

# Clinton Church of Christ

500 N. Main Street  
P.O. Box 298  
Clinton, TN 37717  
(865) 457-0803

[www.clintonchurch.com](http://www.clintonchurch.com)  
churchofchristclinton@gmail.com

## Elders:

Herman Herren	803-6272
Dale Mowery	927-5001
Dwight Nicholson	494-9425
Mike Smith	803-3601

## Deacons:

James McCrary	740-3066
Daniel McInturff	931-409-2781
Glen Morgan	274-3990
Tim Nygard	507-5191
Hubert Sharp	254-6357
Joey Smith	773-8259

## Preacher:

Richard Bentley	264-0560
-----------------	----------

## Associate:

Clint Patterson	256-616-8702
-----------------	--------------



*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 - SEBS**

Please follow us on



## Serving the Congregation Nov 27, 2022

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Clint Patterson	Singing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Herb Byrd	Dale Mowery
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Bradley Crider	Billy Fields
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Joshua Moorey	Dwight Nicholson
<b>Announcements:</b>	Chris Cox	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

## Wednesday evening: Nov 30, 2022

**Song Leader:** Kevin Lancaster  
**Invitation:** Richard Bentley  
**Announcements:** Chris Cox

Vol. 16

Nov 27, 2022

Number 48



# Clinton Chronicle

## When God Feels Distant

By Jeff Arnette

We've all been there at some point in our journey. One day everything is great and the next, we find ourselves feeling lost and distant from God. There can be many reasons for feeling like this but most often, it is a result of some struggle we are facing in life. Sometimes it isn't that God has moved away from us but that we've moved away from Him and sometimes it is simply a matter of how we're feeling in the midst of the struggle. No matter the reason or if the distance is real we should all want to be closer to the Lord. Feeling closer to the Lord gives us comfort when life gets crazy, when we're struggling with some sin in our life, or when we simply need more strength.

Asaph, in Psalm 77, gives us some insight into prayer and needing to be closer to the Lord. He cries out to the Lord and He listens to him. Asaph knew that the only way to get through the trouble he was dealing with was to get closer to the Lord.

First, we learn from Asaph that when God feels distant we should remember all the good things God has done for us. We need to consider all the things God had done for us and for His people. By remembering God's gracious acts it gets us to stop focusing on ourselves and start focusing on Him.

Secondly, we learn from Asaph the importance of spending time in God's house with the people of God. He knew that the best way to feel closer to the Lord was to get closer to the people of God.

Time spent in worship and assembling with His people will draw us closer to each other and to our God. It is in the services of the church that we learn, remember his gracious acts, and grow through study with others. If you are feeling distant from the Lord just remember that he will always be near his people and his people will always be together especially on Sundays & Wednesdays. Make sure you're there every time the doors are open and it will be a great blessings for you and for the church.

Relationships require effort and God is no exception. Even before you feel like doing it, just keep doing it, and eventually you will feel like being there. Here is a truth that is often hard for us to learn: feelings follow actions, not the other way around. In the same way that you exercise even before you feel like doing it, spending time with the Lord and His people will eventually feel good if you keep doing it. Just because you don't feel like doing something doesn't mean you will not.

So, if you're feeling distant from the Lord, just keep going, keep focusing on his great works, keep praying, and make sure you keep going to the church services. Eventually, with persistence, you will reap the benefits that He has in store for you.

## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	71
Worship	97
Contribution	\$7006

### Sunday PM

Worship	60
---------	----

### Wednesday

Bible Study	44
-------------	----

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Nov 27	Song Service/Fellowship
Nov 29	Sister Friends
Dec 3	Ladies Winter Brunch
Dec 15	Ladies Cookie Swap
Dec 17	Youth Party/Cookie Project
Dec 31	Game Night

### SONG SERVICE + PIZZA SUPPER

Tonight is our monthly singing followed by a fellowship meal. Since everyone has just finished cooking for Thanksgiving, we are going to have a pizza supper - the pizza will be provided! **PLEASE NOTE:** Everyone else is asked to bring sides - chips, salads, fruit, etc, drinks, or desserts.

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Susie Culwell in the passing of her cousin, **Reba Flatt Miller**, in Sparta, TN. Please remember Susie and her family in your prayers.

### YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

We want to recognize the accomplishments of our young folks on our Youth Spotlight board. Please share your updates with Laura Bentley or Joey Smith, and we'll get you on the board!

