

# Clinton Church of Christ

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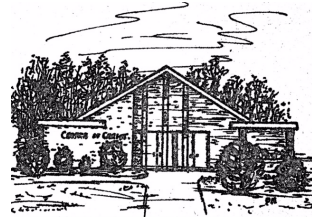
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*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

## 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 Oct 16, 2022

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Kevin Lancaster	Ben Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bradley Crider	Don Scott
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Herman Herren	Chris Cox

<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Rick Caudle	Stump Smith
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herb Byrd	
<b>Usher:</b>	Dale Mowery	

### Wednesday evening: Oct 19, 2022

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ben Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Herb Byrd

## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	—
Worship	99
Contribution	\$

### Sunday PM

Worship	—
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	—
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# Clinton Chronicle

## A God Who Is Near

By Joe Chesser

You just have to feel sorry for the people whose god is made of wood and stone. Perhaps even more sympathy can be felt for the people whose god is themselves (selfishness) or money (their possessions). Think about it. What kind of real-life help can you get if your god is chiseled out of a rock or can disappear in the stock market? What kind of relationship can you have with a piece of gold or a certificate of deposit? Sure, they are nice to have, but they make a mighty poor god.

In contrast, for the Christian, God is a God who is always nearby. He wants to be close to us, and he wants us to be close to him (James 4:8). Sometimes called the doctrine of the sanctuary, the theology of the nearness of God is at the heart of the biblical story.

The tragedy of sin is that it separates us from the presence and nearness of God. Of all the consequences of Eve's introducing sin into the world (loss of the garden paradise, weeds and thistles, pain in childbirth, etc.), the greatest result of sin was separation from the nearness of God. Aware of their sin, Adam and Eve tried at first to hide themselves from God, and then God made the physical separation permanent. The greatest tragedy of life is to live a life separated from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), and the greatest punishment of hell is to exist for eternity shut out from the presence of God (2 Thessalonians 1:9). Apart from God there is darkness and hopelessness. There can be nothing worse.

That's why the incarnation gives us such hope – light had returned to the world (John 1:4)! God had demonstrated in as visible a way as possible his desire for us to be restored to his presence. That's why Jesus was also called Immanuel. That's why Jesus taught us, in words and actions, how to live like God. That's why he was willing to give his life on the cross, that through his blood our sins could be washed away and that we would once again be fit for his Spirit to live with us (Acts 2:38). That's why Jesus has returned to heaven, to prepare rooms in the Father's house for us, and then sometime in the future, he will return for us to "take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" (John 14:1-3). In the meantime, he has left us his Spirit to live in us (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19).

Hallelujah! We have a God who wants us to draw in close to him (Ephesians 2:13). "But as for me, it is good to be near God" (Psalm 73:28).

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 29      **Fall Gathering**  
Oct 30      **Song Service/Fingerfoods**  
Nov 2      **Silver Saints**

To our members and visitors:

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

### 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.

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

### 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.

## A Religion of Relationships

By Edd Sterchi

Too many people claim or act like Christianity is simply a religion of beliefs. And while belief is a crucial part of Christianity, it is much more than that. I contend that Christianity, in reality, is a religion of relationships.

Take a look at John 15, for example. In verses 1-11 we can see that Jesus is the vine and individual Christians are the branches. To be productive, the branches must maintain a relationship with the vine where they draw nutrients and support. Thus, we must sustain a proper relationship with Christ to draw spiritual sustenance and produce fruit for Him. We must read and learn from His word and stay close to Him by walking with Him and living the way He leads.

Now take a look at verses 12-17 in John 15. There we see that not only are we to have a relationship with Jesus, but we are to have a relationship with "one another." We are to love one another. The word translated "love" in this passage is the verb form of "agape." This is an unselfish, giving type of love that always does what is best for the other. This type of love cannot be practiced without being involved in one another's lives. We must spend time with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We must develop a close relationship with them.

Yes, Christianity is about relationships – relationship with the Lord and with His people. It is then we will be joyful and productive. What is your Christianity a religion of?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Elijah Burt** is in room 708 at UT Medical Center.
- **Peggy Pharr** is recovering at home from a broken foot.
- **Mark Yarber**, Jody Yarber's brother, continues to need our prayers as he undergoes chemotherapy.
- **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.
- **David Byrd**, Herb Byrd's brother, had successful surgery but continues to need our prayers.
- **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.