

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

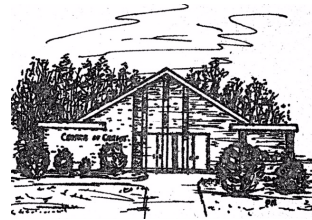
Bible Study	74
Worship	101
Contribution	\$4845

### Sunday PM

Worship	57
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	51
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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 - SEBS**

Please follow us on



## Serving the Congregation Oct 9, 2022

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Chris Cox	Herb Byrd
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Daniel McInturff	Joshua Moorey
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Dale Mowery	Arthur Pigman
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Earl Broadway	James McCrary
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren	
<b>Usher:</b>	Tim Nygard	

## Wednesday evening: Oct 12, 2022

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Tim Melton
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herman Herren

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## Faithful in Attendance

By Brian Mitchell

The story is told of three preachers who got together for coffee one day and found out that all of them faced the same problem with bat-infestations in their church buildings. One of them said, "I got mad and took a shotgun and fired at them. I missed the bats and it put a hole in the roof. I don't suggest that approach." The second said, "I caught the bats in traps and drove them 50 miles away and released them. Unfortunately, they beat me back to the church building." The third one said, "I solved my bat problem. I simply baptized them and made them deacons. I haven't seen them since."

On another Sunday morning, two men were fishing and feeling pretty guilty for skipping church, especially since the fish weren't biting. One said to the other, "I guess I should have stayed home and gone to church." The other man replied, "Maybe so, but I couldn't have gone to church anyway...my wife is sick in bed." During a very long church service, in the middle of a long-winded sermon, a small child was overheard whispering to his mother, "Mommy, are you sure this is the only way we can get to heaven?"

Today, I want us to talk about our need for being more faithful in attendance. I really should begin by commending you for being here today. In some respects, I'm preaching to the choir, so to speak. But as you will see, this lesson is really for all of us. I really want to be frank today, but I don't want to be negative. I do believe the church has a problem, but I think we can see it as an opportunity for positive action.

So, before we discuss positive solutions, let's take a look at the numbers. First of all, let me state that I'm thankful that we have an average attendance of about 140-150. The downside, however, is that on average there are about 60-70 of our people missing ALTOGETHER. Some miss because: they are sick, they are working or they went somewhere else. Others miss because they just did not want to come that day and these are the ones I will primarily be referring to in this lesson.

So in summary, we have a mix of at least one third of our members here that miss every week for some reason or another. I don't want to spend much time trying to analyze all of the reasons that people may be missing so much. Certainly, there are some good and legitimate reasons why people might be missing from the gathering of the church (things like illness, travel, family complications or work might fall into this category). And certainly, there are some wrong or inappropriate reasons why people might be missing from the gathering of the church.

What I would like to remind us of today is the Scriptural and spiritual mandate for gathering with the church. Our passage from Acts 2 gives us a beautiful snapshot of the experience of the early church and stands as a wonderful example for Christians for all times—Acts 2:40-47. Exciting and wonderful things were happening in the church at the time. No one needed to be coerced into attending the gathering of the church. They all were concerned about each other and were serving each other.

It was indeed an exciting time. There was a lot of enthusiasm and momentum. I wish we could bottle some of that, or put it in a pill and take it when we needed it. Amen! Because then everyone would want to be here every time they could and for the same reasons they gathered together and grew daily.

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 14-16 Ladies Conference  
Oct 29 Fall Gathering  
Oct 30 Song Service/Fingerfoods

### LADIES RETREAT

The Transform Ladies Conference/Ladies Retreat weekend in Pigeon Forge is October 14-16. Please contact Hannah Cox with any questions. If you are able, please donate to the church to help offset the cost. The conference website is: [www.tlcladies.org](http://www.tlcladies.org)

### VISITATION & OUTREACH

Remember that our weekly visitation and outreach sheets are available at the rear of the auditorium along with a large selection of greeting cards. See Arthur Pigman with any questions.

