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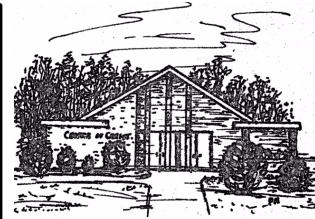
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Sunday PM

Worship 62

Wednesday

Bible Study 76



*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: Oct 8, 2023

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

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

Wednesday evening: Oct 11, 2023

Song Leader: Chuck Kilpatrick
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Chris Cox

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Look at the Stars

By David A. Sargent

Joe Barnett recently wrote about a visit with a couple that he had known in the past: Mark and Katy were living a happy life in our community and church when they were abruptly uprooted and transferred to a remote, thinly-populated outpost in Alberta, Canada.

I stopped by to spend a night with them when a trip took me that way. We talked and laughed late into the night. But out of the corner of my eye, I saw a tear trickle down Katy's cheek.

Before heading to bed, I stepped outside and was mesmerized by a breathtaking view of a pitch-black sky festooned with thousands of shimmering stars. Suddenly, I realized I wasn't alone – Katy was leaning against the porch railing, gazing at the same sky.

"Homesick?" I asked.

"Terribly!" she said. "I miss my friends and my church. This is so far from home I feel like I'm on a different planet."

"I come out here almost every night," Katy said. "I like it when the stars come out; they connect me with my friends back home because they are the same stars, we used to look at together. We have a pact that we will still look at these stars together – they there, me here – and think of each other."

Centuries ago, a prophet thought the stars provided good medicine for homesick hearts. He pointed exiled and dejected people to the stars: "Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name" (Isaiah 40:26). The stars that looked down on those homesick captives in Babylon were the very same stars they had looked up at as they strolled the streets of Jerusalem in their beloved homeland.

As soon as you can, look at the stars. If you're homesick, think of your loved ones and how they are viewing the same stars. As you look at the stars, consider also the One who created them. He knows the name of every star – and He knows and cares about you.

The Psalmist David was thinking about a star-filled sky when he wrote: "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?" – Psalm 8:3-4 NIV

The wonder of it all is that our Creator cares deeply for each of us. He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we can be saved from sin, receive the gift of eternal life, and look forward to spending an eternity with Him in heaven (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:23; John 14:1-6).

God will save from sin and give eternal life to those who will 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 (immersed) 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 1:7-9).

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens. The One who created the starry host cares about YOU and wants YOU to be a part of His forever family.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 15	L2L Kickoff Meeting
Oct 21-22	Grief Seminar
Oct 22	Church-Eat-Church
Oct 28	Fall Gathering
Nov 4	McCrary Baby Shower
Nov 4-5	Men's Retreat
Nov 6	Ladies Class
Nov 22	Thanks-Singing
Dec 11-14	Pew reupholstery
Feb 23-25	CYC trip
Mar 29-31	Lads to Leaders Convention

LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF LUNCH

Our Lads to Leaders Kickoff Lunch will be today after morning worship. We will order pizza. Please bring salads, fruit, drinks, or desserts. Registration opens Nov. 1. The 2024 theme is: I Am Not Ashamed - Rom 1:16 The Convention dates are March 29-31.

MEN'S RETREAT

The men of the congregation will have a retreat Nov. 4-5 at Big Ridge State Park. A signup sheet is in the foyer, More details will be provided soon. See Clint Patterson or Don Scott with any questions.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of Vienna sausage, tuna, soap, and sand bags (a special request - see Don Scott). A box for items is in the foyer.

BABY SHOWER

it's baby shower time again! Jacob & Elie McCrary are expecting baby Amelia and we'd love to have you join us for a shower in her honor here on Saturday Nov.4 at 2pm. They are registered at Target.

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

GRIEF SEMINAR

We will host a grief seminar at Clinton Oct. 21-22. Let us make this event a huge success by inviting our friends and relatives and those in the community. Please everyone plan to be here Saturday morning and Sunday for all the sessions. Our services on Sunday, Oct. 22 will be "church-eat-church" with a fellowship meal following the morning services and an early afternoon service at 1:15.

FALL GATHERING

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 28 for our annual fall gathering complete with costumes, trick-or-treating, and fun for all! It will be hosted at the combined Smith homes. Festivities will begin at 5:00pm!

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

It's time to start planning our 2024 trip to CYC, the weekend of Feb. 23-25. The cost to attend will be \$95 per person and payment will need to be made before we can order your ticket. Please see Joey Smith with any questions.

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.

BUILDING PROGRAM

Drawings are posted on the back wall of the auditorium for a much-needed addition to our facility and parking lot. The elders ask for your prayers and input as we embark upon this expansion to aid in our work here.

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Oct 15

GOSPEL MEETING

LaFollette Church of Christ: Oct 16-19

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Charlotte May** suffered a fall and is experiencing other health problems.
- **Mark Yarber** is now cancer free!
- The **wife** of Bonnie Chumley's cousin, Greg Leach, is in the hospital after an accident that claimed Greg's life.

Last Week:

- **WT Crider** is recovering from a procedure.
- **Becky Crider** has been sick at home.
- **Dana Worthington** is in need of our prayers as she has started a new medication, Please pray for its effectiveness.
- **Steven Wagner** is having wisdom teeth extraction surgery.
- **Stacey Schulz** is now home after being hospitalized with dehydration.
- **Jerome Bell**, a friend of Betty Gossett from the Hilldale Church of Christ in Clarksville, had open heart surgery.
- **Dallas & Elaine Nicholson** are both recovering from another round of COVID.
- **Ellis Carden**, Jeff Jackson's father, is dealing with congestive heart issues.
- **Ann Maynard**, a friend of the Yarbers, is battling colon cancer.
- **Wade Colwell's** recent procedure was not successful.
- **Sabrina Nicholson Perkins** is recovering well from her shoulder surgery.

Last Week:

- To **Bonnie Chumley** in the passing of her cousin, **Greg Leach**, in an accident.

Shut-In:

- At home - **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.

YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD

It's time to refresh our "Youth Spotlight" bulletin board in the foyer. Please give any news on our young folks to Joey Smith. Our youth are precious to us, and this gives us a great opportunity to show encouragement to them and show them how much we love them!

FALL QUARTER WEDNESDAY NIGHT

When Heroes Falter

Oct 18	Lot - <i>Choices Affecting Children</i>	Nov 15	Peter - <i>Denying Our Lord</i>
Oct 25	Paul - <i>Sharp Contentions</i>	Nov 22	Thanks-Singing
Nov 1	Moses - <i>Losing Your Temper</i>	Nov 29	Peter - <i>Hypocrisy</i>
Nov 8	Sarah - <i>Not Trusting God</i>		