

# Clinton Church of Christ

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Richard Bentley	264-0560
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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

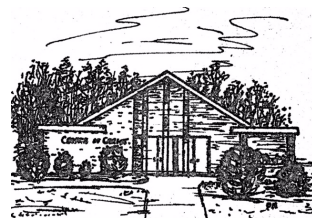
Bible Study	59
Worship	91
Contribution	\$3020

### Sunday PM

Worship	55
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	40
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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: Rainbow Village  
for Girls, Jacob's Village for Boys

### Scott Shanahan – Italy

Please follow us on



## Serving the Congregation May 16, 2021

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Ben Smith	Kevin Lancaster
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dwight Nicholson	Dale Mowery
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Tim Nygard	Herb Byrd
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<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Earl Broadway	Tim Nygard
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren	
<b>Usher:</b>	James McCrary	

### Wednesday evening: May 19, 2021

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Joey Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren

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## All Else Surpassing

By Adam Faughn

There are a dozen or so different hymns we typically sing in preparation for the Lord's Supper. Sometimes, due to familiarity with the hymns, we may struggle to concentrate on the words, but we should always strive to concentrate on them, as these songs are meant to help us focus on an essential portion of our worship.

One of those songs is called "When We Meet in Sweet Communion" (in some songbooks, it is entitled "The Lord's Supper") by Tillit S. Teddlie. Each line of the song is powerful, but there is one line that often makes me think a great deal. It is the opening portion of the chorus, in which we sing, "precious feast, all else surpassing." As with many poetic lines, the meaning of this could be taken a couple of different ways, but it seems to me we are singing the truth that this feast—the Lord's Supper—is greater than any other meal we could ever eat.

While the list of reasons why that is true could go on and on, here are five reasons why these few moments should mean so much to us; more than any other meal.

**1. Connection with the Savior.** When instituting this meal, Jesus state that He would "drink it new" with His followers in the Kingdom (Matthew 26:29). Considering that the kingdom and the Church are synonymous (Matthew 16:16-19), each time we partake of this meal, Jesus is right there with us. We are connected with Him through our obedient faith as we remember what He has done.

**2. Memory of the Cross.** Famously, Jesus stated that the Lord's Supper was to be done in remembrance of Him (Luke 22:19). Each of the emblems is meant to take our minds back to the cross; the bread representing His body and the fruit of the vine representing His blood. Each time we eat this feast, it should be a powerful time of remembering the totality of all that happened for our salvation at Calvary. In no other act of worship are all our senses involved in this way, so our memory should be stirred deeply through what we are doing.

**3. Proclamation of Victory.** The Lord's Supper is to be eaten week after week by faithful Christians "until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). It is a proclamation of what Jesus did for us all those years ago and what it means to each of us in our spiritual lives. Knowing what He did at Calvary and knowing that we are doing this until He returns at the end of time, we are proclaiming victory over sin and death so the world might know that Jesus is Lord.

**4. Togetherness of the Saints.** The New Testament makes clear that there is a "together" aspect to the Lord's Supper. Though it is eaten individually, Christians gather for this purpose (Acts 20:7) and encourage one another by being present at the table. Further, Christians around the world gather for this purpose each week, so we are able to know that our Christian family is connected by this feast each and every Lord's Day.

**5. Reflection on Our Lives.** Though the Lord's Supper typically does not last all that long each week, it still provides us with a precious time to reflect on what is most important in our lives. In fact, we are commanded to examine ourselves during this time (1 Corinthians 11:28) and realize that any "worthiness" we have is only true because of what Christ has done for us on the cross.

At no other meal or feast could all of these things be true. Further, there is no way that any man-made meal could ever have these things be true each and every time it is eaten. But this is not our supper; it is the Lord's Supper. So, as long as we are faithfully partaking, each of these things is true throughout the feast, and we are the beneficiaries of great blessings in our spiritual lives by partaking each week. It truly is a precious feast, "all else surpassing."

