

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

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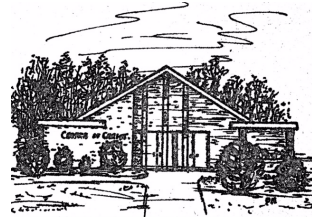
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### Sunday PM

Worship —

### Wednesday

Bible Study —



*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**

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## Serving the Congregation: Feb 4, 2024

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Chris Cox	Samuel Cox
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Don Scott	Chuck Kilpatrick
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Arthur Pigman	Billy Fields

<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	WT Crider	Billy Humphrey
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	

## Wednesday evening: Feb 7, 2024

**Song Leader:** Samuel Cox  
**Invitation:** Clint Patterson  
**Announcements:** Stump Smith

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## Worship

By Adam Faughn

How do you describe what we do when we gather on Sundays? I suppose that most of the time, we just say that we are "going to worship" or that those are our "worship times."

But if you had to put a word after the word "worship" to describe what we do, what word would you choose? Probably, the main way we would fill in that blank would be to use the word "service." We might even announce that it is time for us to begin our worship service. Certainly, there is nothing wrong with that. It is an accurate term for what we are doing, as worship is meant to be in service to our heavenly Father.

But I want to suggest another word that means a lot to me, and that might further help us focus on what we are doing.

For about seven years, I worked with Andy Kizer in Haleyville, Alabama. He meant a lot to me as a very young man trying to learn the ins-and-outs of local ministry. Outside of my own family, he is likely the man whom I would consider my "mentor" in the ministry.

One thing that he used to say then--and still does--is in describing worship. It is not that he never said "worship service." He would from time-to-time. But it was not his main way of describing these periods of time. Instead, the vast majority of the time, he would refer to them as "worship privileges." If you think about it, that is actually quite profound.

To be allowed to worship the almighty God of the universe and to know how to do so in a way that pleases and honors Him truly is a privilege. We should not be allowed in His presence, but He seeks such (cf. John 4:23-24). We would never know how to approach Him in a pleasing way, but He has clearly told us how to do so and that He delights when we do. What a privilege!

For various reasons, though, we sometimes struggle or even fail to see worship for the privilege it is. We treat it as common. We decide other things are more important. We want to change how it is done. We are present physically but a million miles away mentally. We would rather stare at Facebook than sing to the Father. We find mundane things of this world more interesting than the glory of worshiping God.

When we act in these types of ways, it is obvious that we are not seeing worship for the true privilege it is. But, oh, how we should! To come before God should humble us deeply. To know we can please Him as we do should cause us great joy. And to be allowed to do so each week should cause us to realize what an amazing privilege worship truly is.

It is a worship service. There is no doubt about that. But may we never forget that it is also a worship privilege and reverently treat these times as such.

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Feb 4	L2L Practice
Feb 7	Silver Saints
Feb 11	Morning Pointe Singing
Feb 23-25	CYC trip
Feb 25	India Presentation & Dinner
Mar 23	Egg Hunt
Mar 29-31	Lads to Leaders Convention

### SILVER SAINTS

The Silver Saints will meet Wednesday at 10:00am here at the building for a period of fellowship. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of the work of our Silver Saints!

### LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders will meet each Sunday at 4:30. Be sure to document all of your year-round events, back-tracking to February 2, 2023.

### 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 are interested in hosting the February event, please see Susan Smith.

### PARKING NEEDS

Our parking lot has been filling up to capacity on most Sunday mornings. 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.

### PEW REUPHOLSTERY

The reupholstering of our pews is almost finished. The installer had to order more fabric to finish the pulpit chairs. Hopefully those will be done soon! Thanks to Stump Smith and Dale and Lesley Mowery for coming yesterday to make sure the building was back in order for today's services.

### 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.

### HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: tuna packets, fruit cups, and bottled water. No more clothing is needed at this time. 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; tickets have been ordered! See Joey Smith to make payment.

### LIBRARY MATERIALS

Billy Fields will be inventorying ALL materials in the church library. If you have items checked out, please return them OR, if you are actively using them, let Billy know what you have.

### NEW DUMPSTER

We have switched trash services and now have a "rolling" dumpster that can be moved as needed. It is a smaller dumpster but we will now have weekly pickup.

## AREA EVENTS

### AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

West End Church of Christ: Feb 11

### 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:

- **Jacob Taylor**, Jim Ayers' cousin, is a traveling lineman and was severely injured in Florida when the crane he was working in collapsed and fell over 100 feet. He is currently in ICU on an incubator and is in a medically induced coma. He severed severe internal injuries to his liver and his lungs.
- **Sean Little**, Michelle Ayers' brother, is battling RSV, COPD, and other health issues.
- **Dudley Brewer**, Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, is recovering at home from a fall and pacemaker implant.
- **Wanda Maxwell**, Herman Herren's sister, will begin aggressive cancer treatments soon.
- **Linda Perkins**, Doris Nicholson's sister-in-law, suffered a fall and fractured her shoulder.
- **Mary Caldwell**, a friend of Sherry Bushey, suffered a heart attack.
- **Carolyn Cox** has been sick at home.

### Last Week:

- **Millard Adkins** was taken to the ER last week but is now home.
- **Lesley Mowery** will have her pacemaker/defibrillator procedure on Feb. 20.
- **Derek Payne** has been sick at home.
- **Paul Adkins** has been sick at home.
- **Jeff Jackson** has been sick with the flu.
- **Stacey Schulz** has been sick at home.
- **Abby Fields** has been sick but is much better.
- **Ellis Jackson**, Jeff Jackson's father, has been in ICU with congestive heart failure but is doing better.
- **Michael Simon**, Ouita Northcutt's nephew, is suffering with terminal cancer. He live in Phoenix, AZ.
- **Rileyann Bailey**, a friend of Caroline Smith, had surgery on her hand to remove an abscess.

### Shut-In:

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

Please send prayer requests and updates to [churchofchristclinton@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com) or give to Joey Smith in writing.

### INDIA PRESENTATION & DINNER

Brother Garry Jones will give us a presentation on our mission work in India during our Sunday evening services on Feb. 25. We will have a period of fellowship afterwards with authentic Indian food prepared by Ruth Ashworth. Please make plans to be here!

### EGG HUNT

Our annual egg hunt for the youth will be Saturday, Mar. 23 at 11:00am at the home of Russell and Lauren McElroy on W Washington Avenue. Please park at the church building and take a short walk up the sidewalk to the McElroy house. Invite your friends to join us!

### COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024

A signup list for communion preparation in the new year is on the table in the foyer. We will still have a few months that need to be taken.