

# Clinton Church of Christ

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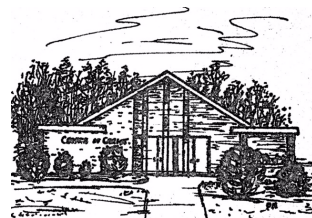
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*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

## WORSHIP TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

## 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**

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## Serving the Congregation Dec 5, 2021

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Chris Cox	Herb Byrd
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bradley Crider	Tim Nygard
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Herb Byrd	Tim Melton
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<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Glen Morgan	Daniel McInturff
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

## Wednesday evening: Dec 8, 2021

**Song Leader:** Tim Melton  
**Invitation:** Richard Bentley  
**Announcements:** Stump Smith

## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	42
Worship	78
Contribution	\$2920

### Sunday PM

Worship	38
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	44
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# Clinton Chronicle

## Doesn't God Want Me To Be Happy?

By Joe Slater

This question usually refers to superficial happiness such as a child feels when given a new toy. Such earthly pleasure isn't necessarily wrong, but neither should we think it is God's chief goal for us! He certainly approves when we "eat and drink and enjoy the good of all (our) labor" (Ecclesiastes 3:13). As Solomon found, though, such enjoyment cannot fill the God-shaped void in the heart of every person.

A man who had been unfaithful to his wife tried to rationalize his sin by asking me, "Doesn't God want me to be happy?" He had confused "the passing pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:15) for true happiness.

Undoubtedly Jesus could enjoy a good meal and the satisfaction of a job well done. For those perceptive enough to see it, His sense of humor shines through. We should not view Him as perpetually melancholy and forlorn. Yet Isaiah portrays Him as "a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (53:3). What makes us think we, as disciples of Jesus, are entitled to continuous gratification because "God wants us to be happy"?

The imprisoned Paul knew what it was like to have everything he needed and to be in want. "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11-12). Evidently, he didn't believe the modern "prosperity gospel" ("gospel of health and wealth").

Genuine Biblical happiness doesn't depend on your outward circumstances! Being faithful in a covenant relationship with God results in happiness nothing of this world can match! When that's your concept of happiness then yes, God want's you to be happy!

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 10	Youth Holiday Gathering
Dec 14	Sister Friends
Dec 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Dec 31	New Years Eve Game Night

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Jody Yarber in the passing of his father, **Watson Yarber**. A memorial Service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Greenville Baptist Church, 684 Pleasant St, Rochdale, MA at 10am with burial to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Venture Community Services, 1 Picker Rd, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Eddie Payne**, minister in Port Allen, Louisiana, an early graduate of the school of preaching. Brother Eddie passed away after falling 20 ft off of a building.

### SISTER FRIENDS

The next monthly restaurant meet-up for the ladies will be at Lulu's Tea Room in Powell on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 11:00am.

### YOUTH GATHERING

All of our youth of all ages are invited to a holiday party on Friday, Dec. 10 here at the church building starting at 6:00pm. Food will be provided, but everyone is asked to bring one batch of cookies for our annual Cookie Project. We will also have a Secret Santa gift exchange, so if you want to participate in that, bring one small wrapped item to share.

### NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

Our annual game-playing and fellowship night to ring in the new year will be Friday, Dec. 31 here at the building starting at 7:00pm. Please bring your favorite games to play and some food to share!

### THE ELDERS CORNER

A Good Way To Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses.  
Count your gains instead of your losses.  
Count your joys instead of your woes.  
Count your friends instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles instead of your tears.  
Count your courage instead of your fears.  
Count your full years instead of your lean.  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
Count your health instead of your wealth.  
Count on God instead of yourself.

A thankful heart doubles our blessings, causing us to enjoy them twice — when we received them and when we remember them.

—*Herman*

## By Faith Alone?

By Rob Albright

A few years back, I entered a men's baking contest. It was all desserts. I found a recipe that I liked so I started putting all the ingredients together. I also took into account how long I was to cook. It was all spelled out in the recipe. I thought I made a good cake – at least some people could eat it.

In the matter of salvation there are different ingredients. The Bible teaches us we are saved "by grace, through faith" (Eph. 2:8); by "works" (James 2:24; by "calling on the name of the Lord" (Rom. 10:13; Acts 22:16); by "obedience" (Heb.5:8-9) by "baptism" (Mk. 16:16) by "belief" (Acts 16:31); and other things as well.

Here is my point: Just as the ingredients of the recipe must be combined to make a cake, so must the ingredients of salvation be combined. You do not have salvation by faith alone. Just like you cannot take just one ingredient and claim to make a cake, you cannot just pick one ingredient and have salvation. The ingredients must be combined to get the desired results. You cannot produce a cake on flour alone and you cannot have salvation by faith alone.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Bunny Nash** is recovering from extensive surgery on her jaw. She is doing as well as could be expected and does not need any visitors at this time. She hopes to come home some time this week.
- **Henry Mason Bentley**, Richard and Laura's new grandson, is in the NICU in Texas.
- **Sarah Mefford** is having knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, Dec 8 at 7:30am. She requests the prayers of her church family that everything goes well and for a great recovery.
- **Nicole Lancaster**, Kevin and Cheri's daughter-in-law, has been diagnosed with MS.
- **Karen Yarber** has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. She will have surgery on Dec. 30.
- **Doris Nicholson** has been diagnosed with degenerative disc disease. She will be traveling back to Florida for treatment.
- **Cliff McWhorter**, a neighbor of Stump and Annette Smith, broke his hip.
- **Linda Foy**, Anthony Foy's grandmother, is now at home with Anthony and Rachel under hospice care.
- **Wade Colwell**, Karen Yarber's father, is in stage 3 kidney failure and heart failure.
- **Sherry Bushey** just had her 12th chemo treatment. She has several more to go.
- **David Byrd**, Herb Byrd's brother, continues to need our prayers.
- **Cornell Coats** has been moved to a rehab facility.
- **Jean Huges**, friend of a coworker of Ben Smith, is being tested for breast cancer.
- **Jackson Igou**, a teen at the Kingston congregation, is having a very hard struggle with ulcerative colitis.
- **Thelma Shepherd** has requested our prayers.
- **Jamie Walker**, a cousin of Susan Smith, had 6 bypass heart surgery last week.

**Continue to remember:** Dudley Brewer, Harriette Brown, Zach Bullock, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Mike Chester, Ron Churchwell, Wade Colwell, Madison Gadd, John Gayne, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Ouita Northcutt, Michael Olsen, Britni Pflieger and family, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron

**Cancer Treatment:** Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Sherry Bushey, Bill Campbell, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Michael Ford, Gail Foust, Steve Higginbotham, Gladys Moore, Glen Morgan, David Phippen, 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.

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