

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

<b>Sunday AM</b>	
Bible Study	—
Worship	60
Live Stream Views	206
Contribution	\$3716
<b>Sunday PM</b>	
Worship	—
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Live Stream Views	37



*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 Feb 21, 2021

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Kevin Lancaster	—
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Earl Broadway	—
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Stump Smith	—
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	WT Crider	—
<b>PM Table:</b>	—	—
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herb Byrd	—
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	—

**Wednesday evening: Feb 24, 2021**

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

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# Clinton Chronicle

## Hope as an Anchor

S.W. Lawhorn

The writer of Hebrews uses the image of an anchor to describe the hope we have as Christians (Hebrews 6:19). The word-picture of an anchor is very appropriate since the hope we have anchors our soul in life -- it keeps us from drifting aimlessly in life and from drifting away from God. But the part I hadn't noticed before is immediately after that -- where the writer describes where our anchor is set.

Often times an anchor will be lowered from a ship by means of a rope or a chain, and it will come to rest on the bottom of the body of water. Usually the anchor has a shape that causes it to dig into the seabed as it is pulled along (similar to a plow) to provide stability for the ship.

In the last part of Hebrews 6:19, our hope is said to be "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast..." So far, so good... but the writer continues: "and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus..."

Whoa! Did you see that? There's a lot in those few words! You might say the writer of Hebrews is "mixing metaphors" a bit here. He was speaking of hope being our soul's anchor, but as he describes where the anchor is set, he describes it as entering "behind the veil" into the Most Holy Place of the Temple (or Tabernacle) -- the place the High Priest would only go once each year representing the very presence of God... and the place where Jesus has actually gone as our High Priest -- into God's presence!

So, let me try to summarize this... The writer is saying our hope -- our soul's anchor -- is "dug in" or "set" in the presence of God, which is the same place Jesus has entered for us on our behalf. But it is even better than this...

Notice the passage says Jesus has gone into God's presence as our "forerunner." A forerunner is one who goes before and prepares the way for those who will follow. We are expected to follow our hope, our High Priest, our Forerunner -- into the Presence of God!

I had never seen how all those things fit together before from this passage! But after thinking through this little passage, I remembered I had been singing a song my whole life (and it happens to be one of my favorite church songs) that speaks of this very idea! Notice these lines from the song, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less":

"When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil."

My entire life I have been singing this song, and I never put together where these thoughts originated -- right here in Hebrews 6:19-20! As I look over the rest of this song, I am convinced the songwriter based his thoughts for this song on the book of Hebrews!

I encourage you today to be mindful of your soul's anchor. And remember when hard times come upon us, we have an anchor that is more than sufficient to keep us safe -- firmly set in the presence of God!

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Feb 21	Online Bible Story Time
Feb 23	Zoom Ladies Bible Class
Feb 26-28	CYC
Mar 7	Zoom Ladies Bible Class

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Annette Smith and family in the passing of **Alyne Matthews** last week. A viewing will be held today, Sunday, Feb. 21 from 12:00 to 4:00 at Holley-Gamble Funeral Home in Clinton with a service for family and church friends at 4:30. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 1:00 Central Standard Time at Good Hope Cemetery in Livingston, TN.

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

We have a signup list in the foyer for 2021 communion preparation - which will be a bit different! Preparation will be bagging and refilling the trays in the foyer each week.

### ONLINE LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Mark your calendars for upcoming Ladies' Zoom Bible classes. If you are interested in teaching one of our classes, please see Susan Smith.

- Tuesday, Feb 23 at 7:00pm - Laura Bentley
- Sunday, Mar 7 at 7:00pm - Resa Byrd

### TAKE HOME ITEMS

There are several personal items on the tables in the Resource Room that need to be claimed and taken home (blankets, books, Bibles, etc). Please take a look and see if anything there belongs to you.

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

### CYC 2021

Challenge Youth Conference is this weekend. We will be attending the Saturday session from 3:00 to 8:00pm. The cost is \$30 per person and is due now. If you have signed up for a ticket, please see Joey Smith today with any questions and to turn in your payment.

### WEDNESDAY ONLINE BIBLE STORY

Kids, don't forget Bible Story Time with Calvin on Wednesday nights (or sometimes Thursdays) at 6:00pm! Videos are live on Facebook. All past videos are also there for your viewing in the video library!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Although it is still several months away, we wanted to mention that you will want to mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 4. The Silver Saints will be having a picnic at Norris Dam State Park Pavilion starting at 10:00am. The youth will then have a picnic at the pavilion starting at 4:30pm.

### FREE CALENDARS

Gail Sharp has 2021 wall calendars and 2021-2022 pocket planners available this morning to those that might like to have them.

### PRAYERS FOR MYANMAR

We have been asked to remember the country of Myanmar in our prayers. The military there has staged a coup. Life for those who disagree is perilous. The unrest, conflict, fear and persecution is overwhelming. Our students from WEI are terrified for their lives and countrymen

### KCS OPEN HOUSE

Knoxville Christian School's Open House will be Monday, March 8th, 2021 from 5:30 – 7 PM. This Open House will be available to all ages, from rising 18 month-olds through 12th grade. The K-5 Open House will be open to both potential and current students. The Open House for grades 6-12 will be for potential students. No RSVP required.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Karen Hamby** had a heart cath on Friday.
- **Bill Campbell**, who attends frequently with his son Bill and daughter-in-law Marlene, is in the hospital in Oak Ridge room 361. Both his kidney and heart conditions have deteriorated. He is now on dialysis.
- **Kayla Harwell** had abnormal test results and will undergo surgery.
- **Josh Patton** has been having GI issues and is seeking treatment and answers with a specialist on March 4.
- **Wanda Crider's brother** is very sick with COVID and was admitted to the hospital.
- **Wade Colwell**, Karen Yarber's father, is dealing with heart problems.
- **Kasey Allen Dudley** is fighting cancer. She is 22 years old and has an aggressive, rare type of cancer in her spine. Please keep Kasey and her husband Ethan in your prayers. Their parents are members at Maryville Church of Christ.
- **Kathy**, mother-in-law of **Britni Pflieger**, Kevin and Cheri Lancaster's daughter, continues to need our prayers.
- **Kevin Shanahan**, Scott Shanahan's father, is in the hospital with spinal problems due to a resurgence of cancer. He will undergo surgery to fix the spine problem, and then he will have to fight the cancer again.
- **Dudley Brewer**, Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, continues to be very sick and weak. Please pray that the stem cell treatment will have positive progression and for strength for Dudley and his wife, Jan.

**Continue to remember:** John Adkins, Mark Aycok, 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, Jacob Lawhorn, 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, Jerry Cross, Don Dilbeck, Kasey Allen, Dudley, Nolan Fagan, Michael Ford, 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 Pippen, Jack Price, Terrie Rogers, Wayne Simon, Melea Smith, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson, Buddy Wilson

**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/](http://www.facebook.com/churchofchristclinton/live/)