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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

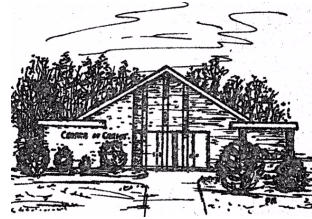
Bible Study —
Worship 104
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Sunday PM

Worship —

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: Aug 20, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Arthur Pigman	Clint Patterson
Lord's Table:	Herb Byrd	Billy Fields

Closing Prayer: James McCrary Wayne Kelley
Announcements: Chris Cox
Usher: Hubert Sharp

Wednesday evening: Aug 23, 2023

Song Leader: Samuel Cox
Invitation: Clint Patterson
Announcements: Herb Byrd

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

The Runaway Bunny

By Al Behel

Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? (Psalm 139:7)

Sometimes teens decide to run away from home. They want freedom. They want to be out from under the control of their parents. They may travel all the way across the country to get as far away as possible. Parents are frantic. They wait by the phone. They pray for their safety. They plead for their return.

Margaret Wise Brown has written many children's books. Each has a simple story. One of her books is entitled, "The Runaway Bunny." It is about a little bunny that tells his mother that he has decided to run away from home. "If you run away, I will run after you. You are my little bunny." She tells him that if he becomes a fish she will become a fisherman and fish for him. If he becomes a little boy, she will become a human mother and hold him in her arms. She convinces him that no matter where he goes she will go after him. Finally he says, "Shucks! I might as well stay where I am and be your little bunny."

That's really what David was saying about us. No matter where we go, God is there. He never leaves us or deserts us. We can't travel beyond His reach. "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me."

God's love can't let us go from His heart. No matter how far we wander away from His presence, His eye is always on us and He longs for our return. Like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son, God is always watching and waiting for us to come over the hill. As Paul said, "Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 8:39). His inseparable love is always there.

It doesn't matter how far you have gone from God's presence, He is still there. His hand will always be outstretched, waiting and longing for your return. He will not force you to come back. You must want to return to Him, but He will not stop loving you. That's why He came down, took on our nature, human flesh, and walked the rocky roads He had made, while being rejected and abused by the very persons He came to rescue from the powers of death and hell. That's why He endured the cross. Because He loves you so.

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." (1 John 4: 16).

CLINTON CALENDAR

Aug 27 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Aug 31 Sister Friends
Sept 6 Silver Saints Picnic
Sept 8-10 Ladies Conference trip

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

SISTER FRIENDS

Please join us for a ladies' ice cream social on Thursday, Aug 31, at 11:00am at the home of Annette Smith. We will also have hot dogs. Please bring your favorite ice cream topping. Please see hostess Cathy Glenn with any questions.

SILVER SAINTS PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the Silver Saints Picnic on Sept. 6 at the east pavilion at Norris Dam State Park. Everyone is invited to come, silver or not!

LIBRARY MATERIALS

We have several books and DVDs that have been checked out of the church library for quite some time. We will be taking inventory soon and need all materials returned to the library for that task.

CLINTON WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES

We have just two more sessions of our summer series on "The Miracles of Jesus." Plan to be here!

Aug 23 - Withered Fig Tree: Chris Cox
Aug 30 - The Miraculous Catch: Stump Smith

RESPONSE

We rejoice with the angels! **Charlotte May** responded to the invitation Sunday and was restored. Please keep Charlotte in your prayers and encourage her in any way you can.

CORRECTION

A handout was available on Wednesday night with the plan of salvation. An incorrect phone number for the church was listed on that handout. Please correct on your copies.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of chips, tuna, and potted meat. A box for items is under the table in the foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Dwight Nicholson who was presented with the Quilt of Valor at the most recent Anderson County Veterans Breakfast.

AREA EVENTS

PATHWAYS 5K

West End Church of Christ: Aug 26

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Hardin Valley Church of Christ: Aug 27

GIRLS DAY

East Main Church of Christ: Sept 4

TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

Pigeon Forge: Sept 8-10

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Ken Gossett** suffered a fall again at Morning Pointe.
- **Blu Knight** had a medical procedure last week.

Last Week:

- **Rick Caudle** has had a difficult week health-wise and needs our prayers.
- **Maverick Traub** and **Jessica Traub's parents** are all recovering from COVID.
- **Gage**, a friend of Lois Nygard, is in ICU at UT Medical Center after falling out of the back of a truck.
- **Coz Branco**, a friend of Sherry Bushey, is in need of our prayers.
- **Beverly Burt**, sister of Sherry Bushey, is in need of our prayers.
- **Lisa Carr**, Sherry Bushey's daughter, is in a wheelchair. She hopes to visit with us Sept. 6.

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.

Complaining

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. The conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups—porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain-looking, some expensive, and some exquisite—telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

After all the former students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then began eyeing each other's cups."

Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, houses, cars, things, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee.

Enjoy your coffee. Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

—CyberSalt Digest; via SOWER