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FOR THE RECORD

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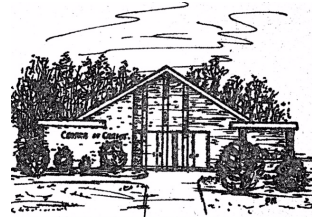
Bible Study 83
Worship 111
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Sunday PM

Worship 73

Wednesday

Bible Study 63



*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:	Don Scott	Dale Tanner
Lord's Table:	Chris Cox	Dale Mowery
Closing Prayer:	Tim Melton	Wavell Stewart
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Joey Smith
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Stump Smith

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Celebrating 81 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2024

The Necessity of Relationships

By Brian Mitchell

Let me start by asking you a few questions. Where do you go when you have a problem? Whom do you turn to when you need help or advice on some important issue in your life? Are you more likely to turn to someone you know or to a complete stranger? How do you feel when a stranger comes to your door or calls you on the telephone and tries to talk with you about political issues, replacement windows or religion? How much attention do you pay to all the junk mail that is addressed "To the Current Occupant" that crowds your mailbox every day?

Now please don't misunderstand me, I'm not going to deny that God can sometimes use these techniques to touch people's lives with the truth. Regardless of the approach, there will always be stories to prove that these efforts have some success in leading people to the Lord. HOWEVER—I believe that people are becoming more and more immune to impersonal approaches to evangelism. The fact is that all of us experience discomfort when someone outside our circle of family and friends tries to influence us about personal and spiritually significant matters.

The real honest truth is that we are not all that comfortable having people we know confront us about such matters and so we definitely don't want strangers trying to do so. If we are going to listen to anyone though we all naturally gravitate toward people we already know and trust. Friends listen to friends. Friends confide in friends. Friends are influenced by friends. Therefore, if we're going to impact our world for Christ, then one of the most effective approaches will be through our building of strong relationships with those God places in our lives.

We are called upon to be the Salt and Light of the world. Thus far we have been primarily talking about our influence as related to being salt as we have discussed: Authenticity, Compassion and Sacrifice. Today we want to address the need for close proximity or contact with those whom we seek to influence. The most potent salt in the world has no impact when left in the shaker. The most powerful light will have no positive effect on the darkness if it isn't allowed to shine. The most authentic,

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CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 27	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Nov 2	Men's Retreat
Nov 9	Sister Friends
Nov 17	Moorey Baby Shower
Dec 6	Sister Friends
Dec 13	Silver Saints Holiday Gathering
Dec 31	Game Night

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Our worship this evening will be in song followed by a fellowship meal. Everyone is invited to join in the singing and bring a dish to share after.

Songleaders, please remember to give the folks working in the sound booth the number of your song before services begin. Many thanks!!!

MENS RETREAT

Our Mens' Retreat is Saturday, Nov. 2 at Big Ridge State Park. Some will come for the day; some will spend the night. Assignments for food and supplies have been made. See Don Scott or Hubert Sharp with questions.

BABY SHOWER

We will have a baby shower for Sarah Moorey on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 2:00 to 4:00pm here at the building. Sarah's registry is available online at <https://my.babylist.com/sarah-moorey>

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

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

BIBLE CLASS SUPPLIES

Teachers, if you are in need of any specific supplies for your classes, please let Billy Fields know.

HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORT

Working through the Central Church of Christ in Johnson City, we have sent a little over \$9000 towards the relief effort for East TN and NC.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have a community outreach opportunity to help families in need at Clinton schools. Gift cards to Food City or Wal-Mart are needed to assist families in getting basic food and necessities. You can purchase gift cards and give to Lauren McElroy or contribute cash to be used to purchase the cards.

SISTER FRIENDS

Ruth Ashworth is hosting on Dec. 6 and would like to have your "earliest Christmas photo" that you are in. Please write your name on the back (don't let anyone else see!) and bring to Ruth by Sunday, Dec. 1.

SISTER FRIENDS 2025

If you are interested in hosting a Sister Friends event in 2025, please see Susan Smith.

COLLECTION PROJECT

Sheila Herren is once again collecting grocery bags for a community service project. There is a box in the foyer available for your donations.

CPR CLASS

Sheila Herren will be conducting a CPR - First Aid Class here in January. More details to come. Please see Sheila with any questions.

SILVER SAINTS HOLIDAY GATHERING

The Silver Saints are invited to a holiday party and gift exchange at the Pigman's house on Friday, December 13 at noon. Bring finger foods and a gift to exchange. More details to follow.

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Seymour Church of Christ: Nov 10

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Patty McKnight** has been sick this past week.
- **Janella Melton** is recovering from oral surgery and in a great deal of pain.
- **Sherry Bushey** continues to need our prayers for her declining health.
- **Garry Jones** is suffering with back trouble.
- **Pat Humphrey** began cancer treatments again.

Last Week:

- **Glen Morgan** is now at home under hospice care.
- **Eddie Jennings** has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Casey Richardson**, daughter of Morris Wells, is having surgery in Lexington, KY for cancer.
- **Chris Brantley**, friend of Lois Nygard, is suffering with lung cancer.
- **Kendra**, a local employee at the central Clinton Wendy's, is in need of our prayers for her husband, **Jesse**, who has Stage 3 cancer.

Shut-In:

- At home - **Betty Weaver**
- Norris Health & Rehab - **Polly Keck**
- Courtyards Oak Ridge - **Bobbie Sue Phillips. Laura Waldron**

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or give to Joey Smith in writing.

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compassionate and sacrificial Christians on the planet will not influence anyone until they have contact with them. Thus, in today's lesson we will explore the necessity of building of relationships with those we hope to reach.

And we don't have to look very far in our Bibles before we find examples of this approach to reaching people for the Lord. We can't be contagious Christians without getting close enough to other people for them to catch what we have got. Later on, we are going to talk about ways to effectively communicate the content of our faith, but it's important to realize that the ability to communicate doesn't do any good if we have no one to communicate with.

So be a friend to as many as possible. And what's truly exciting is that when we are a part of reaching out to unbelievers, we see our own faith deepening and our reliance on God growing, and the mission becomes more fulfilling! What are you doing with the relationships in your life?

To our members and visitors:

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