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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

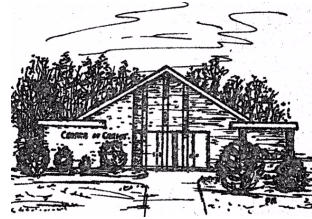
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Worship	123
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Sunday PM

Worship	53
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Wednesday

Bible Study	75
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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:	Tommy Warren	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	James McCrary	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Don Scott	Herb Byrd
Closing Prayer:	WT Crider	Wayne Kelly
Usher:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Chris Cox
Invitation: Richard Bentley
Announcements: Arthur Pigman

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Celebrating 81 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2024

Unchanging Truth

By Glen Elliott

“People cannot change truth, but truth can change people.” Truth has always been one of life's most precious commodities. Solomon, the wise king of Israel, advised his son to buy the truth and not sell it (Proverbs 23:23). What is so special about truth? It doesn't change. It abides forever. It can be relied upon.

In this world, deception is the order of the day. We are well advised to examine everything carefully. The misrepresentation and distortion of truth leads to tragedy. We hear of some losing their life's savings because they believed a lie. Truth is precious because people can be deceived.

In the spiritual realm, dependence on truth carries eternal significance. The word of God is our only reliable guide to heaven. The psalmist says, “The sum of Your word is truth and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting” (Psalm 119:160). Sadly, there are many who misrepresent the truth. For this reason, we must test all that we hear by comparing it to the word of God (Acts 17:11). We cannot risk our eternal well-being by blindly accepting the words of men. Instead, our faith must rest on the teaching of our Lord.

Jesus said, “everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin” (John 8:34). The question of slavery had been introduced earlier, when Jesus said: “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (vv. 31-32). Insisting on the truth and adhering to it is essential because only the truth sets us free from the bondage of sin.

We cannot change the truth. We can exchange it for a lie; but that lie will not set our souls free from sin. We cannot change the truth, but we can let the truth change us as we earnestly seek its teachings and follow its precepts.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 15	L2L practice
Dec 29	Song Service
Dec 31	Game Night
Feb 21-23	CYC trip
Apr 18-20	L2L trip

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2025 will be February 21-23. The theme is "Look Up! Thinking Like Jesus." The cost per person to go is \$100 and payment needs to be made before your ticket can be ordered.

Our ticket order must be turned in by Dec. 31. Please see Joey Smith **TODAY** and let him know if you're going.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

The new visitation and outreach sheets for the week will be available at the rear of the auditorium this evening. See Arthur Pigman with any questions about this work.

LADS TO LEADERS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Dec. 15 - 4:30
Dec. 29 - no practice
Jan. 5 - 4:00 Bible Bowl, 4:30 puppet teams

DIRECTORY & PHOTOS

See Joey Smith if you need an updated photo for the directory, need a printed version of the directory, or need help setting up the directory app on your phone.

PHOTO BOARD

Our photo board has moved to a digital format and is now located in lobby. The old board had run out of room - what a great problem! We'll also be able to update the new board in a much more timely fashion.

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

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

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

CLINTON CHURCH T-SHIRTS

We still have a huge number of gray Clinton church t-shirts available for \$10. See Joey Smith if you would like one!

MISSION UPDATES

Updated mission newsletters for Andrew Youth/Australia and Scott Shanahan/Italy are available in the foyer.

COMMUNION 2025

The signup sheet to prepare communion in the new year is on the table in the foyer. The procedure will continue to be making sure the baskets in the lobby and at the front of the auditorium are stocked with the individual communion cups and cleanup baggies.

NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

Make plans now to ring in the new year at our game night and time of fellowship on Tuesday evening, Dec. 31 here at the building starting at 6:00pm. Please bring "party foods" to share, potluck style, and your favorite board games, card games, etc. We will ring in 2025 together with a time of fun.

AREA EVENTS

GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Music Road Resort: Feb. 5-9

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

LeConte Center: Feb. 21-23

LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Opryland Hotel: April 18-20

SOUTHEAST LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ; April 27-30

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Jeremy, Serena, Jayden, and Olivia McGill** have all been sick with the flu. Jayden has also been dealing with a high fever.
- **Michael and Wanda Marsh**, Serena McGill's parents, are also dealing with the flu.
- **Dale Tanner** has been sick at home but feeling better.
- **Wilson Gadd** has biopsies and future surgeries on the horizon for skin cancer.
- **Karen Yarber** fell and injured her hip.
- **Jean Humphrey** was feeling sick last week.
- **Bonnie Patterson**, Clint Patterson's mother, had some tests this week. She will be facing some biopsies in the near future.
- **Grover Parker**, Clint Patterson's nephew, is recovering from surgery.
- **Melea Smith** is at home recovering from RSV and pneumonia.
- **Judy Foster**, Clint Patterson's aunt, is battling breast cancer.

Last Week:

- **Pat Humphrey** received encouraging news from her biopsy.
- **Wayne and Lois Kelly** are sick with respirator problems.
- **Georgia Herren** has been sick at home.
- **Mark Davis**, a member at the Karns church, was airlifted to Atlanta with a brain bleed. After surgery, he's doing well but is still in need of our prayers.
- **Patsy Jones**, Lois and Tim Nygard's sister-in-law, had triple bypass surgery. She is having blood pressure issues.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Naomi Maxey**, the mother-in-law of WT and Becky Crider's daughter, Natalie Crider Maxey.

Shut-In:

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

Please send prayer requests and updates to
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or give to Joey Smith in writing.

What I Want the Church to Be

The church that I attend is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am friendly.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do a great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church with a noble spirit, if I show the same kind of spirit.

Therefore, I will let God use me in the task of being all things that I want the church, where I attend, to be.