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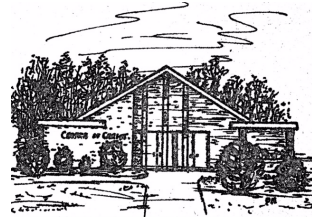
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*A friendly church with
a saving message*

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: Dec 24, 2023

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Chris Cox	Joey Smith
Opening Prayer:	Joshua Moorey	Don Scott
Lord's Table:	Billy Fields	Chris Cox

Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Dale Mowery
Announcements:	Herb Byrd	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	

Wednesday evening: Dec 27, 2023

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

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	77
Worship	99
Contribution	\$13,925

Sunday PM

Worship	67
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Wednesday

Bible Study	61
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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

The Little Lamb

By Darla Hill

There in the briar bush he lay,
A little lamb who'd gone astray.

Entangled in the choice he'd made,
The little lamb; alone, afraid.

His bleating cries soon were heard,
Alerting the shepherd of the herd.

Within His hands the Shepherd man,
Placed the little helpless lamb.

There nestled in the Shepherd's arms,
His bleating stopped, safe from all harms.

Closely held to the Shepherd's breast,
The little lamb at last found rest.

Placing the lamb within the fold,
Gently the Shepherd released His hold.

The little lamb at last was free,
It could've been you, it could've been me.

The Shepherd hears all those that call,
He's LORD and Master, after all.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 30	Bentley Reception
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 Lads practice will be at 4:30pm on Sunday, 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.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

The outreach program Hands & Feet is currently in need of tuna packets, oatmeal packets, and single-serve chip bags. A box for items is in the foyer.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2024 will be Feb. 23-25. The cost to attend is \$95 per person. Please confirm your attendance with Joey THIS 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!

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.

PEW UPDATE

The reupholstering of the pews has been delayed yet again due to the wrong color fabric being shipped. The new fabric will have to be loomed at the mill, so we are now looking at completion in mid-January.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Many thanks to everyone who freely gave during our two special contribution Sundays. A total of \$29,488 was given towards our new fellowship hall addition. We continue to need your prayers and support during this ongoing endeavor!

COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024

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

BENTLEY ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

There will be a lunch reception honoring Richard and Laura Bentley's 40th wedding anniversary here at the building on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 11:30am.

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

SOUTHEAST LECTURES

Karns Church of Christ: Apr 21-24

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Charlotte Pigman** is recovering from knee replacement surgery at home.
- **Hubert Sharp** received some troublesome test results and would appreciate prayers. He will have a PET scan Dec. 29.
- **Lesley Mowery** will be having a procedure to implant a defibrillator/pacemaker combo.
- **Henry Harwell** has been ill with a fever and vomiting.
- **Knox Ray**, a 4 year old who fell into a swimming pool, is in need of our prayers. He is currently in therapy for speech and walking.
- **Tom Essary**, Betty Gossett's brother-in-law, is having surgery on his neck.
- **Caroline Smith** has been sick but is doing well now.
- **Resa Byrd** and **Yvonne Kilpatrick** are at home recovering from sickness.
- **Thomas Wells**, the husband of Rachel Broadway's niece, continues to need our prayers.
- **Andrew Verble** is currently in intense rehab. Cards of encouragement would really lift his spirits. Please mail to his home address and his parents will get the cards to him: 116 Greenhaven Ct, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Last Week:

- **Von Hutson**, a neighbor of Herman & Georgia Herren, has several health issues.
- **Susan Smith** is recovering from the flu.
- **Ben Smith** has been sick.

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.

Examples From Little Children

By Bill Brandstatter

The Christmas season is here. The excitement in the eyes of children during this time of year is always wonderful. The young children at Christmastime have enthusiasm from which many Christians could learn.

Children are innocent and pure. They are not born with inherited sin. Jesus used the example of a little child to show how we should be in the kingdom. Jesus stated; "unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:3 NKJV) If children were sinful creatures, Christ would not have used them in this illustration.

Isn't it interesting that young children have no bias, hard feelings or hatred? In Christ, we too, should have that attitude. God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). We shouldn't be either.

What children learn is also important. Children can learn a great deal. In order to be saved, a person must learn something (John 6:44, 45). We too should desire to learn God's Will like children. (1 Pet. 2:2)

May we have the desire and enthusiasm of little children when we look at the Word of God. Let us study with a hunger and listen with attentive ears. May we be recipients of Jesus' statement; "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6 NKJV)

May we become like little children not just during this time of year but all year long as we rely on our Father and diligently desire the milk of HIS Word.