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FOR THE RECORD

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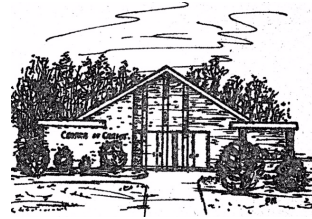
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Sunday PM

Worship 72

Wednesday

Bible Study 61



*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: Sept 3, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Samuel Cox
Opening Prayer:	Don Scott	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Bradley Crider	Dale Mowery

Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Billy Humphrey
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	

Wednesday evening: Sept 6, 2023

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

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

There Is No Victory Without a Battle

By Joe Chesser

I love the song Faith Is the Victory! We like to talk about faith. We love to sing songs and hear sermons about faith. We dream of having a faith that is so strong and vibrant that it will never fail, a faith that will conquer every obstacle. Faith is a popular topic among Christians.

But why do we need such a faith? For victory, of course! Faith Is the Victory! But victory over what? Well, I'm afraid that's what we don't enjoy thinking about. As A.W. Tozer wrote, "We must keep in mind that before we can have a victory, we must have a battle" (*A Cloud by Day, a Fire by Night*, p. 114).

We don't like battles. Why would we? Battles are dangerous. Battles are costly. Battles cause pain and suffering. Battles are not fun. Battles prevent us from enjoying the good life.

However, as much as we dislike battles, they are actually one of God's plans for our progress. When battles are overcome by faith in God's power, they make us stronger and help us move forward. Battles open our eyes to see the deliverance of God. They help us recognize how much we depend upon God and not ourselves to be victorious in this life. Before we can have a victory we must have a battle.

Israel enjoyed God's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It was an exciting day when they marched away from slavery under Pharaoh. They also enjoyed the thought of going to the Promised Land. What they didn't enjoy were the numerous battles they would have to fight along the way as they journeyed from Egypt to Canaan. They didn't get it that the battles they encountered were designed to increase their faith in the God of victory. They (and we) needed to learn to trust God to lead them to victory, and to learn that God's victory had to be accomplished according to His unique plans and in His time. Like us, they all too often wanted to either fight their battles with their own strength and cunning, or try to avoid the battles all together.

For example, when the Israelites arrived in the wilderness of Paran they sent in 12 men to spy out the land God had promised them (Numbers 12:16-13:24). They came back with glowing reports. It was a land flowing with milk and honey (13:27). However, the people were strong, the cities fortified, and there were giants in the land. 10 of the spies reported that it was a land that devours its enemies (13:32) and we are like grasshoppers (13:33). Not a word of faith in God. Not a word of seeking God's help or wisdom. In fact, not a word about God at all except questions why God led them into such a disastrous situation (14:1-4). To the majority of people it was an unwinnable battle. They would rather go back to slavery in Egypt than do battle with the people of Canaan! There was no victory for that generation of Israelites because they refused to follow God into battle. Instead of being forward looking people of faith, they retreated back into the wilderness.

I fear that Israel's example describes many of us today. God's vast promises of deep spiritual riches are within our reach. They are within sight. But they won't be ours without a fight. Unlike Israel, our battle is not flesh and blood. No, we must do battle with the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12). Sadly, our culture has yielded to their evil influences. And Satan has convinced many Christians, especially our young people, to identify with this evil culture. The good news is that with faith in God (and not ourselves) victory is assured. But we must be willing to fight the good fight (2 Timothy 4:7).

Remember, there is no victory without a battle. Faith Is the Victory!

CLINTON CALENDAR

Sept 6	Silver Saints Picnic
Sept 6	India Newsletter folding
Sept 8-10	Ladies Conference trip
Sept 23	Youth Gathering
Sept 24	Song Service/Fingerfoods

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

RESPONSE

Our brother **James McKnight** responded last Sunday morning asking for our prayers. Please remember James in your personal prayers encourage him in any way you can.

SILVER SAINTS PICNIC

The Silver Saints Picnic is this Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 10:30am at the east pavilion at Norris Dam State Park. The van will leave here from the building at 10:00am. There is a signup sheet in the foyer for food and attendance. Everyone is invited to come, silver or not!

INDIA NEWSLETTER FOLDING

We will meet to fold Garry Jones' India mission newsletter this Wednesday at 5:30 before evening Bible study. Come lend a hand!

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.

YOUTH GATHERING

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 23 for our next gathering of our youth and families, hosted by Chuck & Yvonne Kilpatrick!

DIRECTORY & BOARD PHOTOS

If you need to have your picture made for our church directory and the picture board at the rear of the auditorium, please see Joey Smith.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of deodorant, tuna packets, and peanut butter crackers. A box for items is under the table in the foyer.

FALL QUARTER WEDNESDAY NIGHT

We've just wrapped up a wonderful summer series on Wednesday night and now have a great lineup of classes ready to go for fall:

When Heroes Falter

Sept 6	Noah - <i>Drunkennes</i>
Sept 13	David - <i>Murder</i>
Sept 20	Solomon - <i>Loving this World</i>
Sept 27	Judas - <i>Covetousness</i>
Oct 4	Saul - <i>Jealousy</i>
Oct 11	Elijah - <i>Wanting to Give Up</i>
Oct 18	Lot - <i>Choices Affecting Children</i>
Oct 25	Paul - <i>Sharp Contentions</i>
Nov 1	Moses - <i>Losing Your Temper</i>
Nov 8	Sarah - <i>Not Trusting God</i>
Nov 15	Peter - <i>Denying Our Lord</i>
Nov 22	Thanks-Singing
Nov 29	Peter - <i>Hypocrisy</i>

AREA EVENTS

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

GOSPEL MEETING

Lawnville Rd Church of Christ: Sept 17-20

LADIES DAY

Eastside (Maryville) Church of Christ: Sept 23

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Lesley Mowery** is home after a stay in the hospital with heart issues.
- **Charlotte Pigman** will be having outpatient bladder surgery on Thursday.
- **Karen Yarber** is recovering from a stomach bug.
- **Wade Colwell** is suffering from swelling and pain in his legs. Doctors are unsure what is causing it; it could potentially be a blood clot.
- **Blu Knight** received test results that showed he had colitis and possibly Crohn's disease. He will undergo further testing.
- **Herman Herren** is recovering from surgery to remove skin cancer from his nose.

Last Week:

- **Bunny Nash** is recovering at home after a fall and short stay in the hospital.
- **Yvonne Kilpatrick** is recovering at home from sinus surgery.
- **Eddie Jennings** received the results from his scans and no malignancy was found.
- **Juanita Wynn**, a member at the Rocky Top congregation, is recovering from knee surgery.
- **Jimmy Patton**, Jason Patton's father, is in the hospital with kidney and blood infections.

Sympathy:

- To Betty Gossett and family in the passing of **Ken Gossett**. Funeral services were Friday in Clarksville, TN.

Shut-In:

- At home - **Derita Steele, Betty Weaver**
- 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.

TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

The trip to Transform Ladies Conference will be this weekend, Sept. 8-10. See Susan Smith with any last minute questions and details. Please pray for a safe trip for all of our ladies and an uplifting weekend for all.

MISSING SONGBOOKS

Several copies of our newer songbooks that are scattered throughout the auditorium are missing! If you've borrowed or moved these books, please return them to the library. Thank you!

VISITATION & OUTREACH

New visitation and outreach sheets are available at the rear of the auditorium each week along with a large assortment of cards. Thanks to everyone who diligently participates in this ministry. Please see Arthur Pigman with any questions.

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