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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

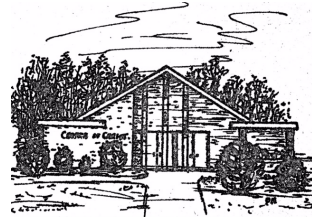
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Worship	127
Contribution	\$5891

Sunday PM

Worship	89
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Wednesday

Bible Study	73
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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 Today

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	Clint Patterson	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Tim Melton	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Bradley Crider	Samuel Cox

Closing Prayer:	WT Crider	Wayne Kelly
Usher:	Dale Mowery	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Ben Smith
Invitation: Don Scott
Announcements: Chris Cox

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Celebrating 81 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2024

Using Your Time for Jesus

By Jeff Arnette

Last week we considered, "Making Time for Jesus." In our modern hustle and bustle, it's easy to lose sight of what's important to us and our faith. Yet, the question remains, how do I use what little time I have for Jesus? While the answer can vary for us, depending on our time and talents, I believe the words of John 15:1-8 provide great insights into this question.

In this passage, Jesus declares, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful" (John 15:1-2). This pictures Jesus as the vine and faithful Christians as the branches. It underscores the importance of remaining connected to Christ. Just as a branch draws its life from the vine, so we draw our spiritual life from our relationship with Jesus.

This begins by being intentional in our daily walk with Jesus. He said, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me" (John 15:4). We are challenged to build a strengthening and growing relationship with Jesus, and this happens through prayer, reading the Bible, and worship. When we prioritize these disciplines, our connection to Him grows and we are empowered to bear fruit.

Another aspect of using our time for Jesus is serving others. Jesus said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). We bear fruit through acts of love, kindness, and service to others. No matter how you use your unique talents for Jesus the most important part is using them.

As we make and use our time for Jesus, we are promised more fruit and a testimony to our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus promises, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (John 15:7-8).

Using our time for Jesus keeps us connected to Him, serving others, and bearing much fruit for the Father. In it we become His hands and feet here sharing his love and grace with the world. Let's commit to using our time for Jesus and bringing glory to the Father.

To our members and visitors:

Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

CLINTON CALENDAR

Aug 24	Sister Friends
Aug 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Sept 3	Ladies Class Fellowship
Sept 4	Silver Saints
Sept 27-29	Ladies Retreat
Nov 2	Men's Retreat
Oct 19	Sister Friends
Oct 26	Fall Gathering

NEW SISTER

We rejoice at the baptism of **Lillie Mefford** last Sunday morning! Please pray for Lillie and encourage her in any way you can.

SISTER FRIENDS

We will meet for Sister Friends on August 24 at 9:00am at the church building. Resa Byrd and Julie Priest will host. Please see the sign-up list in the foyer for food.

LADIES CLASS YEAR END STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

Our Ladies Bible Class will have a year-end study and fellowship on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:00pm. See Becca Fields with any questions.

LADIES RETREAT

Mark your calendars for our Ladies' Retreat September 27-29. It will be at a cabin on the lake in LaFollette. Please let Susan Smith know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. The cost of \$100 per person includes lodging and all food. It should be paid by August 31.

MENS RETREAT

Men, mark your calendars for our Mens' Retreat on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Big Ridge State Park. More information and details to come!

VISITATION & OUTREACH

The updated visitation and outreach sheets will be available at the rear of the auditorium this evening. Please see Arthur Pigman with any questions.

CLINTON SUMMER SERIES

This week:

Adults: Jesus in the Garden - Don Scott
Matthew 26:36-46

Youth: Parable of the Wedding Feast
Matt. 22:1-14, Luke 14:15-24
Craft: Amy Hamby-Scott

Next week:

Adults: The Thieves on the Cross - Bruce Holt
Luke 23: 32-43

Youth: Parable of the Sheep and Goats
Matthew 25:31-46
Craft: Brenda and Clint Patterson

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: single serve chips, granola bars, and fruit cups. A box for items is in the foyer.

CRAFT PICK-UP

Please check the tables in the kitchen for your child's "pig craft" from Wednesday night Bible class a few weeks ago. There's a "barnyard" full of little pink faces needing to go home!

AREA EVENTS

TEEN AREA-WIDE DEVO

West End Church of Christ: Sept 8

TEEN AREA-WIDE DEVO

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Oct 13

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Cindy Fields**, Billy Field's mother, is in the hospital at Fort Sanders following a brain aneurysm and a potential stroke. She is having difficulty breathing on her own and her doctors are concerned about brain damage. The next 24 to 48 hours are critical.
- **Rick, Kathy**, and **Jason Caudle** are recovering at home from COVID. Jason is also dealing with pink eye.
- **Rachel Broadway** is recovering from a painful fall.
- **Dwight** and **Doris Nicholson** were sick last week but are doing better.
- **Sherry Bushey** fell and injured her shoulder.
- **Jesse Smith**, a friend of Billy Humphrey who has been on our prayer list, passed away in SC.
- **Tina Price** is back at NHC after being admitted to the hospital.
- **Sheila Herren** is feeling better after suffering stings around her face.
- **Paul** and **Millard Adkins** were sick last week.
- **Abby Fields** was sick at home last week.

Last Week:

- **Ouita Northcutt** is recovering at Tennova Knoxville Rehab on Middlebrook from surgery on a broken arm and wrist.
- **Ben Smith** is recovering from oral surgery.
- **Reba Miller**, Gail Sharp's aunt in Arkansas, was unable to have her pacemaker put in.
- **Ellis Carden**, Jeff Jackson's father, has been in the hospital.

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.

THE GREAT ETERNAL GOD

By Gerald Cowan

Before the hills appeared,
Before the rivers and the seas,
Before the clouds were formed,
Before the stirring of the breeze;
Before a man was born,
Or any other living thing;
Before the rain or snow first fell,
Before the flowers of spring;
Before the paths of earth
By mortal men were trod –
Before it all, from everlasting was
The Great Eternal God.

When everything on earth
Decays and disappears,
As darkness of the night
Dissolves when daylight nears;
When all the starry universe
Burns up and fades away
With nothing left to measure time,
No sense of night or day;
When challengers and skeptics all
Lie dead beneath the sod –
Through everlasting there will be
The Great Eternal God.