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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

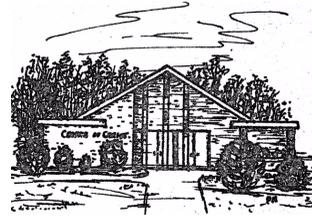
Bible Study	n/c
Worship	82
Contribution	\$3226

Sunday PM

Worship	n/c
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Wednesday

Bible Study	45
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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

Andrew Young - SEIBS

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation July 18, 2021

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Rick Caudle
Opening Prayer:	Dale Mowery	Kevin Lancaster
Lord's Table:	Stump Smith	Ben Smith
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Closing Prayer:	WT Crider	Tim Melton
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	James McCrary	

Wednesday evening: July 21, 2021

Song Leader:	Tim Melton
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Dale Mowery

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Devouring Yourselves

By Joe Chesser

Have you ever done something pretty dumb and thought to yourself that you are glad no one had a camera to record your stupidity? Well, I remember some time ago Brenda Dufour, a good friend who lives in Louisiana, sent me several pictures of some very ridiculous things caught by a camera. Things like a man hosing his car in a downpour, a purse and a bag of groceries on top of a car going down the street, a plastic coffee thermos melted on top of a gas burner, a truck headfirst in the water on a boat ramp with the boat hooked behind it still on shore, and a lineman working on top of a telephone pole with a tornado in plain view right behind him.

But the one that most caught my attention was a picture of a snake coiled around swallowing his own tail! There must have been 4-5 inches already down his throat! Devouring yourself alive is about as dumb as it gets. Yet, that's what people all around us are doing to each other all the time. And worse yet is when we do it to each other!

Paul warned us about this in Galatians 5. In the context of urging the church to live differently from the rest of the world, to live by the Spirit and not by the desires of the flesh, he said: "If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other" (Galatians 5:15). The picture of the snake is clear evidence of just how foolish it is to try to destroy each other by destructive words and actions. It's certainly not the way of the Spirit!

Paul reminded the Galatians that God expects Christians to practice the law of love towards each other. To "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5:14) is the summation of the entire law in a single command. This means to treat others as God would treat them, with kind words and deeds that build them up. Anyone can curse and swear and criticize and complain. Anyone can rip other people apart. That comes naturally because we all are born with the sinful nature. But for those who want to rise above that, for those who are born of the Spirit, practicing the law of love becomes their new nature. Instead of living immorally and filled with hatred and selfish ambition, those born of the Spirit allow the Spirit to fill them with something far better – love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:19-24). There is no place in the fruit of the Spirit for words and actions that bite and devour each other.

It may be natural for snakes to swallow themselves. I really don't know much about that. But I do know it's not natural for Christians to destroy each other. I've seen far too much of that in my lifetime. I've even participated in it, to my shame. However, it's time for us all to put that behind us and from now on to treat each other with love!

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

July 22	Sister Friends
July 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
July 27	Sister Friends
July 31	Kids Summer Celebration
Aug 4	Silver Saints Picnic
Aug 4	Youth & Families Picnic
Aug 29	Shanahans visiting

CLYDE'S SUMMER CELEBRATION

Kids and families - mark your calendars for Saturday, July 31, for Clyde the Camel's Summer Celebration here at the building. We will enjoy singing, crafts, fun, some Bible stories, and fun outside - bounce house, sno cones, and pizza! Details on starting and ending times will be forthcoming!

If you are willing to be a helper on the day of the celebration, please let Joey Smith know.

SISTER FRIENDS

Sister Friends will meet on Thursday, July 22, at 10am for an activity, devotional and brunch here at the church building. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for both food and attendance. See Cheri Lancaster with questions.

Ladies will also meet at 6:00pm at Dean's Restaurant & Bakery in Oak Ridge (Jackson Square) for dinner on Tuesday, July 27. We look forward to seeing you then!

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a thank you note on the bulletin board in the foyer from someone who drives by our church sign every day and wanted to let us know how much she appreciated the message. Please check this note out; the sender's address is on the envelope as well. It would be wonderful for us to send some notes or cards back!

THE ELDERS CORNER

The Clinton congregation of the Church of Christ has ordered a Spiritual Sword publication for each quarter of the year. Each package contains 25 copies. I try to make sure a copy is given to each elder, each deacon, and our preacher as our helper Christian brother, Clint Patterson. There are previous copies on the front lamp table and of the current quarter several copies in a special container on the front lamp table. Any visitor or member is welcome to take home a copy to make good use of it in your personal Bible study. All copies of the Spiritual Sword contain very good Bible lessons. Please take advantage of this service offered by the congregation.

-Dwight

"Listen" to the Sky

By Edd Sterchi

Each and every shining star
Testifies from vast afar
All the planets do agree
The moon joins in with unity
The marching clouds e'er proclaim
As does the sun with heat and flame
The brilliant sky and all beyond
Shouts "it's through God that we spawned"

*"The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."*

(Psalm 19:1, ESV)

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

Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Thelma Shepherd** will be having surgery on her foot. She is in a great deal of pain.
- **Jeremy Price** will have another back surgery in the near future.
- **Marge Brewer**, Wanda Crider's mother, is now in a nursing home. She has not suffered any long-term effects from her stroke, but her health in general is declining.
- **Sarah Mefford** continues to recover from back surgery at home.
- **Arthur Pigman** continues to recover from outpatient surgery to remove a kidney stone.
- **James McCrary** is undergoing medical tests and is in need of our prayers.
- **Lorene Sharp**, Hubert Sharp's mother, has made some improvements.
- **Jean Stokes**, a friend of the Mowerys in Australia, is in poor health.
- **Millard Adkins** continues to need our prayers.
- **Leroy Camp**, husband of Terry Camp, a Norris firefighter known to many here, is in the hospital in California with blood clots.

Continue to remember: Dudley Brewer, Harriette Brown, Elijah Burt, Mike Chester, Ron Churchwell, Wade Colwell, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, James McCrary, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Ouita Northcutt, Britni Pflieger, Dylan Richey, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Bonnie Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Bill Campbell, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Michael Ford, Gail Foust, Lee Herrington, Steve Higginbotham, Gladys Moore, Glen Morgan, David Pippen, Jack Price, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, Melea Smith, Vernie Vignolo, Gail Wilkinson, Buddy Wilson

Shut-In: Norris Health & Rehab - Polly Keck; The Waters of Clinton - Dicey Humphrey

Updates to the Prayer List may be sent to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or given to Joey Smith.

WELCOME!

Andrew, Hannah, Vivian, and Olive Young have finally arrived from Australia! We are thankful for their safe travel and want to give them a big Clinton welcome!

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date! We need your help with both our long-term and short-term prayer list updates, additions, changes, and deletions. If you have any changes to our list, please see Joey Smith or email them to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com.

CLINTON CHURCH LIVE STREAM

We will continue to stream our Sunday morning services live online for those unable to join us here at the building. You DO NOT have to have a Facebook account to view. Follow this link:

www.facebook.com/churchofchristclinton/live/