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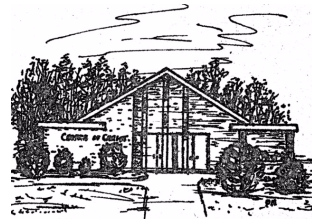
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a saving message*

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: June 23, 2024

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Clint Patterson	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Joshua Moorey	Dale Mowery
Lord's Table:	Bradley Crider	Arthur Pigman

Closing Prayer: Earl Broadway Jody Yarber
Announcements: Chris Cox
Usher: Hubert Sharp

Wednesday evening: June 26, 2024

Song Leader: Ben Smith
Invitation: Herb Byrd
Announcements: Chris Cox

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study 85
Worship 120
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Sunday PM

Worship 46

Wednesday

Bible Study —

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Celebrating 81 Years in Clinton, 1943 - 2024

The Blind Leading the Blind

By David R. Ferguson

Many of the familiar expressions we use today originated in the Bible. One such idiom, "the blind leading the blind," comes from Jesus' teaching in Matthew 15:14: "Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit" (see also Luke 6:39).

As Jesus traveled around ministering in Galilee, He attracted crowds from places near and far, including Jerusalem – the authoritative center of Judaism at the time. The Gospel of Matthew records a scene in which a group of Pharisees and scribes travel from Jerusalem to confront Jesus. These religious leaders were the representatives of Judaism in that day. They were entrusted with studying the Scriptures and guiding God's people in the ways of the Lord.

Without a doubt, these Jewish leaders were receiving reports of miracles and unconventional activities surrounding Jesus' ministry. They became alarmed that their many regulations, laws, and age-old "traditions of the elders" (Matthew 15:2, ESV) were not being kept. Specifically, they had come to question why Jesus' disciples were breaking the tradition of ceremonial handwashing before meals. According to their procedures – which, in reality, were human-made regulations and not part of God's word – Jesus and His disciples were behaving in a way that made them ritually unclean. These so-called spiritual leaders had elevated their legalistic traditions to the point of equality with the commands of God in Scripture, a transgression Jesus was now compelled to confront.

Leading up to His description of the religious leaders as blind leaders of the blind, Jesus pointed out how the Pharisees had broken God's commandments (Matthew 15:3-9). First, He established their hypocrisy – they regularly broke the laws of God while demanding that others follow their human-made traditions. They displayed outward piety but lacked true devotion to God and His word in their hearts. They were rebellious toward God and blind to their spiritual emptiness.

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Jun 30 Singing/Fingerfoods
Jul 1 Ladies Bible Class
Jul 3 Silver Saints
Jul 14-17 VBS

CLINTON VBS

Our VBS "Mountaintop Encounters!" will be July 14-17. Sunday evening will begin at 6:00 and Monday - Wednesday at 7:00. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please see Chris or Hannah Cox.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: tuna packets, granola bars, and snack crackers. A box for items is in the foyer.

SECURITY NEEDS

Our front doors are equipped with "kick stands" to hold them open, but for this safety of our littlest ones, these front doors DO NOT need to be propped open after services. Thanks!

MICROPHONE REQUEST

For all men who lead in our worship, please be aware that the pulpit and table microphones are usually set in the appropriate place and must be pointed directly at the speaker's mouth. Please, if at all possible, do not touch or adjust the position of the mic; particularly do not push it up and away from your voice. When this happens, the sound booth has difficulty controlling the volume so that all can hear. Thanks for your help and attention to this!

COLLECTION PROJECT

Sheila Herren will be collecting plastic grocery/shopping bags through the end of July. A collection box is in the foyer.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Congratulations to Jim and Michelle Ayers on the birth of their granddaughter, Collins Irene Blonder!

CLINTON SUMMER SERIES

This week:

Adults: Jesus Before Pilate - Herb Byrd
John 18:28-40

Youth: Parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37
Craft: Lauren B./Julie Priest

Next week:

Adults: A Parable by the Sea - Billy Fields
Matthew 13:1-23

Youth: Parable of the Friend at Midnight
Luke 11:5-8
Craft: Joey & Susan Smith

**Please Note: there is a typo in the Summer Series flyer in the foyer. Tim Melton will teach the adult class on the 10th and the VBS finale will be the 17th.*

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Our next ladies Bible class will be Monday, July 1 at 6:30pm.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

Remember to pick up the new visitation and outreach sheets at the rear of the auditorium tonight.

AREA EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

West End Church of Christ: July 7-10
Clinton Church of Christ: July 14-17
LaFollette Church of Christ: July 21-25
Wooddale Church of Christ: July 29

GOSPEL SINGING

Great Smoky Mtns Church of Christ: July 26

MOUNTAIN EMPIRE MEN'S DAY

Central Church of Christ (Johnson City): Aug 3

GOSPEL MEETING

Madisonville Church of Christ: Aug 4-7

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Laura Bentley** was sick last week but is feeling better.
- **Richard Bentley** continues to recover and make progress at home.
- **Chuck Kilpatrick** continues to recover at home but is experiencing a bit of pain.
- **Rachel Cox Roberts** became sick with pneumonia while on her honeymoon.
- **Henry Harwell** has been sick.
- **Bobbie Price**, Cathy Glenn's mother, is in need of our prayers for good health.
- **Barbara McCrary**, James McCrary's mother, has been sick.
- **Stacey Schultz** has been sick but is improving.

Last Week:

- **Garry Jones** has been sick at home.
- **Mark Yarber** is in ICU in Oak Ridge on oxygen. He is in need of encouragement.
- **The Nelson family**, formerly at the Oliver Springs congregation and now in Chattanooga, are in need of our prayers as they welcome new foster children into their home.
- **Lindsay Stanley**, Parker Stanley's daughter, is in need of our prayers for the stability of her nursing job.
- **Brian West**, Betty Gossett's cousin, found out that his cancer has returned.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Jim Ball**, who passed away in March. His memorial service will be June 29 at New York Avenue Church of Christ; receiving of friends 10:00am, service 11:00am.

Shut-In:

- At home - **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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When Jesus said of the Pharisees, "The blind lead the blind," He was emphasizing the foolishness of the situation. Only a person who can see ought to lead a blind person. To be a successful guide to others, one must be able to see where he or she is going. If the blind lead the blind, those leaders are arrogant, overconfident, and in serious denial about their own sightless condition. Jesus knew this was true of the scribes and Pharisees who had come to confront Him. "Guide for the blind" was a common title for Jewish teachers of that day (Romans 2:19). Jesus wasn't about to let His detractors continue claiming this title when, in truth, they needed someone to lead them. We, too, must be careful not to let our own arrogance and pride blind us to our spiritual condition. We must trust in God and His word.

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