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# FOR THE RECORD

# **Sunday AM**

Bible Study 79 Worship 113 Contribution \$4234

Sunday PM

Worship 79
Wednesday

Bible Study 62



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: Jun 4, 2023

Song Leaders: Chris Cox
Opening Prayer: Don Scott
Lord's Table: Bradley Crider

# PM

Ben Smith Chuck Kilpatrick Dale Mowery

**Closing Prayer:** Arthur Pigman **Announcements:** Stump Smith

Billy Humphrey

**Usher:** Hubert Sharp

Wednesday evening: Jun 7, 2023

Song Leader: Rick Caudle Invitation: Richard Bentley Announcements: Stump Smith

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

# Fled For Refuge

By Joe Slater

The God we serve keeps His promises! Due to His holy nature, it is impossible for Him to lie. Yet, to help us in our weakness, He not only promised to bless the world through the seed of Abraham, but swore with an oath that He would keep His promise. Therefore, "We may have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us" (Hebrews 6:18).

These words call to mind at least two Old Testament practices with which the original readers of Hebrews would have been familiar. First, fleeing for refuge takes us to Numbers 35 where six cities were appointed as safe zones where a person who had killed another should flee. There he would receive a fair trial. If guilty of murder, he would be executed; but if the killing was justified or accidental, the avenger of blood couldn't harm him. Nevertheless, the manslayer would have to remain inside the city of refuge until the death of the High Priest.

Sinners flee to God for refuge through Christ, and the Lord adds the saved to the church (Acts 2:47). Jesus is our High Priest forever (Hebrews 6:20). He will never die! Therefore, we must remain faithful within the body of Christ (the church) as long as we live.

"Laying hold" of the hope set before us reminds us of another practice: laying hold of the horns of the altar. Solomon's brother, Adonijah, and later the army captain, Joab, did so as a place of presumed safety. Unfortunately for them, both were guilty and therefore were executed.

Rather than running to an altar, we lay hold of the hope we have in Christ. Hebrews 6:19-20 compares this hope to an anchor firmly secured in the presence of Christ in Heaven itself. Hope keeps us from being blown off course, as it were, by the trials and temptations we face.

Stay in the city of refuge! Rejoice in your certain hope!

To our members and visitors: Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

# **CLINTON CALENDAR**

June 7	Summer Series begins
June 11	<b>Morning Pointe Singing</b>
June 18	Young Family Reception
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Sister Friends June 23

June 25 Song Service/Fingerfoods

July 16-19 **VBS** 

#### TEENAGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

The 7 weeks of Teenage Christian Camp begin this week with the 3-day Day Camp directed by Stump Smith. Register online at www.teenagechristiancamp.org.

#### SISTER FRIENDS

Our next Sister Friends gathering is Friday, June 23 at 7:00pm here at the building. Please see hostess Brenda Patterson with any auestions.

#### **COLLECTION PROJECT**

Sheila Herren is collecting plastic shopping bags and old t-shirts for an organization that weaves them into sleeping mats for the homeless and dog toys for local animal shelters. There's a spot in the foyer to drop off these items until June 18.

#### **HANDS & FEET MINISTRY**

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of men's clothing, tuna packs, fruit cups, and pop tarts. A box for items is under the main table in the foyer.

#### **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.

#### INDIA MISSION WORK

Brother Garry Jones is in need of volunteers willing to help pack 20 crates of supplies to be shipped to India. If you are interested and able to help, please see Garry about the date, time, and location.

#### THE ELDERS CORNER

Is There a Hell?

The Bible says "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." God sent His Son so people would not have to go to hell. (2 Peter 2:4, James 3:61

God allows each person to choose his beliefs (light/darkness). People's destiny follows their decisions. Light symbolizes good and darkness symbolizes evil and hell.

-Herman

#### YOUNG FAMILY RECEPTION

The Young family will be returning to Australia on June 20. Their last day with us will be Sunday, June 18. We will host a send-off for them after Sunday evening services that day. Please see Lesley Mowery, Annette Smith, or Laura Bentley with any questions.

#### **YOUTH SUMMER SERIES**

Our youth will have a summer series beginning this Wednesday with class rotations and split groups. The topics will mirror what is being taught in the adult class. If you are willing to help with crafts, please see Hannah Cox.

#### MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our next singing with the residents of Morning Pointe Assisted Living will be next Sunday, June 11 at 2:00pm.

# **AREA EVENTS**

#### **TCC DAY CAMP**

Hillbrook Christian Camp: Jun 6-8

#### LEARNING FROM LOSS WORKSHOP

Seymour Church of Christ: Jun 9-11

#### **YOUTH NIGHT**

West End Church of Christ: Jun 13

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### This Week:

- Caleb Limbaugh, a 16 year old local youth, is at UT Medical Center with a severe injury.
- Julia Stewart had successful cataract surgery last week.

#### Last Week:

- Michael Guido, a friend of Wayne Kelly in Powell, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Rose Justice, Hubert Sharp's sister, is in Methodist Medical Center with several health issues.

#### Shut-In:

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

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

#### STUDENT RECOGNITION UPDATES

Some of our students, due to their school system's schedules, did not have their information available for last week's Graduate and Student Recognition insert. We want to include their updates this week:

# **Allie Jennings**

Allie, granddaughter of Brenda Jennings, had perfect attendance this year! Allie received awards for Effort in Science, Academic Excellence in Math, a Certificate of Recognition in Spanish, and Reading Level Increase in English. Allie finished up the year with a 4.0 GPA!

#### **CLINTON WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES**

We are excited to begin a summer series this week on "The Miracles of Jesus." Plan to be here!

June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28 July 5 July 12 July 19	The Purpose of Miracles Walking on Water The Man Born Blind Raising of Lazarus Feeding the 5,000 Blind Bartimaeus Vacation Bible School	Richard Bentley Jimmy Ashworth Arthur Pigman Tim Fortunes Darryl Glenn Tim Melton
July 26 Aug 2 Aug 9 Aug 16 Aug 23 Aug 30	Boy w/Unclean Spirit Invalid Man Healed 10 Lepers Cleansed Jesus' Touch Withered Fig Tree The Miraculous Catch	Herb Byrd Bruce Holt Clint Patterson Don Scott Chris Cox Stump Smith

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