### FALL GATHERING

Everyone is invited to come to the church building on Saturday, October 29 starting at 5:00 for a fun fall gathering. Our food "theme" for the evening will be chili and soup, so please bring something to share with everyone. Costumes are welcome and we will have an indoor trick-or-treating for the kids around the doorways of the auditorium.

### CLASS & WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

We continue to stream our Sunday morning worship services on our Facebook page. We also stream our Sunday morning adult Bible class, Sunday evening worship, and Wednesday evening class on the private group "Friends of Clinton Church of Christ." To view these classes when you're unable to be here in person, you must "join" this group.

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

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### OUTREACH SUPPLIES NEEDED

Each Saturday, the South Knoxville Church of Christ conducts "Hands & Feet." Homeless individuals are able to stop by for non-perishable food items, toiletries, clothes, a hot meal, encouragement, and an invitation to come learn about Jesus and come to church.

If you would like to contribute some items to this work, a box is in our foyer for those items. Please see Don and Amy Scott with any questions. Items needed include: wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, other toiletries, individually wrapped toilet paper, razors, feminine products, clothes, tuna, potted meat, Vienna sausages, beanie weenies, fruit cups, oatmeal packets, pop tarts, granola bars, water, sodas, and Gatorade packets.

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## AREA EVENTS

### CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE SEMINAR

West End Church of Christ: Nov 4-6

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**Please silence your cell phones during  
worship & Bible class.  
Thanks!**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Mark Yarber**, Jody Yarber's brother, continues to need our prayers as he undergoes chemotherapy. He was admitted to the hospital in Oak Ridge last week, Room 357.
- **Rhett Wallace**, a friend of Betty Gossett in Clarksville, is in need of our prayers.
- **Brian Kell**, Cindy Jones' cousin, has been in the hospital with COVID and low blood pressure.
- **Joe Herren** is recovering from surgery.
- **Karen Yarber** is in need of our prayers.
- **Chuck Kilpatrick** is now home from the hospital.
- **Yvonne Kilpatrick** is recovering at home from COVID.
- **Donna Truitt** is sick with a respiratory infection.
- **David Byrd**, Herb Byrd's brother, had successful surgery but continues to need our prayers.
- **Lesley Mowery** is feeling much better but is still experiencing pain.
- **Thelma Merrill** is recovering from foot surgery.
- **Millard Adkins** is now home from the hospital.
- **Julie Coppage**, a friend of the Bushey's, is battling cancer.
- **Barb Peters**, a friend of the Bushey's, is homebound and in poor health.
- **Lindsay Stanley**, Parker Stanley's daughter, needs our prayers for safe travel as she heads to Hawaii and begins a new job.
- **Reba Medley**, Bonnie Chumley's mother, continues to need our prayers.
- We have been asked to pray for the family of **Bennett Greene**, a friend of the Crider family. Bennett's brother, **Jackson Greene**, moved to Wyoming and is struggling with moving across the country and having no family nearby. Also, Jackson and Bennett's grandfather has been put on Hospice. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Continue to remember:** Dudley Brewer, Haley Bozeman, Harriette Brown, Zach Bullock, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, Sherry Bushey, David Byrd, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Ron Churchwell, Susan Clifton, Wade Colwell, James Cooper, Madison Gadd, John Gayne, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Jackson Igou, Holly Jackson, Brenda Jennings, Eddie Jennings, Nicole Lancaster, Tivis Lute, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Reba Medley, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Lesley Mowery, Ouita Northcutt, Tim Northcutt, Michael Olsen, Jimmy & Joann Patton, Barb Peters, Britni Pflieger and family, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, E.T. Stamey, Ruby Thomas, Jerry Truitt, Andrew Verble

**Cancer Treatment:** Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Lisa Bailey, Judy Bentley, Dudley Brewer, Tish Clarke, Sawyer Cole, Julie Coppage, Jerry Cross, Dick Deising, Adam Dunning, Mackenzie Earle, Michael Ford, Jean Huges, Pat Humphrey, Gene Hundley, Glen Morgan, Larry Phillips, David Phippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, Steve Simpson, Robert Sudderth, Gail Wilkinson, Anne Williams, Buddy Wilson, Donnie Woods, Mark Yarber

**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](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com) or given to Joey Smith.