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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

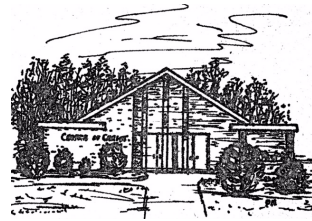
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Worship 129
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Sunday PM

Worship 67

Wednesday

Bible Study —



*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 25, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Joshua Moorey	Dale Tanner
Lord's Table:	Billy Fields	Daniel McInturff

Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Dale Mowery
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	

Wednesday evening: Jun 28, 2023

Song Leader: Tim Melton
Invitation: Clint Patterson
Announcements: Herb Byrd

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

How Many Churches Did Christ Build?

By Wes Garland

Remarkably, everyone in the religious world realizes that there is a church found in the Bible. But what church that is is where people begin making misapplication. The religious world believes in a particular belief that all churches that are in existence make up the church that you read in the Bible. This is known as the ecumenical movement. They teach that it doesn't matter what belief, practice, worship, or name you call yourself, it does make you another church, but that every church makes up that church you see in the New Testament. In other words, you are just another piece of the big pie. They teach it as unity in diversity, which is a contradiction by definition and terminology. Is this true? Are there multiple churches that make up the church you read in the Bible.

There are multiple ways to show what the Bible teaches about this. One of which is the usage of the definite article "THE". When the definite article "THE" is used, it pinpoints specific rather than using the indefinite article "A" or "AN" that shows generic. We see this usage in Matthew 16:19 when it says, "The Kingdom". We also see this in Acts 2:47 when it says, "The church" and in Ephesians 5:23-25 where it says "The church" two times and "The body" once. There are multiple other passages that we can look at, but these will suffice. Another way of seeing how many churches is found in the Bible is by looking at the numerical usage in the text. What I mean by this seeing if the Bible uses the words as plural or singular in usage. For instance, in Matthew 16:18, Jesus uses the word "CHURCH" and not "churches". We also see in Acts 2:47 that Luke records that the Lord added to the "CHURCH" daily. We also see in Ephesians 1:22-23 that Paul uses the word "CHURCH" and "BODY" when speaking of the church. But why is this important? It is important that in its infancy state, God only told of THE CHURCH because there was only ONE that He established. Even though the world may be saying that there are numerous churches in existence, only ONE is His body, His church, and His kingdom.

Let me ask you a question, do you think that our Lord knows which church is His among all these other churches? ABSOLUTELY! If you are the one that built something, you know which one you built! You can see this understanding in Matthew 16:18 when the Lord said, "I will build MY church". He says, in Ephesians 5:23 that "CHRIST is THE HEAD of the church, and He is THE SAVIOR of the body". He even says in Ephesians 1:22-23, that the church that He is over is "HIS body" and "THE FULLNESS of Him who fills all in all". When the Lord gives us the 7 ones in Ephesians 4, we see that He states that there is only "ONE BODY". When the Lord has spoken, there is no more discussion, justification, or room for thought. The Lord made very clear where He stands on the matter of this question. He only built ONE church that we will have to be a member of to go to Heaven (1 Cor. 15:24, Eph. 5:23). My prayer for everyone is that they will do what they need to do to have the eternal reward in Heaven. But to have this, everyone will have to make that decision to be part of the church that is found in the Bible.

Are you a member of the church that you read about in the Bible?

CLINTON CALENDAR

June 25 Song Service/Fingerfoods
July 16-19 VBS

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Please join us this evening for our monthly song service and fellowship meal following. We will also honor the McInturff family!

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Elaine Rose. A celebration of life will be held here Thursday at 7:00pm with the receiving of friends beginning at 6:00pm.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of soap, men's clothing, fruit cups, and snack crackers. 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.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Lake City church will be conducting a clothing giveaway. If you have any clothing items you want to donate, the Lake City congregation would be most appreciative

VBS CRAFT NEEDS

Lesley Mowery is collecting empty plastic water bottles with lids for a VBS craft. Please save those and bring them here to the building.

MCINTURFFS MOVING

Today is Daniel, Ashley, Elle, and Maddux McInturff last day with us as they will be moving to middle Tennessee. We want to honor them with a money tree. Please see Julia Mowery to contribute to the tree.

CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

Sheila Herren will be conducting a CPR certification class. The only cost will be for the materials. Please sign up in the foyer. See Sheila with any questions.

AREA EVENTS

VBS

LaFollette Church of Christ: July 23-27

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, Bible 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."

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Rose Justice**, Hubert Sharp's sister, will have surgery Tuesday to remove her foot.
- **Bruce Holt** is home recovering from surgery.

Last Week:

- **Bonnie Chumley** fell at home and suffered a broken shoulder, She is unable to drive and will be homebound for a while. Please reach out to Bonnie and encourage her while she is away from us.
- **Amber Bentley** is experiencing blood pressure issues.
- **Chrissy Thurman's brother** is in need of our prayers.
- **Brenda Jennings** and **Eddie Jennings** have both been very sick with COVID.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Elaine Rose**

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.

CLINTON WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES

Our summer series on "The Miracles of Jesus" continues this Wednesday. Plan to be here!

June 28	Raising of Lazarus	Tim Forlines
July 5	Feeding the 5,000	Darryl Glenn
July 12	Blind Bartimaeus	Tim Melton
July 19	Vacation Bible School	
July 26	Boy w/Unclean Spirit	Herb Byrd
Aug 2	Invalid Man Healed	Bruce Holt
Aug 9	10 Lepers Cleansed	Clint Patterson
Aug 16	Jesus' Touch	Don Scott
Aug 23	Withered Fig Tree	Chris Cox
Aug 30	The Miraculous Catch	Stump Smith

LADIES CONFERENCE

Please let Susan Smith know by July 1 if you are planning to attend the Transform Ladies Conference in Pigeon Forge September 8-10, 2023. The estimated cost is \$150-175 per person (which includes ticket, lodging and some food). A down payment of \$90 (conference ticket price) will be needed to save your spot and is due no later than July 10. See Susan with any questions.

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