

# Clinton Church of Christ

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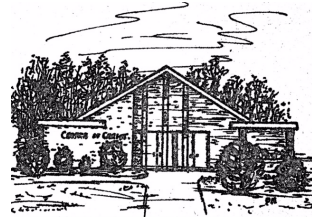
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*A friendly church with  
a saving message*

### 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: July 30, 2023

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Herb Byrd	Singing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bradley Crider	Dale Tanner
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Chris Cox	Dale Mowery

<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Billy Fields	Wavell Stewart
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

### Wednesday evening: July 26, 2023

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Rick Caudle
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith

### FOR THE RECORD

#### Sunday AM

Bible Study	84
Worship	117
Contribution	\$4421

#### Sunday PM

Worship	113
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#### Wednesday

Bible Study	91
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# the Clinton Chronicle

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*Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023*

## Can Straw Become Gold?

By Joe Slater

Paul lived long before the Brothers Grim published their fairy tale about Rumpelstiltskin spinning straw into gold. The apostle did, however, hold out hope that straw could be transformed into gold (not materially but spiritually).

Likening the Corinthian church to a building, Paul compared himself to "a wise master builder" who laid the foundation (1 Corinthians 3:10). That is, he had come to Corinth and preached Christ's gospel, leading many to faith and obedience. The foundation was firm and secure.

Others (Apollos, for example) had built on that solid foundation. A knowledgeable, eloquent teacher, Apollos had skillfully continued the superb work Paul had begun.

But builders can use only those materials which are available to them. Paul wrote of using "gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw" (3:12). Individual Christians in Corinth and elsewhere would fit these categories. The first three types would stand the test of fire while the latter three would burn. In other words, on Judgment Day some would be saved but others lost.

In Corinth, many had fallen victim to petty disputes and divisions, fornication (and tolerance of it), corrupt worship, and blatant false doctrine. What a mess! No doubt some were like straw. Yet God hadn't given up on them, and neither would Paul.

Could straw become gold? Yes, it could happen then in Corinth, and it can happen today right here! Jesus, not Rumpelstiltskin, can and will transform you when you repent and submit to His will.

*(Note: I am indebted to my friend and brother, Guy Orbison, Jr., for the seed thoughts for this article from his excellent publication, Working in the Word.)*

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

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

### SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

It's that time again - our monthly song service and fellowship meal! Please join us again this evening for an encouraging time of worship and fellowship with each other.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Just a quick reminder that we have a church directory app - Instant Church Directory. It can be found in your phones' app store. The directory can also be accessed online at [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://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.

### 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 table in the foyer.

### YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Most of our young folks are going back to school this week. We want to pray for a great school year for them and all of our teachers. We'd also like to congratulate several of our youth on some recent accomplishments:

Cash Gonzalez won the Sportsmanship Award for athletics at Teenage Christian Camp.

David Holt was voted Captain by his band mates today for the 2023-2024 Clinton Dragon High School Marching Band.

Jeremiah Patton and the Clinton Middle School Hawks football team won their first scrimmage of the year last week.

### SILVER SAINTS

Everyone is invited to join the Silver Saints this Wednesday at 10:00am for fellowship and an opportunity to prepare the next issue of the India Mission newsletter for mailing.

### MEN'S SEMINAR

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for all men who are interested in attending the men's seminar in Murfreesboro on Aug. 12. The van will leave our building at 6:00am that morning. Please see Dale Mowery with any questions.

### INDIA MISSION HELP

Brother Garry Jones needs 3-4 volunteers to help load the crates for India on Thursday, Aug 3. We need to be at McGhee Storage on Oliver Springs Highway by 7:30am. If anyone can help to please let Garry know today or Wednesday. It should take no more than two hours to load on the truck.

### CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

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

## AREA EVENTS

### 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

### MEN'S SEMINAR

East Main Church of Christ: Aug 12

### TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

Pigeon Forge: Sept 8-10

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### This Week:

- **Susie Culwell** is still under doctor's care, but no blood clots were found.
- **Mark Yarber** will begin reconstructive surgery within the next month.
- **Judy Yarber**, Jody Yarber's mother, is having heart tests.
- **Brentley Williams** broke a bone in his foot. He will see an orthopedic doctor on Monday.
- **Jennifer Jensen Woods**, who has watched our services online, has requested our prayers.
- **Wendy Hughes**, a neighbor of Rachel Broadway, recently had surgery, and it was discovered that she has late stage cancer. She is 49 years old.
- **Ann Maynard**, a family friend of the Yarbers, is also having heart tests.
- **Laura Houck**, a friend of the Yarbers, is having a surgical procedure on Tuesday.

### Last 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.

### Sympathy:

- **Lauren Dake**, a lifelong friend of Jason Caudle, passed away. Please keep her family, especially her mother, Cathy, in your prayers.

### Shut-In:

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

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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.