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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

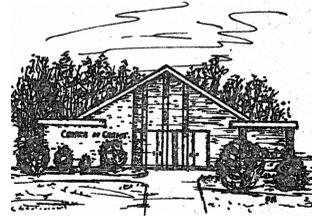
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Worship	123
Contribution	\$3049

Sunday PM

Worship	72
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Wednesday

Bible Study	74
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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
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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: Apr 7, 2024

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Ben Smith	Joey Smith
Opening Prayer:	Don Scott	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Arthur Pigman	Dale Mowery

Closing Prayer:	WT Crider	Billy Humphrey
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	

Wednesday evening: Apr 10, 2024

Song Leader:	Chuck Kilpatrick
Invitation:	Clint Patterson
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman

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Celebrating 81 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2024

What Kind of Church Should We Be?

By Brian Mitchell

Play a word game with me. What comes to your mind when you see or hear the word church? Do you picture a steepled building, dark wooden pews, crosses, offering plates? Do you hear hearty singing? Or does church trigger childhood memories of wiggling through sermons, playing tag on the parking lot, and Sunday school teachers telling stories about Samson and David and Daniel and, of course, Jesus?

Or do you experience again the flat taste of the bread and the sweet taste of grape juice at communion? Do you remember a particular Sunday morning when a sermon gripped you as though you were the only one in the crowd, or the day you became a Christian through baptism? Or does church bring other pictures on your mind? A wedding, funeral, evangelistic services, going forward, committee meetings, suppers served in Tupperware dishes, that time at camp when you determined God would have all of your life.

When you see the word church, do you have good feelings? Like laughter? Warmth? A quietness? Acceptance? Happiness? Awe? Love? Closeness to God? Or are your feelings negative? Like boredom? Anger? Confusion? Guilt? Rejection? Does church remind you of arrogance, hostility, manipulation, anger, or irrelevance? Do you think of it as a poor substitute for a picnic or a ball game? Church dredges up memories and emotions from deep within you, doesn't it? Some are healthy, some painful, most somewhere in between.

Have you noticed that when Christians think negatively about church, they think of "them" not "I"? Church is an institution out there, a group apart from them. But we are the church, aren't we, you and me? We may have a personal faith, but it is next to impossible to have an individual faith. God did not intend for us to be Christians by ourselves, every Christian to be complete, must be a member of a body of men and women who are followers of Christ. Therefore, whether we are part of a vital, growing, glowing assembly of believers depends in some measure upon us.

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Apr 7	Newsletter Folding
Apr 14	Morning Pointe Singing
Apr 21	Cox Wedding Shower
Apr 27	Sister Friends
Apr 28	Song Service/Fingerfoods
May 6	Ladies Bible Class
May 18	Jackson Wedding Shower

NEW MEMBERS

We are thrilled to welcome **Julie Priest** and her children **Evan** and **Lillian** to the family here at Clinton! Their information will be added to the directory. Please welcome and encourage Julia, Evan, and Lillian in any way you can.

INDIA NEWSLETTER FOLDING

We will meet this afternoon at 4:30 to fold and prepare brother Garry's latest newsletter on our India mission work. Come lend a hand or two!

SISTER FRIENDS

Our next Sister Friends gathering will be on Saturday, April 27 at 11:00am. Please see hostesses Rebecca Nash or Sheila Herren with any questions.

GRADUATE & STUDENT RECOGNITION

In May, we will recognize and celebrate all of our young people and graduates and their accomplishments in school and beyond. Please email, text, or give Joey Smith your child's update in writing by May 19.

PIES FOR LECTURESHIP

We have been asked to provide pies once again for the upcoming SEIBS Lectureship. Please see details posted in the foyer.

TEENAGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Registration is now open for this summer's Teenage Christian Camp! See the table in the foyer for info or see any of our members who are involved in camp for more info.

WEDDING SHOWERS

All ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring Rachel Cox on Sunday, April 21st at 3:30pm. She is registered at TheKnot.com.

There will be a shower for Casey Jackson, Garry and Cindy Jones' granddaughter, on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 to 12:00 (come & go) at Charlotte Pigman and Hannah Cox's home. She is also registered at TheKnot.com.

PLAYGROUND

We have added a combination lock to the gate around our playground for security reasons during the week when no one is here at the building. Please see the printed bulletin for the code.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: pudding cups, snack crackers, potted meat, Vienna sausages. Clothing donations are also needed again. A box for items is in the foyer.

COLLECTION PROJECT

Sheila Herren is once again collecting old t-shirts and gallon Ziploc bags for projects at the local shelter. A box for items is in the foyer.

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

LaFollette Church of Christ: Apr 7-10

SOUTHEAST LECTURES

Karns Church of Christ: Apr 21-24

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Morristown Church of Christ: Apr 28

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: June 2-9

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Terri Hicks**, Patty McKnight's daughter, fell and broke both her feet.
- **Wade Colwell** has been in the hospital but is now home.
- **Bobbie Price**, Cathy Glenn's mother, is recovering from surgery at UT Medical Center.

Last Week:

- **Kayla Mefford** is becoming the conservator for her uncle, **Tim Mefford**, in his declining health and is in need of our prayers.
- **Derek Payne** has been confined at home with pink eye.
- **Bobbie Sue Phillips** continues to be at NHC.
- **Kathy**, Garry Jones' younger sister, is in need of prayer.
- **Pat Humphrey** had a full body scan and got great results.
- **Meghann Nicholson** has been deployed to and has arrived in Kuwait.
- **Bunny Nash** has been sick this last week.
- **Millard Adkins** has been sick at home.
- **David Farmer**, a friend of Wilson Gadd, is in need of our prayers.
- **Christina Knight's daughter**, a friend of Stacey Schulz, is in need of our prayers.

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.

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People are always looking for someone else to blame for their own lack of spiritual health and growth. A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she'd stayed by his bedside every single day. One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times."

"When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right here. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what?" "What dear?" She gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth. "I think that you are bad luck."

When it comes to the church, our role in it and our effectiveness at being God's people, it is time to stop blaming others for our lack of personal and numerical growth. We need to put the blame where it belongs if we are not growing as we should individually and congregationally, we are to blame. If we hope to make a difference in our churches and for our churches to make a difference in the world, we need to know what a healthy church looks like and perhaps even more importantly, we need to know how sick churches can be made well.