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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

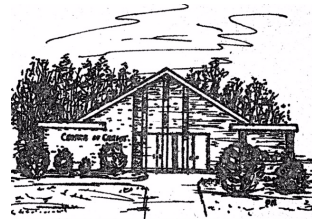
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Worship	117
Contribution	\$4421

Sunday PM

Worship	113
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Wednesday

Bible Study	91
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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
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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: July 23, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Joey Smith
Opening Prayer:	Joshua Moorey	Rick Caudle
Lord's Table:	Billy Fields	Don Scott

Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Billy Humphrey
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	

Wednesday evening: July 26, 2023

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

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

Whose Are You?

By David A. Sargent

While lecturing at Yale University, Fred Craddock told of going back one summer to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to take a short vacation with his wife. One night they found a quiet little restaurant where they looked forward to a private meal — just the two of them.

While they were waiting for their meal, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting guests. Craddock whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." He didn't want the man to intrude on their privacy. But the man did come by his table.

"Where you folks from?" he asked amicably.

"Oklahoma."

"Splendid state, I hear, although I've never been there. What do you do for a living?"

"I teach homiletics at the graduate seminary of Phillips University."

"Oh, so you teach preachers, do you? Well, I've got a story I want to tell you." And with that he pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with Craddock and his wife.

The man stuck out his hand. "I'm Ben Hooper. I was born not far from here across the mountains. My mother wasn't married when I was born so I had a hard time. When I started to school my classmates had a name for me, and it wasn't a very nice name. I used to go off by myself at recess and during lunchtime because the taunts of my playmates cut so deeply."

"What was worse was going downtown on Saturday afternoon and feeling every eye burning a hole through you. They were all wondering just who my real father was."

"When I was about 12 years old a new preacher came to our church. I would always go in late and slip out early. But one day the preacher said the benediction so fast I got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. I could feel every eye in church on me. Just about the time I got to the door I felt a big hand on my shoulder. I looked up and the preacher was looking right at me."

"Who are you, son? Whose boy are you?" he asked.

"I felt the old weight come on me. It was like a big black cloud. Even the preacher was putting me down."

"But as he looked down at me, studying my face, he began to smile a big smile of recognition. 'Wait a minute,' he said, 'I know who you are. I see the family resemblance. You are a son of God.'"

The old man looked across the table at Fred Craddock and said, "That was the single most important sentence ever said to me." With that he smiled, shook the hands of Craddock and his wife, and moved on to another table to greet old friends.

Suddenly, Fred Craddock remembered. There was a man elected governor for two terms in Tennessee. His name was Ben Hooper.

Who are you? Whose are you?

God wants each of us to be His child. Our sins separate us from Him, but God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21). Through Jesus, we can be cleansed from our sins and become a child of God (Galatians 3:26-27).

God will forgive and add to His forever family those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Accept God's offer on His terms. It will change your life forever.

CLINTON CALENDAR

July 30 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Aug 2 Silver Saints
Aug 5 CPR Class
Sept 8-10 Ladies Conference trip

DEACON CANDIDATE

The elders have placed Billy Fields before the congregation to be added as a deacon serving the library and the baptistry. If you have any comments, please see the elders within the next week.

VBS REPORT

Many thanks to all those who planned, worked, and attended our 2023 VBS! It was wonderful to be back to a multi-day VBS, our first since 2019. We had many visitors and lots of great learning and fellowship. Attendance numbers for the week were:

- Sunday - 113
- Monday - 94
- Tuesday - 77
- Wednesday - 91

CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

Sheila Herren will conduct a CPR certification class on Saturday, Aug. 5 here at the building. Please see Sheila with any last minute questions.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Just a quick reminder that we have a church directory app. The app name is Instant Church Directory and can be found in your phones' app store. The directory can also be accessed online from a computer at the web address www.instantchurchdirectory.com. We can also print out a paper copy of the directory for you if you need that. Please see Joey Smith with any questions or for help with your directory.

THE GREAT ETERNAL GOD

By Gerald Cowan

Before the hills appeared,
Before the rivers and the seas,
Before the clouds were formed,
Before the stirring of the breeze;
Before a man was born,
Or any other living thing;
Before the rain or snow first fell,
Before the flowers of spring;
Before the paths of earth
By mortal men were trod –
Before it all, from everlasting was
The Great Eternal God.

When everything on earth
Decays and disappears,
As darkness of the night
Dissolves when daylight nears;
When all the starry universe
Burns up and fades away
With nothing left to measure time,
No sense of night or day;
When challengers and skeptics all
Lie dead beneath the sod –
Through everlasting there will be
The Great Eternal God.

AREA EVENTS

VBS

Rockwood Church of Christ: July 23-26

VBS

LaFollette Church of Christ: July 23-27

KNOXVILLE AREA YOUTH NIGHT

Knoxville Christian School: July 25

VBS

West End Church of Christ: July 30

LADIES DAY

West End Church of Christ: Aug 4-5

GOSPEL MEETING

Madisonville Church of Christ: Aug 6-9

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Jamie Ball**, a member at the Lake City congregation and worker at TCC Day Camp, had an allergic reaction and was taken to the hospital by ambulance. She is now home.
- **Kristina Mason-Fadl El Moula** had back surgery and is now paralyzed. This prayer request comes to us from Connie Mason.
- **Rose Justice**, Hubert Sharp's sister, will be having her foot amputated.

Last Week:

- **Susie Culwell** potentially has a blood clot and is in need of our prayers.
- **Olivia Lewis**, Thelma Shepherd's granddaughter, was taken to the ER with sickness, high fever, and confusion.
- **Doug Broadway** has been sick at home but is feeling much better.
- **Chuck Kilpatrick** had outpatient laser surgery at UPMC to eliminate kidney stones.
- **Bobbie Sue Phillips** fell at home and suffered a broken foot.
- **Eddie Jennings**, Brenda Jennings' husband, had a CT scan of his lung and spots of concern showed up. He had a PET scan on July 18 and will have a lung biopsy on June 27 at ParkWest Hospital.

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!

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

LIVESTREAM

Our services are now streaming live on both Facebook and YouTube. All services on Facebook are on the main church page. This outreach continues to reach folks that are homebound, live in other states, and even those that live in other countries around the world.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of soap bars, breakfast bars, oatmeal packets, and men's summer clothes. A box for items is under the main table in the foyer.