

# Clinton Church of Christ

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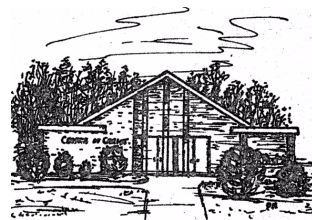
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## FOR THE RECORD

<b>Sunday AM</b>	
Bible Study	—
Worship	57
Live Stream Views	146
Contribution	\$3816
<b>Sunday PM</b>	
Worship	—
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Live Stream Views	79



*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**

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## Serving the Congregation Apr 4, 2021

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Ben Smith	—
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Herb Byrd	—
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Tim Nygard	—
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Daniel McInturff	—
<b>PM Table:</b>	—	—
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith	—
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	—

**Wednesday evening: Apr 7, 2021**

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

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# Clinton Chronicle

## A Member of the Family

By David A. Sargent

Karl Stegall tells of two brothers who entered the first grade. One said he was born January 1, 1984. The other said he was born April 4, 1984.

"That is impossible [that you are brothers]," said the teacher.

"No," replied the first brother, "one of us is adopted."

"Which one?" asked the teacher.

"I don't know," he replied. "One day I asked my Dad [that question] and he kissed us both and said, 'I forgot.'" \*

The relationship of these two brothers to their father and to one another illustrates two descriptions of how one may be brought into the family of God.

Some Scriptures speak of being born into God's Family. Jesus told Nicodemus: "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:3-5). This is a reference to baptism (immersion) in water when a penitent believer in Christ receives the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Upon his or her baptism, the penitent believer is added to the family of God, the church (Acts 2:41, 47; Galatians 3:26-29).

Other Scriptures speak of the redemptive process as being adopted into the family of God (Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:4-6; Ephesians 1:5). The idea is that because of our sins, we are orphans and desperately lost. But God loves us and wants to adopt us into His family. The Son of God, Jesus, paid the price for our redemption – and our adoption – by dying on the cross for our sins (Ephesians 1:7). The Apostle Paul wrote to Christians: "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together" (Romans 8:15-17).

When is one adopted into the family of God? Here is where the two pictures combine: one is adopted into the family of God when he or she is born again.

God will save and adopt into His family those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized – "born again" – for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). He adds us to His family, the church, and we enjoy all the spiritual blessings that are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), including knowing God as our heavenly Father and sharing relationship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

As Christians we exclaim, "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1).

The Good News is that YOU can be "born again" and "adopted" into the Family of God, too. Trust and obey Jesus. God wants you to be in His family, forever.

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Apr 7	Online Bible Story Time
Apr 11	Baby Shower
Apr 11	Zoom Ladies Class
Aug 4	Silver Saints Picnic
Aug 4	Youth & Families Picnic

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

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

### 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.

- Sunday, Apr 11 at 7:00pm - Resa Byrd, Lesson 12
- Lesson 13, Lesley Mowery - early May, date and time TBD

### BIBLE STUDY AT JONES HOME

Garry and Cindy Jones are hosting an adult Bible study every other Thursday from 6:30-7:30 at their home at 4 Breakers Court in Clinton. The next scheduled studies are April 15th, and 29th. Coffee and drinks will be provided; please bring a small snack or dessert if you'd like.

### 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!

### THE ELDERS CORNER

#### God Is Watching

A father without permission was in the habit (stealing) of picking off prime fruit from the neighbor's orchard. But before the father went in among the fruit trees, he looked all around to see if he was being watched. Just as he was about to pull the fruit, the little boy called out, "Dad! Dad!" "What is it, son?" the father replied. "Dad, you did not look up." (Eph. 4:28)

*-Herman*

### DIAPER & GIFT CARD SHOWER

Let's celebrate with Jacob and Katie Mowery! Stop by the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 11, after morning worship to drop off diapers or a gift card for baby Oaklynn Kate (due in May). Don't forget to pick up your treat too!

### INDIA MISSION

Garry Jones is collecting all types of sewing materials and supplies for the work in India. Please drop off any donated items in the Pantry.

### SEIBS LECTURESHIP

The Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies Annual Lectureship will be April 18-21 this year. Masks will be required at all times. If you have any questions, please call 865-691-7411 or email office@makingpreachers.com.

### PERSONAL EVANGELISM SEMINAR

The LaFollette Church of Christ is hosting a personal evangelism seminar through House to House/Heart to Heart on April 9-10. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for start times and details. The seminar is open to anyone who wants to attend.

### EGG HUNT

Thanks to everyone who came yesterday for our spring Egg Hunt. We had over 40 there! A big thank you to Russell and Lauren McElroy for hosting us at their beautiful home.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Karen Hamby** is currently at UT Hospital awaiting surgery later this week. She is in a great deal of pain and discomfort.
- **Paul & Sarah Nygard** have been diagnosed with COVID.
- **Bill Campbell** is doing well with dialysis and is improving. His wife is in declining health with a bad heart valve. His son, Bill, is traveling back and forth from home to care for his dad.
- **Glen Morgan** will begin radiation treatments soon.
- **Dudley Brewer**, Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, is showing gradual signs of improvement. The family continues to ask for prayers that his health be restored.
- **John Miller** is recovering from knee surgery.
- **Myrna Oelherts**, a friend of Garry and Cindy Jones, is having heart issues.
- **Buck & Kristen Herren** are in need of our prayers.

**Continue to remember:** John Adkins, Mark Aycock, 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, Glen Morgan, David Pippen, Jack Price, Terrie Rogers, Kevin Shanahan, 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.

### GRADUATE & STUDENT RECOGNITION

It's hard to believe, but the end of the school year is in sight! At the end of May, we will publish an insert to the bulletin with all of our young folks' awards and accomplishments for the year. Please send Joey Smith an email, text, or Facebook message with your info.

### 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/)

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