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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

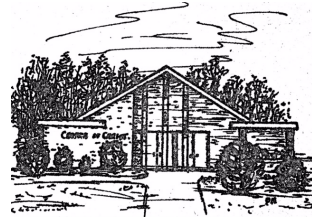
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Worship	110
Contribution	\$5367

Sunday PM

Worship	65
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Wednesday

Bible Study	59
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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:	Clint Patterson	Tommy Warren
Opening Prayer:	Joshua Moorey	Herman Herren
Lord's Table:	Chris Cox	Dale Mowery
Closing Prayer:	Arthur Pigman	Tim Melton
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	
Announcements:	Don Scott	
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 Greatest Gift!

By Dale J. Babinsky

Christmas morning! I remember as a child, my brother and I could hardly sleep the night before in anticipation of the gifts that we would find under the tree. Invariably, there was always one "big" gift each year, which we would open last. To build the anticipation, my dad would keep egging us on by saying, "I wonder what's in that big box." As a child, I definitely enjoyed receiving gifts on Christmas.

As I grew older, I came to realize that there was more joy in giving than in receiving. To witness the merriment in someone else's face as they open the gift that you have selected for them was a good feeling that far surpassed whatever I might receive. Paul understood this to be true as well, when he quoted the words of Jesus that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

As we search the stores and websites in our modern age, from Black Friday to Christmas Eve, we are looking for just the right gift, the perfect gift, the greatest gift that we can give our loved ones. As we live here on earth, we should realize that God has given us that perfect gift. He has given us the greatest gift. He has given us His Son. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 NKJV). God has given us a gift to pay our debt of sin; a debt that we could never repay. By the blood of Jesus, we can have redemption.

As we gather with our families and friends on this holiday, we should remember the God who gave us that greatest gift. Indeed we should always remember the God who loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us on the cross of Cavalry. It is by Jesus' blood that we can have the hope of eternal life with Him in heaven. You won't find a better gift than that under anybody's tree!

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 29	Song Service
Dec 31	Game Night
Jan 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
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.

LAST CALL!!! 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. 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.

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!

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.

BEHIND THE SCENES

We've had lots of little "elves" working behind the scenes this last week, completing tasks all over the church building. We want to say a big thank you to Clint Patterson and Jason Patton for spreading new mulch on the playground, Tim Melton and Clint Patterson for restoring the sidelights in the auditorium, and Sheila Herren and Tim Melton for scrubbing the floor in the kitchen. We appreciate all of these hard workers and many more who may go unnoticed!

AREA EVENTS

FREED-HARDEMAN CHORALE CONCERT

West End Church of Christ: Jan. 14

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:

- **Jeremiah** and **Joe Patton** are both recovering from the flu.
- **Gene Rose** is at home with bronchitis.
- **Bill Kesterson** is recovering from food poisoning.
- **Stacey Schulz** is scheduled to have surgery on Dec. 26.
- **Ellis Carden**, Jeff Jackson's father, will be having surgery on Dec. 26.

Last 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 tests last 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 cancer. She will not be undergoing any treatments.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Brian Flatford**, friend and neighbor of Tangelia Kesterson who was recently baptized and has been on our Prayer List.

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.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: bars of soap, gloves, flavored oatmeal packets, granola bars. A box for items is in the foyer.

WEDDING

We congratulate Jeff Jackson and Stacey Schulz who will be married here at the building this Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 2:00pm. They want to extend an invitation to the congregation to join them for the ceremony.

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