

# Clinton Church of Christ

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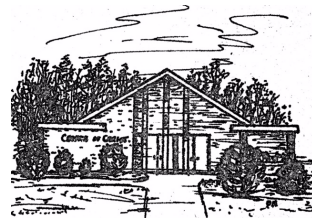
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*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

## 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**

Please follow us on



## Serving the Congregation Feb 20, 2022

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Chris Cox	Clint Patterson
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Chuck Kilpatrick	Arthur Pigman
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Stump Smith	Tim Melton

<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Daniel McInturff	Dwight Nicholson
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herb Byrd	
<b>Usher:</b>	Dale Mowery	

## Wednesday evening: Feb 23, 2022

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Tim Melton
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith

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# Clinton Chronicle

## Sight or Vision?

By Joe Chesser

There's a church in our area that puts some very thought provoking sayings on their outdoor sign. They're located on a busy corner where lots of people will notice what the sign says. One that I remember from years ago is: "To some God gives sight; to others He gives vision."

Sometimes the words sight and vision can mean essentially the same thing. For example, an optometrist's office can be referred to as a vision clinic. But in the statement above I think you can see (pun intended) that the two words are to be understood in vastly different ways. To be able to see with your eyes is indeed a great blessing. But to have vision is extraordinary. To see the difference, let's look at a story from the Bible.

The story is found in 2 Kings 6. During the time of Elisha the king of Aram laid siege to the city of Dothan, hoping to capture Elisha. He sent a strong army with horses and chariots during the night and surrounded the city. When Elisha's servant got up the next morning, he saw (with his eyes) the vast army. Because all he saw was the army, he felt helpless, saying to Elisha, "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" But Elisha was not afraid. God had given him the ability to see beyond what his physical eyes could see. He told his servant, "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them" (2 Kings 6:16). And so he prayed that God would "open his eyes so he may see." God then gave the servant the vision to see more than he had previously seen. God gave him the vision to see the hills full of horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:17). As the army began to attack, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike these people with blindness," which God did (2 Kings 6:18). The king of Aram saw his vast army and felt powerful. Elisha had the vision to see beyond physical eyesight. He had faith to see the power of God. Guess who won!

Faith is basically having the vision to see what cannot be seen, or as Hebrews 11:1 puts it: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Many have read the accounts of Jesus healing the blind, but haven't yet seen that Jesus' healing illustrated more than compassion for a handicapped man. Jesus also revealed His power to give vision to the spiritually blind. I can't help but laugh when I read about the spiritual blindness of those in John 9. Jesus had healed a man who had been blind from birth. In the story, only the blind man had the vision to see Jesus, and this even before he actually saw him (John 9:35-39). The religious leaders didn't see what he saw (9:28). The man's parents didn't (9:20-23). Even the disciples didn't (9:2). Isn't it ironic that only the blind man had the vision to see Jesus? (9:17, 38). Read the whole story. It's fascinating.

Pity the man who can see the sunrise, but can't see the Son who rose from the dead! Pity the man who can see the stars, but not the Creator of the universe! Pity the man who can see the plant that grows from a seed, but not the God who gives it life. God blesses us with sight. More than that, God also wants us to have vision. Check out Matthew 13:13-17.

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Feb 24 Sister Friends  
Feb 25-27 CYC  
Feb 27 Song Service/Fingerfoods  
Mar 2 Silver Saints

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

### CYC

Challenge Youth Conference starts this weekend! We will be leaving from our building at 2:45pm on Friday. Please see Joey Smith if you will be driving up later in the day for the street address of our cabin. We will be attending Sunday morning worship at the Great Smoky Mountain Church of Christ at 10:30, stopping for lunch, and then will return to Clinton.

### SISTER FRIENDS

Our ladies next restaurant meet-up will be Thursday, Feb. 24 at 11:00am at Chicken Salad Chick in Oak Ridge. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come. Please see Susan Smith with any questions.

### COMMUNION PREPARATION 2022

A few spots remain on the sign-up sheet for communion preparation for this year. If you are able to help out, please sign up.

## AREA EVENTS

### GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Gatlinburg & Sevierville Churches: Feb 16-20

### FOREVER HIS DAY CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: April 2

### SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: April 24-27

### THE ELDERS CORNER

A few days ago I heard on TV a bishop and a grandmother (who is also a member of Finland's governing body) were on trial in Finland for "hate speech."

What was their "hate speech?" They either read or quoted passages from the Bible concerning homosexuality.

A number of years ago, I began hearing ministers might someday be arrested for speaking out about certain subjects. Is that day closer? Is it already here? Will it come to the United States soon?

Perhaps it would be good to know where candidates up for election stand on these subjects and the idea of religious freedom in general before we vote.

*-Dwight*

## A New Day

by F.L. Booth

As I walked along life's busy highway,  
I ventured aside onto a byway.

At first it seemed like a good place to be,  
Then a mountain rose up in front of me.

Though I tried to find the trail going round,  
The pass was quite narrow and closed I found.  
I couldn't turn back, nor ahead could see,  
Then a voice from above said, Follow me.

He showed me a road winding high above  
That sometimes is steep, but guarded with love.  
He said, You've the strength and courage to  
climb,

Be patient and take one step at a time.

Now I take His hand, and He leads the way.  
With Him to guide me I never can stray.  
Each day dawns anew much brighter by far,  
While the nights are clear with a twinkling star.

His grace and His love are a mighty force  
To keep me safe as I travel the course.  
Gladly I'll walk in His light every day.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Micheal Olsen** had surgery that did not go as well as hoped for. He will need additional surgery in the future.
- **Karen Yarber** has surgery scheduled now for February 24.
- **Carolyn Colwell** is recovering from COVID.
- **Britni Pflieger**, Kevin and Cheri Lancaster's daughter, and her husband, are in need of our prayers.
- **Sawyer Cole** is recovering well from colon surgery.
- **Novella Vignola**, Bunny Nash's sister, is in rehab after surgery for a broken femur.
- **Tim Northcutt**, Ouita Northcutt's son, has a tumor on the pituitary gland that will require surgery. It was also discovered that he will need open heart surgery as well.
- **Dick Deising**, Laura Bentley's brother, will meet with a doctor in Atlanta on March 1 to discuss having surgery to remove a tumor in his lower back.
- **Sherry Bushey** had her final chemo treatment last week.
- **Adam Dunning**, a friend of Herb and Resa Byrd, has a rare form of cancer of the nervous system. He has a wife and two small children. The necessary treatments will be rigorous.
- **David Pharr** is dealing with heart issues and will have a procedure soon.
- **Faith Hernley**, Jay and Amy Jarrett's daughter, will be having medical tests.
- **Haley Bozeman** is in need of our prayers.
- **Garry Jones** has safely reached the Mustard Seed Village. Please continue to pray for his safety and for the success of this trip.

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

**Cancer Treatment:** Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Sherry Bushey, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Dick Deising, Adam Dunning, Michael Ford, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huges, Glen Morgan, Larry Phillips, David Phippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, 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!**