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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

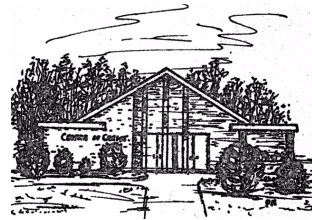
Bible Study 82
Worship 124
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Sunday PM

Worship 91

Wednesday

Bible Study 66



*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: Jan 7, 2024

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Samuel Cox
Opening Prayer:	Don Scott	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Arthur Pigman	Billy Fields

Closing Prayer:	WT Crider	Billy Humphrey
Announcements:	Chris Cox	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Jan 10, 2024

Song Leader: Ben Smith
Invitation: Clint Patterson
Announcements: Arthur Pigman

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Celebrating 80 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2023

Maybe It's Our Time

By David R. Ferguson

In writing to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul stated, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:1-6 [ESV])

One of the most difficult things to do is watch a beloved parent, who in former years you looked upon as a stalwart of strength, slowly lose the vitality he or she formerly possessed, and witness their former vigor sapped away through the slowly encroaching years. As the ensuing years pass by, hard decisions need to be made. One of my longtime friends shared with me recently a similar situation his family was facing regarding his own father. This is how he described it.

The tension in the room was palpable. It could be literally felt. His elderly father was in the living room, and his mother, the loyal wife of 67 years, was frustrated because my friend's sister and brother had suggested that their father should stop driving. As they continued their discussion, my friend prayed for words that would help. When the tension eased for a moment, and emotions had calmed down, my friend felt the time was right for him to approach his father. Understanding that his father had been a proud man, and never looked for a handout or wanted to be a burden to anyone, my friend began the conversation by talking about the ways his father had helped people throughout the years. He finally asked his father if helping others had been a burden to him. His father thought for a moment as a smile creased his face, and he replied, "No, it was never a burden. In fact, I always felt it was a great blessing to help others that brought him great joy." My friend responded with a smile of his own, saying gently to his father, "Then might I suggest that maybe the time has come for others to experience that same joy by helping you." His father agreed, saying he had not thought of it this way before.

Many of us go through life determined to do everything ourselves. In our family, at work, and perhaps especially as we age, we are determined to go it alone and not to be a burden to others. However, God has created us to live in fellowship with one another. Over time our roles change. Sometimes we are the ones who help, and sometimes we are the ones who receive help. This is the beauty of fellowship in God. But don't be afraid to ask for help of those who are your brothers and sisters in the Lord. That's what we are here for.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 7	L2L Practice
Jan 8	Ladies Bible Class
Jan 14	Morning Pointe Singing
Jan 14	Youth Bowling
Jan 28	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 23-25	CYC trip
Mar 29-31	Lads to Leaders Convention

LADS TO LEADERS

Our next Lads practice is today at 4:30pm. Parents, please continue to keep a record of your children's scripture readings and song leading.

FOOD FOR COLWELLS

Wade & Carolyn Colwell are in need of meals a few times a week as Carolyn continues to take care of Wade at home. Casseroles and other warm meals will be much appreciated.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2024 will be Feb. 23-25. The cost to attend is \$95 per person; tickets have been ordered! See Joey Smith to make payment.

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.

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Billy Fields will be inventorying and cataloging ALL of our materials in the church library in the coming weeks. If you have materials checked out, please return them OR, if you are actively using them, let Billy know what you have by the end of January.

MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our next singing with the residents at Morning Pointe is next Sunday at 3:00. Please join us!!!

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Our ladies Bible class will meet tomorrow night here at the building at 6:30pm.

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.

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.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

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

BOWLING

The youth will be going bowling after evening services on Jan. 14 at Oak Ridge Bowling Center. Everyone is invited to come, from newborn to silver saint!

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Karns Church of Christ: Jan 7

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Barbara Tanner** is recovering from bronchitis.
- **Richard Bentley** has been sick at home over the last week.
- **Doris Nicholson** will be having surgery on her eye.
- **David Verble** has been in ICU with flu, pneumonia, and sepsis.
- **Cheyenne Trunnell**, Stump Smith's niece, will be having surgery to repair a torn shoulder, bone spur, and elbow/bicep tendonitis. She will have a 3 to 4 month recovery.
- A coworker of Melissa Dupree has asked for prayers for her husband, A spot was found on his lung that will have to be biopsied.

Last Week:

- **Lesley Mowery** has an appointment with an electrophysicist on Jan 17 to discuss a defibrillator/pacemaker combo.
- **Rachel** and **Abby Fields** have been sick at home.
- **Hubert Sharp** had a PET scan on Jan 5.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Clint Byars**, Garry Jones' brother-in-law

Shut-In:

- At home - **Wade Colwell, Betty Weaver**
- Norris Health & Rehab - **Polly Keck**

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

PARKING NEEDS

Last week was another week that our parking lot was COMPLETELY full on Sunday morning! We are delighted to have this problem. If you are able to park in our grassy lot on Sunday mornings and leave the spaces closest to the building for our visitors and members with mobility needs or small children, that would be helpful.

BUILDING ADDITION

Our updated total for the two special contributions towards our building addition is now at \$31,988. Thanks again to everyone who gave so generously. Our two special contribution Sundays allowed us to focus on this project specifically but we will continue to add any special contributions from our members directly into the building fund at any time. Please be in prayer for this process as well.

PANTRY CLEANOUT

Please check the Pantry for any dishes or containers that may be yours. The Pantry will be cleaned and purged in the new year of any leftover dishes or items we do not use.

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