

# Clinton Church of Christ

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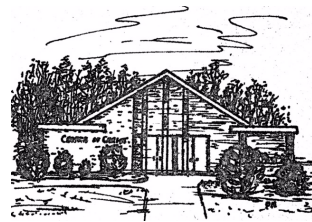
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*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

#### 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**

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#### Serving the Congregation: Jan 15, 2023

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Kevin Lancaster
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bradley Crider	Daniel McInturff
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Billy Fields	Ben Smith

**Closing Prayer:** Joshua Moorey Wayne Kelly  
**Announcements:** Herb Byrd  
**Usher:** Dale Mowery

#### Wednesday evening: Jan 18, 2023

**Song Leader:** Chuck Kilpatrick  
**Invitation:** Richard Bentley  
**Announcements:** Herb Byrd

#### FOR THE RECORD

##### Sunday AM

Bible Study 79  
Worship 118  
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##### Sunday PM

Worship 47

##### Wednesday

Bible Study 68

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*Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023*

## Out Of The Shadows

By Al Behel

Shadows can be scary things for small children. And there were always lots of shadows on the farm. One's imagination could create anything with the shadows, from huge monsters to angels standing guard. Lights were limited and darkness was abundant.

A lot of people live in the shadows. They see some light but are surrounded by dark images and have no clarity of vision. They look at life differently. They see but don't connect at the heart level. They are distant observers who just watch as others struggle and feel no sense of involvement.

Such was the case on June 19, 2008 when Esmine Green, 49 years of age, lay helpless on the floor of city-owned Kings County Hospital in New York for an hour as visitors, medical staff, nurses, and even a doctor walked away from her without rendering aid. She had collapsed on the floor with a blood clot after sitting in the hospital waiting room for almost 24 hours awaiting treatment.

And there is the case of a man in Massachusetts who was walking along a dock when he tripped over a rope and fell into the deep, cold water of the bay. Unable to swim he cried out for help. Only a few yards away was a young man, sprawled on a deck chair sunbathing. The drowning man kept shouting, "Help! I can't swim!" But the young sunbather, who was an excellent swimmer, just turned his head and watched as the man floundered in the water, then disappeared forever. A lawsuit against the young man elicited a ruling from the court that he had the legal right to mind his own business and not become involved. This court would have vindicated Cain who asked God, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

When people live sub-human lives they walk in darkness and never see the beauty of God's light. Self-centered, ego-centric, and indifferent to the cries of struggling and lost humanity, they find themselves also lost in the shadows. If we live as children of the Light we cannot bear to turn a deaf or insensitive ear to those who hurt, or to those who are lost. Jesus declared that He is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12), and the apostle John tells us that the darkness of the world could not extinguish the Light (John 1). And Jesus designated us as the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14) and commissioned us to bring Light into the darkness. The responsibility for the lost in our world is on our shoulders. We cannot sit in the shadows.

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 17	Sister Friends
Jan 26	Sister Friends
Jan 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 24-26	CYC
Apr 30	80th Anniversary H-coming

To our members and visitors:

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

### SISTER FRIENDS

The ladies' next restaurant meetup will be Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 6:00pm at Cracker Barrel in Rocky Top. Please see Susan Smith with any questions.

All ladies are invited to the home of Resa Byrd on Thursday, Jan. 26. More details to come!

### YOUTH EVENTS 2023

There is a signup sheet in the foyer for hosting our youth events in the coming year. Some events are already in place for certain months and need a coordinator; other months are open and can be devotionals, outings, in-home, etc. Please see Joey Smith with any questions.

### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2023 will be February 24-26 with the theme "Are You Listening?" Tickets have been ordered; the cost to attend this year will be \$75. Please see Joey Smith with any questions or to turn in your money.

## Dear Bible Class Teachers,

I do not know how long you've been teaching God's word. It could be months, years, or decades. I do not know how many have passed through your Bible classroom doors. It could be tens, hundreds, or thousands. I don't know how much support you've received or encouragement you've been given. It could be seldom or frequent. I don't know how many crafts you've made, bibles lessons you've prepared, children you've loved, or times you've wanted to "pass the torch".

Here's what I do know...

What you do matters. What you do makes a difference. What you do affects eternity. Children will remember. They remember who cared for them. They remember who helped them. And they beam over the things you do. Even a silly attendance chart. To anyone else it seems like nothing. But to them - it means the world.

So thank you. Don't ever give up. And whatever you do, do it for the Lord. (Colossians 3:23-24). "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

The signup sheet for 2023 communion prep is now in the foyer. We will continue to utilize the individual cups with pickup in the foyer.

### AREA EVENTS

#### AREA-WIDE SINGING

West End Church of Christ: Jan. 29

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

## PRAYER LIST

- **Polly Keck** is now under hospice care.
- **Jeff Jackson** is sick with pneumonia, pleurisy, and sepsis.
- **Elijah Yastrub**, a 2 year old Ukranian boy living near the Crieve Hall congregation, had surgery at Vanderbilt on his brain,
- **Virginia Franklin**, Cindy Jones' aunt, is battling leukemia.
- **Matt Kilpatrick**, son of Chuck and Yvonne, continues to recover from his fall and surgery.
- **Peggy Hooten**, Cheri Lancaster's mother, is recovering from the flu.
- **Mark Yarber**, Jody Yarber's brother, continues to need our prayers.
- **Susan Olsen** is in need of our prayers for good health.
- **Pat Humphrey** will resume radiation treatments every four weeks and infusions every three weeks for one year.
- **Cindy Evans** sent us a request via our website asking for prayers.

**Continue to remember:** Nader Al-Tawabini, Dudley Brewer, Marge Brewer, Harriette Brown, Carol Burt, Elijah Burt, John Bushey, Sherry Bushey, David Byrd, Resa Marie Byrd, Lisa Carr, Ron Churchwell, Wade Colwell, James Cooper, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Jackson Igou, Brenda Jennings, Eddie Jennings, Austin Lancaster, Nicole Lancaster, Tivis Lute, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Reba Medley, Jason Melton, Nancy Mitchell, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Glen Morgan, Nadia, Stefany Nelson, Ouita Northcutt, Susan Olsen, Denise Osborne, Jimmy & Joann Patton, Sabrina Perkins, Barb Peters, Britni Pflieger, Katelynn Pflieger, Kevin Pflieger, Linda Roberson, Debbie Simon, 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, Virginia Franklin, Jean Huges, Pat Humphrey, Gene Hundley, Larry Phillips, David Pippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, Steve Simpson, Robert Sudderth, Melissa Weaver, Ted Wheeler, Gail Wilkinson, Anne Williams, Buddy Wilson, Donnie Woods, Mark Yarber

**Shut-In:** *At Home* - Derita Steele; *Morning Pointe* - Kenneth Gossett; *Norris Health & Rehab* - Polly Keck; *The Waters of Clinton* - Dicey Humphrey

## What I Want the Church to Be

The church that I attend is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am friendly.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do a great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church with a noble spirit, if I show the same kind of spirit.

Therefore, I will let God use me in the task of being all things that I want the church, where I attend, to be.