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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

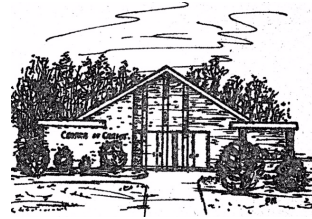
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Worship 156
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Sunday PM

Worship 70

Wednesday

Bible Study 75



*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	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Joshua Moorey	Billy Fields
Lord's Table:	Don Scott	Dale Mowery

Closing Prayer: James McCrary Dale Tanner
Usher: Chuck Kilpatrick
Announcements: Stump Smith

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Joey Smith
Invitation: Bruce Holt
Announcements: Stump Smith

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Fellowship Hall Update

Things have moved very quickly in the past two weeks. We have received a quote from the builder who constructed the Rocky Top building. The elders have acted on this much more reasonable quote than others we had received.

We met with the builder this past week and he talked us through several questions we had. Before we can commence building several things must take place. Plans will be drawn by the builder and submitted to the city, permits will be required, and our site plan will be submitted also. All of this will take several weeks to complete.

Some other things will be happening in the meantime. The builder will place his order to the steel company for the structural part of the building and this will take approximately three weeks to arrive on site. A large pile of dirt will appear on the grass lot. This will be used to make the transition of the two parking lots less steep. This parking lot must be completed before construction can begin on the new building to allow us adequate parking during the build.

As for the building itself the inside layout will be much the same as the drawings that are on the back wall of the auditorium. The outside of the building will be slightly different from the drawings. Brick matching the old building will go up ten feet with other material used above them. The floor of the new building will be a bit lower than the existing building. This will keep the loss of parking to a minimum. A covered walkway will be constructed along the back of the new building to our existing building. This will have no steps just a slight slope.

We are also planning to make a sound room area using part of the foyer. It will have a window overlooking the auditorium. This will allow for more seating at the back which will help as our attendance numbers have increased. This is great! Please keep the building project in your prayers.

-The elders

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

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

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Come back tonight for our monthly song service and fellowship meal afterwards!

Song leaders, take note of a few requests:

- Please inform those working in the sound booth of your song number before we begin services tonight.
- Select one song to lead. In the past, leaders have selected two or three songs, but due to the increased number of song leaders we are now blessed with, we will each lead one.

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.

SILVER SAINTS

The Silver Saints will have a picnic at Norris Dam State Park on Wednesday, Sept. 4. A sign up sheet is in the foyer. All are invited, silver or not!

LADIES RETREAT

Our Ladies' Retreat is Sept. 27-29 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 and is due 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! See Don Scott or Hubert Sharp with questions.

CLINTON SUMMER SERIES

This 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

CRAFT PICK-UP

Please check the tables in the fellowship hall for your child's crafts from Wednesday night Bible class. There are several weeks' worth of crafts that are ready to go home!

TEACHER ROUND-UP

We have been blessed with growth here at the Clinton congregation, including lots of precious young people! There are always opportunities for those that would like to be a teacher for one of our Bible classes on Sunday or Wednesday. If you are interested in learning more, please see Stump Smith or Herb Byrd today. We are in the process of making plans for our next quarter.

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.

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.

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:

- **Pat Humphrey** is in need of our prayers. Doctors found a spot in her liver that is concerning for possible metastatic cancer. She will be starting targeted drug therapy.
- **Stacey Schulz** is suffering from a torn achilles tendon.
- **Micheal Olsen** is dealing with COVID and Graves' Disease.
- **Linda Lovely** has been diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer and is undergoing chemo.
- **Millard Adkins** is dealing with COPD.
- **Ouita Northcutt** continues to need our prayers as she recovers.

Last Week:

- **Cindy Fields**, Billy Field's mother, continues to be in the hospital at Fort Sanders following a brain aneurysm and a potential stroke. She is off the ventilator and is responsive. She still has a long road to recovery.
- **Rick, Kathy, & Jason Caudle** are recovering from COVID. Jason is also dealing with pink eye.
- **Rachel Broadway** is recovering from a painful fall.
- **Dwight and Doris Nicholson** were sick 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 Adkins** is recovering from illness.
- **Abby Fields** was sick at home.

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.

Chance or Opportunity

By Joe Slater

Does God give you chances, or does He provide opportunities? We sometimes treat those words as synonyms, but their meanings are quite different! Chance indicates something random, uncertain, even accidental – a roll of the dice, as it were. You have no way to influence the outcome.

Opportunity, by contrast, implies that you play a role in choosing a course of action. You may choose wisely or foolishly, but it remains your choice. It is neither random nor accidental.

Some things do, indeed, happen by chance. Solomon wrote by inspiration, "Time and chance happen to them all" (Ecclesiastes 9:11). Sometimes our plans don't work out no matter what we do. We didn't plan to become ill or be laid off from work, but it happened. Such is life.

But not everything is subject to chance. God can and does provide opportunities. Paul urged the Galatians to "do good to all" as they had opportunity (Galatians 6:10). He understood when material support from the church at Philippi was delayed: "You surely did care, but you lacked opportunity" (Philippians 4:10).

Our salvation depends not on chance, but on how we use the opportunity God has provided in Christ. Acts 14:27 refers to it as God opening "the door of faith." As one chooses whether to walk through an open door, so we choose whether to trust Jesus and obey His gospel. This is neither random nor accidental.

Your eternal destiny depends not on chance, but on what you choose to do with the opportunities God has given to you.