

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

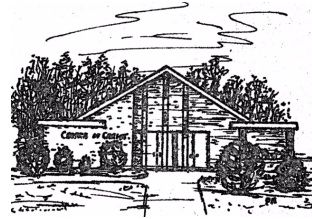
Bible Study	84
Worship	128
Contribution	\$15,563

### Sunday PM

Worship	58
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	70
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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: Dec 17, 2023

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Tim Melton
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Arthur Pigman	Clint Patterson
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Herb Byrd	Ben Smith

<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Doug Broadway	Wayne Kelly
<b>Announcements:</b>	Chris Cox	
<b>Usher:</b>	Tim Nygard	

## Wednesday evening: Dec 20, 2023

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ben Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Chris Cox

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*Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023*

## Holiday Compassion

By Joe Slater

I hope you have the happiest holiday in history! (How's that for alliteration?) Seriously, I want nothing, including this article, to detract from your genuine enjoyment of the whole holiday season.

That being said, please show compassion toward the many for whom holidays are, to say the least, difficult. The anniversary of a loved one's death may come at holiday time. Even if they passed away at some other date, unwelcome feelings of loss and loneliness may flood aching hearts during holidays.

That doesn't mean you should feel guilty for enjoying family, food, and fun. Make those precious memories! As you do so, remember those who feel empty. A loving look, a sympathetic smile, a hug or pat on the arm may accomplish more than you realize.

An understanding word of encouragement could be helpful. That definitely excludes tacky remarks like "get over it!" or "just move on!" Such cruel comments show the opposite of a Christ-like spirit!

Sometimes no words are needed. Your mere presence tells the person you are there for them. Think of Job's three friends when they came to visit him in his profound suffering; the best thing they did was remain silent an entire week. Then they started talking and things went downhill from there!

In no less than a dozen places the Gospels specify that Jesus either showed compassion or taught His disciples to do so. May God help us to be like Jesus not only during this holiday season, but every day!

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 17	Special Contribution Day
Dec 17	L2L Practice
Dec 31	Singing/Food/Game Night
Jan 7	L2L Practice
Jan 8	Ladies Bible Class
Feb 23-25	CYC trip
Mar 29-31	Lads to Leaders Convention

### LADS TO LEADERS

Our next two Lads practices will be today at 4:30 and Jan. 7. Parents, please continue to keep a record of your children's scripture readings and song leading. Studying Romans for Bible Bowl would be helpful. Don Scott can provide the questions.

We will begin our first puppet team practice this Wednesday during a portion of our Bible class.

### PEW REUPHOLSTERY

The reupholstering of our pews will begin tomorrow. Please remember the auditorium will be "topsy-turvy" until Thursday!

### HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of tuna packets, pudding, and pop tarts. A box for items is in the foyer.

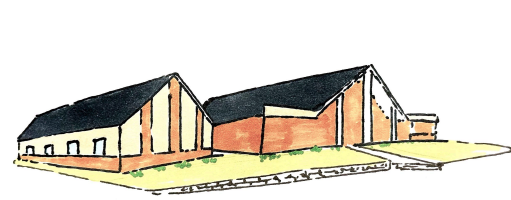
### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2024 will be Feb. 23-25. The cost to attend will be \$95 per person. PLEASE confirm your attendance with Joey within the next week!!! The conference cost increases after the end of December.

### NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

New Years Eve falls on Sunday this year, so our usual Sunday night fingerfood fellowship will also kick off our annual New Years Eve Game Night (how convenient!!!). Come for singing, fellowship, and then a period of games and fun as we ring in 2024!

## Special Contribution Sundays



**Dec. 10 and 17**

Contributions on these two Sundays will go towards our building addition - a fellowship hall that can seat 160+, a new kitchen, two new bathrooms, a storage room, and pantry.

Please pray for and make plans for this endeavor!

### AUSTRALIA MISSION

Andrew Young's latest newsletter reporting on the work in Australia is available in the foyer.

### 2024 SISTER FRIENDS

Please check the list in the lobby (or on Facebook) to sign up to "host" one of our 2024 monthly Sister Friends events. If you haven't hosted before -- most events are held at the church building. You are more than welcome to find a co-host to help you too.

## AREA EVENTS

### GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Gatlinburg & Sevierville Churches: Feb 14-18

### EAST TENNESSEE FAMILY CONFERENCE

West End Church of Christ: Feb 16-18

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### This Week:

- **Hubert Sharp** received some troublesome test results and would appreciate prayers.
- **Von Hutson**, a neighbor of Herman & Georgia Herren, has several health issues.
- **Susan Smith** is recovering from the flu.
- **Ben Smith** has been sick this past week.

### Last Week:

- **Wade Colwell** is now at home, suffering from congestive heart failure and kidney failure. Doctors have given him a timeline of six more months. Wade is in need of your prayers, phone calls, and visits.
- **Yvonne Kilpatrick** is recovering well and resting at home from surgery.
- **Charlotte Pigman** will be having knee replacement surgery Dec. 18.
- **Carolyn Colwell** is recovering from an eye procedure.
- **Maverick Traub** is recovering well from RSV and an ear infection.
- **Audrey** and **Jessica Traub** have both been sick as well.
- **Karen Yarber** is undergoing medical tests.
- **Thomas Wells**, the husband of Rachel Broadway's niece, is seriously ill following COVID.
- **Derek Payne** has been sick at home.
- **The Patton family** has been sick.

### Sympathy:

- To **Amy Hamby-Scott** in the passing of her aunt, **Sarah Jane Adams**.

### Shut-In:

- At home - **Betty Weaver**
- Norris Health & Rehab - **Polly Keck**
- The Waters of Clinton - **Dicey Humphrey**

Please send prayer requests and updates to **churchofchristclinton@gmail.com** or give to Joey Smith in writing.

### COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024

A signup list for communion preparation in the new year is on the table in the foyer. We will continue with our current setup, so preparation will be making sure the baskets - one in the foyer and one at the front of the auditorium - is stocked with supplies and disposal baggies are available.

### VISITATION & OUTREACH

Don't forget to pick up the updated visitation sheets tonight and every Sunday night at the card station at the rear of auditorium. See Arthur Pigman with any questions.

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