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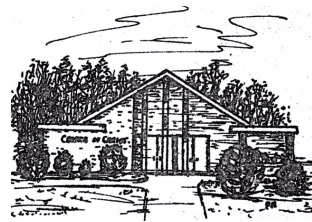
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM
Bible Study 86
Worship 112
Contribution \$4315

Sunday PM
Worship 83
Wednesday
Bible Study 76



*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:	Chris Cox	Samuel Cox
Opening Prayer:	Herb Byrd	Billy Humphrey
Lord's Table:	Don Scott	Tim Melton
Closing Prayer:	Dale Tanner	Jody Yarber
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Chris Cox
Invitation: Clint Patterson
Announcements: Stump Smith

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Celebrating 81 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2024

The Church as Family

By Andrew Beasley

Many in religious circles in the United States share concern over the declining numbers in church attendance. For instance, in 2022 a combined study by General Social Survey and the Pew Research Center showed a nearly 30 percent decline in adults who claim to be Christian, while those who are religiously unaffiliated have seen an increase from 5 percent to 29 percent over a period of about three decades from the 1990's to 2022. There are certainly many reasons external to the church for this shift, but it must be acknowledged that there are internal explanations as well.

Recently, a two-part post regarding the shift in thinking among millennials and Gen Z Christians (i.e. those who have become adults since the GSS/PEW study) noted a desire among this group of adults to shift from going to church to instead being the church. In truth, there should be room for both. It should not be an either-or proposition but a yes-and. In other words, we should be the church and also have a desire to go to what many refer to as church or what we refer to as worship services or assembly. If we truly are the church, then we should desire to assemble with our brothers and sisters in Christ to glorify God. However, that should not be all that we have to give.

Instead, we should look to Acts 2 for some guidance on what the church should look like. It is more than just the assembly. It is a family that seeks to be around one another as often as we possibly can, glorifying God and uplifting one another in everything that we do.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 6	Newsletter folding
Oct 13	L2L Meeting
Oct 19	Sister Friends
Oct 26	Fall Gathering
Oct 27	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Nov 2	Men's Retreat
Nov 9	Sister Friends
Dec 6	Sister Friends
Dec 13	Silver Saints Holiday Gathering
Dec 31	Game Night

FLOOD RELIEF EFFORT

The elders have decided that we will take up special contributions to the flood relief effort today. Please earmark your contribution for "flood relief" in the memo line or on the outside of an envelope as you drop it into the collection box or plate. These funds will be sent to the Central congregation in Johnson City as they oversee the distribution of needed items.

The Newport Church of Christ is operating a distribution center for supplies from their building. They are in need of volunteers to help almost every day. They are located at 245 Woodlawn Avenue, Newport, TN.

SISTER FRIENDS

There is a signup sheet for food for our Oct 19 Sister Friends get-together. We will be preparing care packages for our college students. There is also a signup sheet for supplies for packages.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have a community outreach opportunity to help out families in need at our local Clinton City 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.

INDIA MISSION NEWSLETTER

We will meet today at 4:30 to fold the latest issue of our India Mission newsletter. Come lend a hand if you can!

SISTER FRIENDS 2025

If you are interested in hosting a Sister Friends event in 2025, please see Susan Smith or sign up on Facebook.

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.

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

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Rocky Top Church of Christ: Oct 12

TEEN AREA-WIDE DEVO

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Oct 13

OLD TIME TENT REVIVAL

LaFollette Church of Christ: Oct 21-25

CHURCH SONGFEST

Morristown Church of Christ: Oct 26

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Glen Morgan** is in Methodist Medical Center room 553 with pneumonia.
- **Pat Humphrey** has been sick and has been admitted to the hospital with an infection.
- **Millard Adkins** has been in room 546 at Methodist Medical Center with a lung infection.
- **Ryan** and **Brittany Rucker**, friends of the Fields family, were in a car accident in Nashville. Ryan has a spinal injury that keeps him confined at the risk of paralyzation.

Last Week:

- **Bobbie Sue Phillips** has been admitted to Park West hospital. Cards are welcome but no visitors are needed at this time.
- **Kurt Simon** is doing well after having the flu.
- **Jody** and **Karen Yarber** have been sick with a virus.
- **Judy Yarber** has been sick with a virus and possibly pneumonia.
- **Brian West**, Betty Gossett's cousin, is battling cancer.
- **Wanda Maxwell**, Herman Herren's sister, is recovering from serious surgery.
- Please remember all those affected by **Hurricane Helene** nationwide and the flooding happening in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

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.

LADS TO LEADERS MEETING

It's time to start planning for Lads to Leaders again! We will have a fellowship lunch and coach/student sign-up on Sunday, Oct 13 after morning services. Lunch will be potluck, so everyone bring a dish. Please let Resa Byrd know if you are unable to attend.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: bottled water, pudding cups, and saltine crackers. A box for items is in the foyer.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Rocky Top Church of Christ will be hosting their Annual Clothing Giveaway Saturday, Oct 12, 9am-1pm. Over the next two weeks, there will be workers setting up items to prepare for the giveaway. They DO NOT need clothing donations. Please call Juanita Wynn (865-919-7690) if you can help. If you know someone in need of clothes, please pass this along to them. Also, they would love for us to be there to greet visitors and help that Saturday.

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.

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