

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

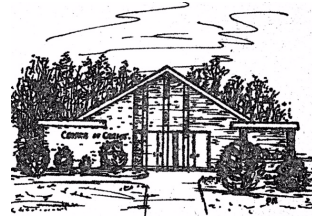
Bible Study	54
Worship	75
Contribution	\$3060

### Sunday PM

Worship	39
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	41
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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 Aug 8, 2021

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Chuck Kilpatrick	Kevin Lancaster
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Stump Smith	Tim Nygard

<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Dwight Nicholson	Tim Melton
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dale Mowery	
<b>Usher:</b>	James McCrary	

## Wednesday evening: Aug 11, 2021

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Rick Caudle
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith

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## Learning to Obey

By Joe Chesser

Obeying is not natural for any of us. Think about it. We are born concerned only for ourselves. We cry if we are not fed when we're hungry, or when our diaper needs changing, or when things don't go our way. We resist for a while being taught to eat at certain times and to be potty trained. Why? Because obeying seems counterproductive to us. It means giving up our own will and surrendering to someone bigger and stronger and smarter. Obeying is giving up our independence and challenging our pride. Unfortunately, resisting obedience doesn't stop when we become adults, especially in a society that promotes "my rights". The outcome of such an attitude is predictable: chaos in families, in communities and nations, and even in churches. For many believers, obedience has become a dirty word, a harsh and ugly concept to be avoided. Words like love and grace and mercy are much more palatable.

However, if we truly want to be like Jesus we cannot overlook the importance of learning obedience. In Hebrews 5.8 it says of Jesus, "Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered." Not the only place, but the most obvious place where Jesus learned obedience was at the time of his death. The night before his death he prayed that God would find some way for him to avoid the suffering of the cross: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26.39). Since there was no other way, Jesus obeyed the will of the Father by willingly enduring the cruel suffering of the cross. Even though he was the Son of God, he had to learn obedience from what he suffered.

The next verse, Hebrews 5.9, then calls on us to also learn to obey. "And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him." Because Jesus perfectly obeyed the will of the Father by going to the cross, he not only gave us a perfect example of obedience, he also became the only source of eternal salvation for any of us (John 14.6), and the only way to access that source is by, like Jesus, learning to obey. Again, this points out that obedience is not natural for any of us. It is something that must be learned. But if we will put out the effort to learn obedience, the promised result is eternal life. Jesus put it simply, "If you love me, you will obey what I command" (John 14.15 NIV). Paul later wrote that those who will be shut out from the presence of God forever are those who do not know God and those who "do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1.8-9). Just before Jesus left the earth, he instructed his apostles that those who are baptized are also to be taught "to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28.20). Obedience is something to be taught and learned.

It will not come naturally or easily. It takes effort and commitment. But as John wrote, "this is love; that we walk in obedience to his commands" (2 John 1.6).

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

**Aug 20** Sister Friends  
**Aug 29** Shanahans visiting  
**Aug 29** Song Service/Fingerfoods  
**Aug 31** Sister Friends Meet-up

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Resa Byrd and family in the passing of her father, **Jack Zorn**. Visitation is from 12:30 to 2:30 with a memorial service at 2:30 on Aug. 28 at the University Church of Christ in Montgomery, Alabama.

### SISTER FRIENDS

All ladies are invited to a fiesta-themed night here at the building on Friday, Aug. 20 at 7:00pm. We will have food, a devotional, and an activity/craft. Brenda Patterson will be leading our devotional. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Please see Susan Smith with any questions.

### SISTER FRIENDS MONTHLY MEET-UP

Our ladies will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 11:30am at Golden Girls Restaurant for lunch. Please let Susan Smith know if you have any questions.

### PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. If you know of changes, additions, deletions, or updates to our prayer list, please let Joey Smith know or email them to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com.

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

**Thanks!**

### THE ELDERS CORNER

I am very thankful to have God's Word throughout both the old and the new testaments, to be member of the church of Christ, and be born in America with our God given rights under a republic constitution.

We need to pray every day for our leaders that they will make wise decisions that are in accordance with God's word. Pray that we will continue to have freedom and especially that we will be able to worship as God wills.

*-Dwight*

## AREA EVENTS

### PATHWAYS 5K RUN/WALK

Benefitting Tennessee Children's Home: Aug. 28

### GIRL'S DAY

East Main Church, Murfreesboro: Sept. 11

### FOREVER HIS DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: Oct. 2

## "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)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Chuck Kilpatrick** will have surgery for kidney stones on Aug. 24.
- **Sherry Bushey** had a needle biopsy last week.
- **The Crider family** is recovering from illnesses last week.
- **Michael Olsen** is undergoing tests and will be traveling to Vanderbilt soon.
- **Thelma Shepherd** is recovering from foot surgery.
- **Taylor Adkins**, Spencer Herren's fiance, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. She will begin chemo soon.
- **Vivian Dagley**, a dear friend of Rachel Broadway, is battling lymphoma.
- **Carol Burt** is in need of our prayers.
- **Lorene Sharp**, Hubert Sharp's mother, has been back in the hospital.
- **Dakota Gayne**, Carol Burt's grandson, has COVID and is seriously ill.
- **Elijah Burt** is nearing the time for his kidney transplant. Remember him in your prayers.
- Prayers have been requested for **David West**, who is suffering from bleeding issues due to diverticulitis.
- **Madison Gadd**, the child of a former coworker of Annette Smith, is at Vanderbilt for treatment of a tumor on her shoulder.
- **Janet Coleman**, a friend of the Busheys, is dealing with back problems.
- **Lisa Carr**, Sherry Bushey's daughter in Syracuse, NY, is suffering with MS.
- Cindy Jones' niece **Jamie** continues to need prayers as she deals with COVID.
- **Resa Marie Byrd**, Herb and Resa Byrd's daughter, is dealing with atrial fibrillation.
- **Kyle Harris**, a preacher in Berea, KY, was killed in a rock climbing accident last week.

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

**Cancer Treatment:** Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Bill Campbell, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Michael Ford, Gail Foust, 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](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com) or given to Joey Smith.

### CLINTON CHURCH LIVE STREAM

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