

# Clinton Church of Christ

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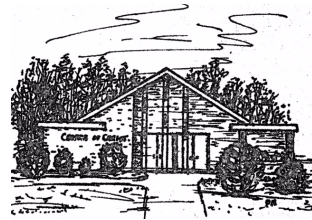
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*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

#### 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 - SEBS**

Please follow us on



#### Serving the Congregation: Jan 22, 2023

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Clint Patterson	Ben Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Chuck Kilpatrick	Tim Melton
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Bradley Crider	Daniel McInturff

<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Don Scott	Garry Jones
<b>Announcements:</b>	Chris Cox	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

#### Wednesday evening: Jan 25, 2023

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

#### FOR THE RECORD

##### Sunday AM

Bible Study 81  
Worship 128  
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##### Sunday PM

Worship 79

##### Wednesday

Bible Study 61

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*Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023*

## Believe

By Clifton Angel

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). However, there is at least one thing that Scripture points out is impossible with God (Note: This is no contradiction; Jesus' statement must be considered contextually). "Without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). Yes, the impossibility here falls on the burden of the human being. Grammatically, we can change it to say: "It is impossible for God to be pleased with one who is without faith."

Why do I need faith? First, it's impossible to please God without it. Second, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

How do I obtain faith? "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). Does this mean in order to have Biblical faith, all I have to do is audibly acknowledge God's Word? Does it mean that I do not have to actually do anything? James says, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20, 26). "Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18). But Paul said all I have to do is hear God's Word? Yes. Is this a contradiction? No.

We can see that it is not a contradiction by properly understanding what it means to hear. When a mother says to her daughter: "Go clean your room." The daughter stays put. And her mom asks, "Did you hear me?" Can the daughter then just say, "Yes, I heard you," and rightfully continuing doing something other than cleaning her room? Or would her mother discipline her for not really listening? The fact is, we know that "hearing" in that context also requires action. And the same is required in the Romans 10:17 instruction.

Therefore, believing Biblically is not merely a mental acknowledge of something but acting upon it according to God's standards. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). Some have asked, "Why Jesus did not say, 'he that believeth not and is baptized not shall be condemned'?" The answer is found in the definition of belief that we have just discussed. If one does not believe, there is no need for the actions that emanate from belief. A grammatical consideration of Mark 16:16 solidifies its meaning and denies all contradictions. Consider: "He that eats and digests his food will live; he that eats not will die." If one does not eat, there is no need for digestion. If one does not believe, there is no need for baptism. However, if one believes Jesus, then he will know that he cannot be saved before baptism.

The need to believe is apparent. Do you believe?

To our members and visitors:

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 26	Sister Friends
Jan 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 11	Youth Valentines
Feb 24-26	CYC
Apr 6-9	Lads to Leaders
Apr 30	80th Anniversary H-coming

### NEW CHRISTIANS

We rejoice with the angels in heaven for our new sister in Christ, **Canice Listenbee**, who was baptized last Sunday morning. Canice's information has been added to your online directory,

A second baptism occurred at the building Sunday afternoon. **Shirl Snap**, known to many of our members here, was baptized into Christ.

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Gail Sharp in the passing of her mother, **Mary Egerton**. Her funeral service was in Evansville, Indiana and burial will be in Hardy, Arkansas.

Our prayers and sympathy are will Bonnie Chumley in the passing of her mother, **Reba Medley**. Her funeral services were in last week in LaFollette.

We extend our sympathy to Bunny Nash in the passing of her aunt, **Ella Dorine Warren**, at the age of 100 in California.

### 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.

### LADS TO LEADERS

If any of our youth are interested in participating in Lads to Leaders April 6-9 in Nashville, please see Herb or Resa Byrd to sign up. We are practicing our skills on Wednesday night during Bible class; please see Hannah Cox if you have any questions about that.

### YOUTH VALENTINES

All youth are invited to the church building on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10:30am, for a fun Valentine gathering. Lunch will be provided. See Billy or Becca Fields 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 is \$75 per person. Please see Joey Smith with any questions or to turn in your money.

### SISTER FRIENDS

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

## AREA EVENTS

### AREA-WIDE SINGING

West End Church of Christ: Jan 29

### GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Sevierville/Gatlinburg Churches: Feb 15-19

### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge: Feb 24-26

### TEEN & YOUNG LADIES STUDY

Central Church of Christ/Johnson City: Mar 31

### LADIES DAY

Central Church of Christ/Johnson City: Apr 1

### LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Nashville: Apr 6-9

## PRAYER LIST

- **Michael Ford**, Millard Adkins' grandson, is in critical condition and not expected to live. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- **David Byrd**, Herb Byrd's brother, will be traveling to Duke January 25-26.
- **Polly Keck** is now under hospice care.
- **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.
- **Andrew Stanley**, Parker Stanley's son, has asked for our prayers that he pass the state board in his efforts to become an RN.
- **Laura White**, sister of former member Leah Sherwood, is undergoing chemotherapy.

**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, 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 Phippen, Kevin Shanahan, Wayne Simon, Steve Simpson, Robert Sudderth, Melissa Weaver, Ted Wheeler, Laura White, 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

### 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.

### EXTRA PARKING

Our parking lot has been 100% full for several weeks now....and we're thrilled! Remember that, if you are able, there is plenty of additional parking in our vacant grassy lot next door. Plans are in the works for an expanded parking area.