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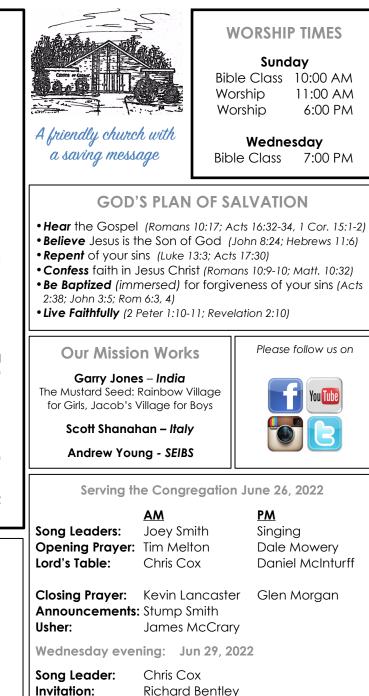
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Sunday AM	
Bible Study	47
Worship	80
Contribution	\$3186

Sunday PM	
Worship	40
Wednesday	
Bible Study	43



Announcements: Herman Herren

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# **Bridling the Tongue**

By David R. Ferguson

James 1:26 [NAS] says, "If anyone thinks himself to be religious, yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this person's religion is worthless." This isn't just referring to what we say, it also refers to what we choose to post and share on social media. Pay attention to what you are saying. Your speech is one of the most important parts of your witness.

No matter where you are, at home, at work, at play, at church, or in any organization or group you decide to join, your tongue reveals what's in your heart. In fact, an argument can be made that what one posts and shares on social media is even more egregious than what we say.

James also writes, "So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our body's parts as that which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by Hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one among mankind can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison." (James 3:5-8 [NAS] Since the tongue is untamed, sometimes we say things we immediately regret saying. So, it's worse to post vile and despicable things than it is to speak them because posting involves forethought. When we do so, we are making a conscience choice to say something that is intended to hurt others. It isn't simply reactionary as can happen with the tongue.

The reason we react the way we do, however, is because of the condition of our heart. Remember, our Lord and Savior said, "For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart." He then added, "But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12:36-37 [NAS]) For Christians, we need to make doubly sure that we bridle our tongue and think twice before posting and sharing on social media. We must do all in our power to live our life for Jesus Christ, never forgetting that we "were once darkness, but now [we] are light in the Lord; walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8 [NAS]).

May God bless you as you serve Him!

### **CLINTON CALENDAR**

June 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
June 30	Sister Friends
July 9	Youth Devotional/Cookout
July 16	VBS

### To our members and visitors:

# Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

#### SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

It's that time again! The last Sunday of the month means our song service followed by a fellowship meal is tonight! Please be back and join in a wonderful time of worship and togetherness.

#### SISTER FRIENDS

The ladies next Monthly Restaurant Meet Up will be Thursday, June 30 at 9am at IHOP in Oak Ridge. Please see Susan Smith with any questions.

#### CHURCH DIRECTORY APP

We now have our church directory available at your fingertips on the Instant Church Directory App, available from your smartphone's app store. You can also access the new church directory online at www.instantchurchdirectory.com.

#### PRINTED CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you need a printed directory, please see Joey Smith.

#### **CLINTON VBS**

Everyone please mark your calendars for our VBS on Saturday, July 16. We will have a one-day VBS again this summer before returning to our usual week-long VBS next year. More info to come!

#### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Ruth Ashworth and family in the passing of her nephew, **Harrison Waldron**. Details on arrangements are not yet available.

#### WELCOME

We are excited to welcome **Betty Gossett** to the church family at Clinton. Betty and her husband **Kenneth** have just relocated to the area. Kenneth will be residing at the Morning Pointe facility in Clinton. The Gossett's information has been updated in our online directory.

#### YOUTH & FAMILIES DEVOTIONAL

K-12th grade youth and families are invited to a devotional and cookout at the Cox/Pigman House on Saturday, July 9 at 6 pm. Hotdogs, water, lemonade will be provided. Please bring sides, desserts or drinks. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit outside. Youth from the Claxton, Oliver Springs, and Rocky Top congregations will also be invited.

#### **BABY SHOWER/MONEY TREE**

We are putting together a money tree for Andrew and Hannah Young and the new baby they are expecting next month. Please give money to Laura Bentley, Susan Smith, or Lesley Mowery by July 3.

#### SERVICE PROJECT SUPPLIES

Laura Bentley is collecting supplies for a service project at Horizons Camp at FHU. She needs toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, deodorant), snacks (granola bars, PB crackers, beef jerky, gum, mints, dried fruit), ziplock bags, wipes, socks, first aid kits, water bottles, Emergen-C packets, lip balm, food gift cards. There are tables at the rear of the auditorium for items that you would like to donate.

#### TEENAGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

TCC continues this week. There are three more weeks of camp left this summer! Find out more and register at www.teenagechristiancamp.org.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sherry Bushey has been in the hospital with congestive heart failure. She is now home and feeling much better.
- Sarah Mefford is in the hospital at Tennova North, Room 3023 with heart and kidney issues. She has an abdominal ultrasound and transesophageal echocardiogram scheduled.
- Jeffrey Harwell went to the ER last week with a kidney stone.
- Britni Pflieger, Kevin and Cheri Lancaster's daughter, will have gallbladder surgery on Wednesday.
- Millard Adkins is recovering from pneumonia.
- Laura Bentley is back home after several days in the ER and hospital. She has been diagnosed with gastroparesis.
- Annette Smith is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Dale Mowery is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Pat Humphrey is undergoing chemotherapy for aggressive breast cancer.
- Micheal Olsen had successful surgery at Vanderbilt.
- Zach Ashworth is recovering from eye surgery.
- Donna Truitt will have shoulder replacement surgery on July 5.
- Bunny Nash continues to be at home under hospice care. She is able to have visitors; please call first.
- Wade Colwell continues to need our prayers.
- James Cooper, Janella Melton's brother, continues to need our prayers. He has been moved to a nursing/rehab facility.
- Georgia Herren is now at home under a nurse's care and is doing well.
- Lisa Bailey, sister of Pauline Brown from the Lake City congregation, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Kenneth Dick, the father of Cindy Powell, former member at Clinton, passed away.

**Continue to remember:** Dudley Brewer, Haley Bozeman, Harriette Brown, Zach Bullock, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, David Byrd, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Ron Churchwell, Susan Clifton, Wade Colwell, WT Crider, Mackenzie Earle, Madison Gadd, John Gayne, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Terry Hicks, Jackson Igou, Holly Jackson, Brenda Jennings, Eddie Jennings, Chuck Kilpatrick, Nicole Lancaster, Tivis Lute, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Lesley Mowery, Ouita Northcutt, Tim Northcutt, Michael Olsen, Britni Pflieger and family, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, E.T. Stamey, Jerry Truitt, Andrew Verble

**Cancer Treatment:** Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Sawyer Cole, Jerry Cross, Dick Deising, Adam Dunning, Michael Ford, Steve Higginbotham, Jean Huges, Pat Humphrey, Glen Morgan, Larry Phillips, David Pippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, Steve Simpson, Robert Sudderth, Gail Wilkinson, Anne Williams, Buddy Wilson

**Shut-In:** Morning Pointe - Kenneth Gossett; 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.