## CLINTON CALENDAR

**May 30**      **Song Service/Fingerfoods**  
**May 30**      **Graduate Recognition**  
**Aug 4**        **Silver Saints Picnic**  
**Aug 4**        **Youth & Families Picnic**

### GRADUATE & STUDENT RECOGNITION

It's hard to believe, but the end of the school year is in sight! On May 30th, we will publish an insert to the bulletin with all of our young folks' awards & accomplishments for the year. Please send Joey Smith an email, text, or Facebook message with your info.

### SONG LEADERS

If you are scheduled to lead singing at any of our services, please call, text, or email Joey Smith the day before with your list of songs (including the number of verses you will be leading) so that the song slides may be put together prior to services. Thanks to all!

### LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Karns church is hosting the Southeast Leadership Camp June 6-13 for ages 12-18, It will be an "in-person" camp. Registration and forms should be completed online at [www.karnschurch.org/leadershipcamp](http://www.karnschurch.org/leadershipcamp) with a deadline of May 26.

### TEENAGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

TCC will be happening this summer! Each week of camp will be at half capacity, so sign up at [www.teenagechristiancamp.org](http://www.teenagechristiancamp.org).

TCC is in need of counselors, particularly male counselors. If you are interested in helping out this summer at camp as a counselor, please see any of our members who are on the TCC Board of Directors - Herb Byrd, Herman Herren, or Stump Smith.

### THE ELDERS CORNER

*What Christians Should Know & Do About Prayer*  
Several times in my life prayer was the only answer. People were kind, concerned and helpful. But grieving is a very hard and personal thing.

- \*Prayer is powerful and effective James 5:13-18
- \*Pray with pure motives and forgive others. James 4:3
- \*Be persistent in prayer. Col 4:2
- \*Pray for all needs and wants. Eph. 6:18-20
- \*Christ is our mediator but the Holy Spirit helps also Romans 8:26-27
- \*Prayer is an effective and powerful tool for the Christian. 1 Pet. 3:12
- \*Pray with humility and submissiveness. 1 Peter 5:5-7
- \*Prayer is not for show or repeated ritual. Matt. 5:5-15
- \*Prayer frees us from worry, because in prayer we give all our concerns to God. Phil 4:6
- \*Christ is our only mediator. 1 Tim 2:5
- \*Because of Christ we come to God with confidence. Heb. 4:16
- \*The New Testament is silent about incense in Worship, instead the true spiritual incense used is our prayers through Christ. Rev.5:8

Remember what Paul said in Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

*-Dale*

### CLINTON CHURCH LIVE STREAM

We will continue to stream our Sunday morning worship services 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.**

**Thanks!**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Ron Churchwell**, a co-worker of Jimmy Ashworth, has been diagnosed with an abdominal aortic aneurysm and will be having a corrective procedure done very soon.
- **Allison Taylor**, a friend of Sheila Herren, passed away from heart attack suddenly at age 58. She was a member at Arlington Church of Christ.
- **Gretchen Nelson**, Garry and Cindy Jones' daughter, had surgery last week.
- **Hubert Sharp** continues to recover from surgery.
- **Henry Harwell** is sick with an ear infection that has caused eye problems as well.
- **Lesley Mowery** will have surgery this week.
- **Lee**, Gail Sharp's cousin, has been diagnosed with cancer for the fourth or fifth time. The cancer is very close to his kidney and is wrapped around an artery.
- **Karen Hamby** had to be taken to the hospital but hopes to return to NHC Farragut soon.
- **Dylan Richey**, Melissa Caylor's son, is in need of our prayers.
- **Millard Adkins** is now recovering at home.
- **Glen Morgan** is undergoing radiation treatments.
- **Dudley Brewer**, Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, continues to improve at home. The family is thankful for your prayers.
- **Myrna Oelherts**, a friend of Garry and Cindy Jones, continues to have heart issues.

**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

### MARRIAGE SEMINAR

The West End Church of Christ will host a marriage seminar May 21-22. Please see the bulletin board for a flyer with details.

### ITALIAN MISSION PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott and Rebecca Shanahan have requested prayers on behalf of Scott's dad who continues to be in declining health and for Rebecca as she awaits her "permission to stay" card. The Shanahans are planning a trip to the U.S. in the coming months.