### VISITATION & OUTREACH

Our weekly visitation & outreach sheets are available at the rear of the auditorium. See Arthur Pigman with questions.

### EXTRA PARKING

Don't forget that we have additional parking available on Sunday mornings in the flat grassy lot next to our parking lot. The driveway entrance is on Main Street near the edge of our parking lot.

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

The signup sheet for 2023 communion prep is now in the foyer.

### SINGING OUTREACH

Anyone who might be interested in participating in a monthly singing at The Lantern at Morning Pointe Assisted Living Facility in Clinton, please see Arthur Pigman. This singing would be the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2:00 to 2:30pm.

### SISTER FRIENDS

The next meeting of our Sister Friends will be the monthly restaurant meetup, Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 11:00am at Miller's Market Cafe. A signup sheet is in the foyer.

### LADIES WINTER BRUNCH

Please bring your favorite brunch dish and join us Saturday, December 3, at 10am, at the home of Resa Byrd, 111 Masthead Drive in Clinton. Sign up on Facebook or on the list in foyer.

### LADIES COOKIE SWAP

Join us for a cookie swap at the home of Laura Bentley on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 pm. Plan to bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookies to share. Sign up on Facebook or on the list in foyer. More details to come!

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY & COOKIE PROJECT

Our annual youth Christmas party will be here at the building on Saturday, Dec. 17 starting at 5:30pm. Everyone is asked to bring one batch of cookies for our Cookie Project for our widows and one gift for a Secret Santa exchange. Your gift should be something you made or found around the house!

### SISTER FRIENDS 2023

If you are interested in hosting a Sister Friends event in 2023, please see Susan Smith.

### OUTREACH SUPPLIES NEEDED

We continue to collect supplies for the "Hands & Feet" for the homeless. If you would like to contribute items to this work, a box is in the foyer. Please see Don and Amy Scott with any questions.

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Glen Morgan** is in Room 540 at Methodist Medical center with pneumonia.
- **Tim Nygard** has been in the hospital with intestinal issues but is now home.
- **Sheila Herren** is recovering from COVID, flu, and pneumonia.
- **Sabrina Nicholson Perkins** will be having rotator cuff surgery on Dec. 1. Her recovery will take between 6 and 12 months.
- **Jason Melton** is having problems with blood pressure issues.
- **Pat Humphrey** is awaiting biopsy results. She is meeting with her doctor on the 17th to see what her next steps are.
- **Garry Jones** has two more procedures scheduled in the near future.
- **Reba Medley**, Bonnie Chumley's mother, continues to need our prayers.
- **Roy Branham**, a friend of Stacey Schulz, recently lost his infant child.
- **Melissa Weaver**, a coworker of Clint Patterson, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.
- **Nader Al-Tawabini**, a friend of Ben Smith's coworker, is having open heart surgery.
- **Nadia**, a coworker of Clint Patterson, lost her brother suddenly to a massive heart attack.
- **David Phippen**, father of Richard and Laura Bentley's daughter-in-law, found out his cancer has grown.

**Continue to remember:** Dudley Brewer, Marge Brewer, Haley Bozeman, Harriette Brown, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, John Bushey, Sherry Bushey, David Byrd, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Ron Churchwell, Susan Clifton, Wade Colwell, James Cooper, John Gayne, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Jackson Igou, Holly Jackson, Brenda Jennings, Eddie Jennings, Austin Lancaster, Nicole Lancaster, Tivis Lute, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Reba Medley, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Ouita Northcutt, Susan Olsen, Denise Osborne, Jimmy & Joann Patton, Barb Peters, Britni Pflieger, Katelynn Pflieger, Kevin Pflieger, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, Ruby Thomas, Jerry Truitt, Andrew Verble, Rhett Wallace

**Cancer Treatment:** Bonnie Adkins, Taylor Adkins, Lisa Bailey, Curtis Barnes, 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, Ted Wheeler, 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

### STUDENT MISSION TRIP

Samuel Cox will be participating in a mission trip to California in March 2023. If you are interested in contributing funds, donations may be sent to Estes Church of Christ, % Debbie McLaughlin, PO Box 191, Henderson, TN 38340.

### NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

We will have a period of fellowship with a game night on New Year's Eve here at the building starting at 6:00pm. Bring a fun dish to share and your favorite games to play!