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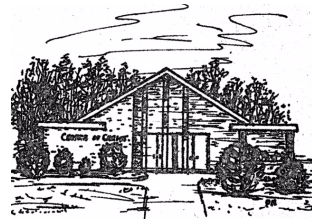
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*A friendly church with
a saving message*

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: Mar 5, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Tim Melton	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Don Scott	Billy Fields

Closing Prayer: Wavell Stewart Billy Humphrey

Announcements: Herb Byrd

Usher: Dale Mowery

Wednesday evening: Mar 8, 2023

Song Leader: Billy Fields

Invitation: Richard Bentley

Announcements: Herman Herren

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study —
Worship 83 (26 @ CYC)
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Sunday PM

Worship 62

Wednesday

Bible Study 65

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

Which Soil Describes Your Heart?

By Joe Slater

In His parable of the sower (Luke 8) Jesus described God's word as seed planted into four types of soil (human hearts). The seed's fruitfulness, or lack thereof, depended on the condition of the soil (heart).

First was the "wayside," literally the path or road surrounding the field (Luke 8:5). As seed cannot germinate and grow on hardpacked ground, God's word cannot grow in a hard heart. Satan easily removes the word from the resistant soul.

Next came the rock (v. 6). This doesn't mean stony ground, but a thin layer of earth atop bedrock. Seed might sprout on such shallow soil, but the tender shoot would wither and die, having no deep root to reach water. Just so, a person with shallow faith might joyfully receive the word of God at first, but would fall away in times of trial.

Third, Jesus spoke of ground infested with thorns (v. 7). Seed could begin to grow under such conditions, but the thorns would eventually choke out the good plants, rendering them fruitless. Thorns represent distractions – worldly cares, riches, and pleasures (v. 14). God's word produces no harvest in a distracted heart.

Finally, the good ground produced an abundant crop (v. 8). The good, noble heart isn't hard, has a deep and abiding faith, and steers clear of the world's distractions. Such a person not only believes God's word, but keeps it (i.e. obeys it, v. 15).

Which of these four soil types best describes your heart? Are you resisting God's word with a hard heart? Is your faith shallow, fading away when trials appear? Are you distracted with the deceitful world's cares, riches, and pleasures? Or do you have a deep, abiding faith that keeps God's word?

You control the condition of your heart!

To our members and visitors:

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 11	Bentley Baby Shower
Mar 12	Morning Pointe Singing
Mar 12	Traub Baby Shower
Mar 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 1	Egg Hunt
Apr 5	Silver Saints
Apr 6-9	Lads to Leaders
Apr 30	80th Anniversary H-coming

BABY SHOWERS

We will have a shower for Jessica Traub on Sunday, March 12 from 2:00 to 4:00pm here at the building in preparation for the arrival of baby boy Maverick Richard Traub. They are in need of boy clothes, diapers, and wipes.

There will be a come-and-go baby shower for Amber Bentley, Richard and Laura's daughter-in-law, on Saturday, March 11 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Mason and Amber are expecting a baby girl.

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.

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.

THE ELDERS CORNER

We Are Not Saved Just By:

Just by praying the sinner's prayer or
Just by believing in God or
Just having Jesus in your heart or
Just by reading a certain passage out of the Bible or
Just by doing good works or
Just by living a moral or good life.

But By:

Hearing the Word of God
Believing the Word of God
Confession that Jesus is the Son of God
Repenting of your sins and being baptized and staying faithful.

-Herman

SPRING KITCHEN CLEANING

We will be doing a kitchen and pantry clean up in mid-March. Please take a minute to get anything that belongs to you out of the refrigerator, freezer, pantry and kitchen. Any unidentified items will be tossed or donated.

AREA EVENTS

LADIES DAY

Rockwood Church of Christ: Mar 11

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

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: Apr 23-26

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Bucky Bushey**, John Bushey's brother, is undergoing chemo for cancer.
- **Mark Yarber** is in ICU at Methodist Medical Center with sepsis and dehydration.
- **Mac Mowery** is recovering from the flu.
- **Lois Kelly** is recovering from surgery.
- **Canice Listenbee** is experiencing problems with vertigo.
- **Julia Mowery** is recovering from strep.
- **Jeff Jackson** has been sick but is doing much better.
- **Betty Weaver** is in need of our prayers for good health.

Last Week:

- **Cindy Jones, Janella Melton** and her daughter **Debbie**, and **Tim Melton** are all recovering from COVID.
- **Donna Truitt** has been extremely sick.
- **Susie Culwell** has been sick and unable to be out.
- **Kevin Pflieger**, Kevin and Cheri Lancaster's son-in-law, had successful back surgery.
- **Delbert Weaver**, Betty Weaver's husband, had a pacemaker put in. He is not doing well and may need additional procedures.

Sympathy:

- To Cindy Jones in the passing of her aunt, **Virginia Franklin**
- To Wayne Kelly in the passing of his brother.

Shut-In:

- At home - **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.

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. There are still a few months left that need to be taken.

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.

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.