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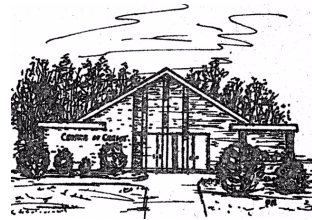
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*A friendly church with
a saving message*

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 - Australia

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation: Feb 19, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Joey Smith
Opening Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Dale Mowery
Lord's Table:	Billy Fields	Chris Cox

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

Wednesday evening: Feb 22, 2023

Song Leader: Kevin Lancaster
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Stump Smith

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	59
Worship	96
Contribution	\$4136

Sunday PM

Worship	49
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Wednesday

Bible Study	59
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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

The Ruined Loincloth

By Jeff Arnette

In Jeremiah 13 there is a strange and yet, intriguing story about a loincloth. The Lord instructs the prophet to buy a new loincloth, put it on, and wear it without washing it in water. After some time, the Lord tells him to bury it in the rocks near the Euphrates River. Again, after some time has passed, he is told to dig up that old loincloth. Once Jeremiah digs it up, he describes it as "good for nothing." After all that time buried in the dirt it was spoiled and now unfit for its intended purpose.

In a time when money was tight and new clothing hard to acquire the Lord's instructions for Jeremiah seem odd at best. It seems like such a waste of time, money, and energy to buy this new loincloth and just bury it. When I spend money on something I want it to last. I want it to be a smart purchase, and just as importantly, I want to know it was a good deal. Why buy something if you're not going to value it, use it, and take care of it?

The Lord often used object lessons like this to teach the prophet who in turn had to teach the people what God is saying by such demonstrations. Ezekiel was told to write on two sticks (Ezek. 37:15-28). Isaiah was told to walk around naked for 3 years (Isa. 20:1-6). Hosea was told to marry a prostitute and give his kids weird names. Even Ezekiel was told to lay on his left side for 390 days (Ezek. 4).

The lesson of the loincloth was a hard lesson for Israel. They had been bought for a purpose, brought close by the Lord, and through pride & sin had become good for nothing. Being close to the Lord had come with blessings but they had become proud and thought nothing could touch them and that is going to change. The Lord is going to spoil their pride by allowing them to be conquered by Babylon, who came from the Euphrates River area.

In their defeat they would learn the lesson of the loincloth. With sin and rebellion comes defeat. Faithfulness to the Lord always equals success but unfaithfulness will always defeat us. What about us? How will we learn this lesson? Will it take total defeat, or will we learn to trust in the Lord?

We too have been bought (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Acts 20:28) for a price. Where are we focusing our lives? Was His purchase and actions for nothing? Instead of a life wrapped up in our own desires let's cling to the Lord and His purpose for us. Then we will be good for something; a people for his own possession, a people who will follow and praise him.

To our members and visitors:

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Feb 21	Sister Friends
Feb 24-26	CYC
Feb 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Mar 1	Silver Saints
Mar 4	Sister Friends
Mar 12	Morning Pointe Singing
Apr 1	Egg Hunt
Apr 6-9	Lads to Leaders
Apr 30	80th Anniversary H-coming

SISTER FRIENDS

The ladies monthly restaurant meetup will be Tuesday, Feb 21 at 9:00am at Bud's Farmhouse Coffee in Oak Ridge.

Please join Sister Friends at the building on March 4 for a garden tea party. Come help; us celebrate the first month of spring by donning your most charming hat. Afternoon tea will begin at 2:00pm with a devo, finger sandwiches, and petit fors. Prizes will be given for the most captivating hats. Please sign up in the foyer.

YOUTH EVENTS 2023

There is a signup sheet in the foyer for hosting our youth events in the coming year. Please see Joey Smith with any questions.

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

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.

CLINTON CHURCH T-SHIRTS

We have new Clinton church t-shirts available for \$10 each. Please see Joey Smith if you are interested in one.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2023 is this weekend! We will leave from the church building on Friday at 4:30pm. Please be here on time! If you have not already turned in the fee, please see Joey Smith prior to Friday. The cost is \$75 per person.

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.

80th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

In February of 1943, the Clinton congregation met for the first time. We will celebrate this historic milestone with a Homecoming on Sunday, April 30 with a fellowship meal after morning services and an early afternoon service following.

We need YOUR help in inviting as many friends, family, and former members as possible to be with us on this day. Invite with a personal phone call, email or Facebook event invite; we also have flyers available in the foyer and on the visitation table that you can mail out.

AREA EVENTS

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Jeremy Price**, Cathy Glenn's son-in-law, has injured his back and will require surgery.
- **Stephanie Lewis** is in need of our prayers.
- **Wade Colwell** is in room 344 at Methodist Medical Center with blood pressure issues.
- **Sarah Tanner** has been in the hospital in Atlanta.
- **Jodi Krech** is in need of our prayers for health.
- **Dudley Brewer**, Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, found out his cancer is in remission.
- **Kylar Shannon**, known to some of our members, is in Children's Hospital with inflammation on his brain and spine. He is 4 or 5 years old.
- **Virginia Franklin**, Cindy Jones' aunt, is in hospice care. She has leukemia.
- **Don Johnson**, Cindy Jones' cousin, has been diagnosed with bone cancer.
- **Keith Montgomery**, manager at Big Ridge State Park, was in an accident and suffered injuries to his chest. He is in UT Medical Center.
- **Brenda Jennings** continues to need our prayers.
- **Cindy Fields**, Billy Fields' mother, is recovering from a fall.

Last Week:

- **Kenny Warren**, Stephanie Lewis' 17 year old brother, is having seizures from an unknown cause.
- **Kevin Pflieger**, Kevin and Cheri Lancaster's son-in-law, will have back surgery Feb. 21.
- **Donnie McKee**, Billy Fields' uncle, is now home from the hospital.
- **Jacob Byrge**, a friend of Chuck Kilpatrick, was in a serious auto accident.
- **Stacey Schulz** is undergoing GI tests.
- **Jackson Igou** had major surgery. There were many complications.
- **Garry Jones** will be meeting with officials in India to obtain clearance to travel.
- **Mark Yarber**, Jody Yarber's brother, is seriously ill.

Sympathy:

- To Rachel Broadway in the passing of her cousin, **Doris Walker**.
- To Ouita Northcutt in the passing of her brother-in-law **Charles McGhee**.
- To Wavell Stewart and family in the passing of his cousin, **Mary Horner**.

Shut-In:

- At home - **Nancy Mitchell, Derita Steele**
- Morning Pointe - **Kenneth Gossett**
- Norris Health & Rehab - **Polly Keck**
- The Waters of Clinton - **Dacey Humphrey**

Please send prayer requests and updates to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or give to Joey Smith in writing.