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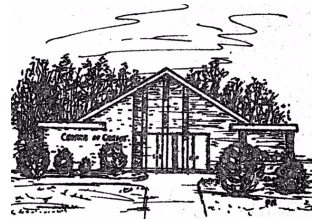
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM
Bible Study 88
Worship 118
Contribution \$3712

Sunday PM
Worship 64
Wednesday
Bible Study 68



*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:	Don Scott	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Billy Fields	James McCrary
Closing Prayer:	WT Crider	Tommy Warren
Usher:	Tim Nygard	
Announcements:	Chris Cox	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Ben Smith
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Chris Cox

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Celebrating 81 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2024

They That Mourn

By Clifton Angel

Jesus said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matt 5:4). The late V.P. Black organized mourning into three categories: natural, unnatural, and godly.

Natural mourning is the result of suffering in this world of decay: "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men" (Rom 5:12). Many may assume Jesus is speaking of natural mourning at Matthew 5:4. Truly God is the God of all comfort (2 Cor 1:3-4) and He knows and cares about our natural mourning (cf. 1 Cor 10:13; Rev 21:4); however, at Matthew 5:4, Jesus is not speaking of natural mourning.

Unnatural mourning includes worldly sorrow, ungodly fear, and unnecessary guilt. Worldly sorrow is insincere and selfish. If not repented of, it leads to spiritual death (2 Cor 7:10). It is the person who is only sorry because he got caught. Ungodly fear is deceptive, futile, and destructive (cf. Matt 6:25-34; Phil 4:4-9; 2 Tim 1:7; Rev 21:8). Unnecessary guilt happens when we will not forgive ourselves for something for which we've already been forgiven (cf. 1 John 1:7-9; 3:20). Certainly, it is not unnatural mourning Jesus is speaking of at Matthew 5:4.

Godly mourning is the result of an honest heart recognizing sin and the consequences of it (2 Cor. 7:10; Rom. 6:23). It is connected to being "poor in spirit," since the person who is poor in spirit recognizes he is in need when he sins, and he is nothing without God. King David's godly mourning is evident in the words of Psalm 51: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me" (Psalm 51:1-3).

What does it mean to be among them that mourn? It is the grief felt and expressed over the acknowledgement of one's sin and its consequences. The blessing is that with proper direction, this soul will be comforted. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

CLINTON CALENDAR

Sept 27-29	Ladies Retreat
Sept 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Oct 19	Sister Friends
Oct 26	Fall Gathering
Nov 2	Men's Retreat
Nov 9	Sister Friends
Dec 6	Sister Friends

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

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Tommy** and **Pat Warren** to the church family at Clinton! Their information has been added to your online directory. Please extend a warm welcome to the Warrens and encourage them in any way you can.

BIBLE CLASS SUPPLIES

Teachers, if you are in need of any specific supplies for your classes, please let Billy Fields know. He will order and restock the Resource Room accordingly.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our church directory is available online and on an app - Instant Church Directory. Please see Joey Smith if you need help putting the app on your smartphone.

If you would like a printed directory, please let Joey know that as well.

MEMBER PHOTOS

If you need an updated photo for the church directory and board, please see Joey Smith. We have several new faces, new babies, and new hairstyles!

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: fruit cups, Vienna sausages, and snack crackers. A box for items is in the foyer.

LADIES RETREAT

Our Ladies' Retreat is Sept. 27-29 at a cabin on the lake in LaFollette. The cost of \$100 per person includes lodging and all food.

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.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

The updated visitation and outreach sheets will be available this evening. Please see Arthur Pigman with any questions.

FALL GATHERING

Our annual congregational fall gathering will be on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the combined Smith homes beginning at 5:00pm. More info will be provided as we get closer to the date.

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

Lawnville Rd Church of Christ: Sept 15-18

LADIES DAY

West End Church of Christ: Sept 21

LADIES DAY

McDonald Drive Church of Christ: Oct 5

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:

- **Derek Payne** suffered a stroke and is currently at UT Medical Center. It is unknown how long he will be there.
- **Tina Price** is in Methodist Medical Center in room 352.
- **Pat Humphrey** was able to start chemotherapy.
- **Millard Adkins** has been sick at home.
- **Andrew Verble** continues to need our prayers.
- **Judy Yarber** continues to need our prayers.

Last Week:

- **Clarence Carter**, a coworker of Sheila Herren, has requested prayers for health issues.
- **Laura Crews**, the Kilpatrick's daughter, had an employee killed in a shooting in Colorado.
- **Reba Miller**, Gail Sharp's aunt, has had complications after receiving her pacemaker.
- **Freddie Hutchison**, a friend of Hubert Sharp, lost his sister. Freddie also recently lost two brothers as well.
- **Kingston McKinney**, a friend of the Byrds and Priests in Sweetwater, is recovering from a gunshot wound.
- **Gail Strunk**, Julia Mowery's mother, was taken to the hospital but is now home.
- **Richard Bentley** had a difficult time with physical therapy.

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.

Love Them Anyway

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Love them anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for some underdogs anyway.

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you've got anyway.

—Author Unknown