

# Clinton Church of Christ

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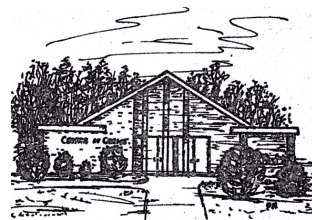
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Richard Bentley	264-0560
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*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

## WORSHIP TIMES

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

## 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: Rainbow Village  
for Girls, Jacob's Village for Boys

### Scott Shanahan – Italy

Please follow us on



## Serving the Congregation Dec 20, 2020

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Ben Smith	—
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Tim Nygard	—
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Herman Herren	—
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Garry Jones	—
<b>PM Table:</b>	—	—
<b>Announcements:</b>	Richard Bentley	—
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	—

**Wednesday evening: Dec 23, 2020**

**Song Leader:** —  
**Invitation:** —  
**Announcements:** —

## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	—
Worship	40
Live Stream Views	—
Contribution	\$3015

### Sunday PM

Worship	—
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### Wednesday

Live Stream Views	—
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# Clinton Chronicle

## Opportunities to Love

Cory Waddell

My buddy was running late for lunch one day, which was very unlike him. When he finally made it to the restaurant and sat down across from me, I could tell he was a little frazzled.

"Sorry," he said. "I've been on the phone with a business associate and well..."

I interjected, "They were giving you a hard time?"

He smiled and said, "They were giving me an opportunity to love on them."

That sentiment has stuck with me for a long time. When someone gives me a hard time, the instinct is to see it as an opportunity to get even. I may snap back at them or some other retaliation. Perhaps secretly I file the incident away to build of case of how they are a mean person and thus I can justly avoid them and have a low reputation of them. Yet, my buddy laid out a whole different perspective. Instead of seeing it as an opportunity to despise, I should see it as an opportunity to love.

Christians frequently ask God for opportunities to live out our faith. What we often forget is that those opportunities regularly show up as frustrating, difficult moments that put our faith to the test. Let's call it like it is...It's hard to love someone who is being ugly to you. Yet, what better way to practice loving like Jesus than to do it toward someone who has hurt me? It's a lot more effective than returning the favor. Solomon observed, "Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses" (*Proverbs 10:12*). Peter echoes the same sentiment, but with a greater sense of urgency. "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins" (*1 Peter 4:8*). Think about it. If we can learn to love those who are giving us grief and trouble, how much easier is it to love on them when we are at peace?

The next time someone starts ruffling your feathers, don't look at it as an opportunity to get even. Learn to see it as "an opportunity to love on them."

To our members and visitors - Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 21      Zoom Ladies Bible Class  
Feb 26-28      CYC

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Kayla Harwell in the passing of her father, **Eddie Godsey**.

We extend our sympathy to Jamie Terry, a teacher at Clinton Elementary and friend to several here, in the passing of her mother, **Kathryn Wilbanks**.

### ONLINE LADIES BIBLE CLASS

We had 15 ladies participate in our last class. Mark your calendars for upcoming Ladies' Zoom Bible classes. If you are interested in teaching one of our classes, please see Susan Smith.

- Lesson 7 - (Difficult Waiting - Sarah) Brenda Patterson - Monday, Dec. 21 at 7:00pm

### CYC 2021

Challenge Youth Conference WILL be happening next year. Due to limited allowed attendance, we need to register and pay now. For safety reasons, we will not be staying overnight in a cabin but will travel up on Saturday morning for the session and some free time in Pigeon Forge. The cost is \$30 per person and is due when you sign up. Please let Joey Smith know by December 13 if you plan to go. We will not be able to have any last minute changes or decisions this year, so let Joey know ASAP!

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**Please silence your cell phones during Bible study and worship. Thanks!**

### THE ELDERS CORNER

We are so very thankful for a COVID-19 vaccine to be made available so quickly. I feel the Lord God had an input through the wise doctors involved in the making of the vaccine. Each of us need to thank God for such a blessing.

*-Dwight*

### ADDITIONAL SEATING

We have additional seating available in the fellowship hall both for overflow and for those who might feel more comfortable with a little extra space and distancing during the continued pandemic. Please feel free to utilize this space during worship services if you feel more comfortable doing so.

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## Victory in Jesus

By Rob Albright

Challenges and struggles affect all Christians during this journey we are on. Once a person becomes "in Christ" through baptism (Romans 6:1-4) the journey and walk with Jesus is just starting. If we are going to have "victory in Jesus," we must be in Jesus and continue to live faithfully to Him by living according to God's will.

Yes, there will be those temptations and cares of the world that challenges us and keep us away from Bible study and increasing our faith. We become weak and a target for Satan. So, we must be studious and grow stronger in our faith and be ready to handle those attacks from Satan (Hebrews 5:14; Hebrews 12:1-2).

Ultimate victory will come to the steadfast (1 Cor. 15:58). There is a reward. There is the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:7-8). So, we must "keep on, keeping on."

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Erik Geibig**, friend of Cheri and Kevin Lancaster, was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 prostate cancer. He has been at MD Anderson this week. The prognosis is not good. He is 49 years old. Please pray for Erik, Barbie and their three children.
- **Jimmy Ashworth, Zach Ashworth, Caroline Smith, Katie Mowery, and Ian Mowery** have received positive COVID-19 test results.
- **Joe DeLucia**, Ashley McInturff's stepfather, has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Ashley's sister and grandmother have also tested positive.
- **Linda Moore**, Jody Yarber's aunt, is battling bladder cancer. She lives in Texas.
- **Elaine Stevenson** is in very poor health.
- **Wayne Simon**, Ouita Northcutt's brother, was finally able to go home from the hospital.
- **Dudley Brewer**, the Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, continues to have good results from his chemo treatments. He will not be able to begin the stem cell treatment until February, so he will continue chemo for a longer period than originally thought.
- **Sara Monhollen**, sister of an FHU classmate of Joey and Susan Smith, has moved to a rehab center in Ohio to recover from COVID-19.
- **Steve Higginbotham** received some very encouraging news from his doctors. There has been no spread of the cancer and existing tumors have either shrunk or disappeared.
- Please continue to remember the entire **Mowery family** in the passing of our brother, Eric.

**Continue to remember:** John Adkins, Stephanie Baird, Elbert Boyd, Harriette Brown, Elijah, Burt, Lisa Carr, Mike Chester, Wade Colwell, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Dakota Fuller, Steve Griffith, Lynn Hawkins, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Mike Henderson, Tucker King, Abbie Malone, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Bridget Moses, Ouita Northcutt, Britni Pflieger, Keith Rider, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, Jacob Short, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

**Cancer Treatment:** Curtis Barnes, Linda Bell, Judy Bentley, Sid Booth, Dudley Brewer, Bill Campbell, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Jerry Cross, Don Dilbeck, Nolan Fagan, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Erik Geibig, Steve Higginbotham, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Gladys Moore, Linda Moore, Jonas Moore, David Phippen, Jack Price, Terrie Rogers, Wayne Simon, Melea Smith, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson, Buddy Wilson, Sherrye Woodall

**Shut-In:** *At home* - Elmira Trentham; *Norris Health & Rehab* - Polly Keck; *The Waters of Clinton* - Dicey Humphrey

Updates to the Prayer List may be sent to [churchofchristclinton@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com) or given to Joey Smith.

### CLINTON CHURCH LIVE STREAM

Our Sunday morning worship services may be viewed live online for those unable to join us here at the building. You DO NOT have to have a Facebook count to view. Follow this link:

[www.facebook.com/churchofchristclinton/live/](https://www.facebook.com/churchofchristclinton/live/)