe DeLucia, Gail Foust, Bob Hamby, Belle McCoy, Rhonda Perkins, Gail Sharp, Joshua Stokes, Tiffany Vann, Gail Wilkinson

**Shut-In:** *At home* – Mary Gilley, Ken Smith, Elmira Trentham; *Morning Pointe* – Jo Rutherford; *The Waters of Clinton* – Jimmy Redden; *Summit View of Rocky Top* – Ella Mae Burchfield; *Summit View* – Ann Nygard; *Beverly Park Place Knoxville* - Jean Dye