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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

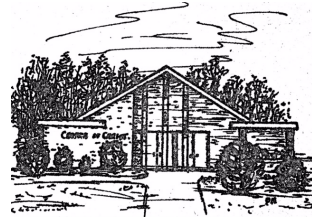
Bible Study	74
Worship	107
Contribution	\$3798

Sunday PM

Worship	66
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Wednesday

Bible Study	40
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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:	Chris Cox	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Tommy Warren	Dale Tanner
Lord's Table:	Herb Byrd	Don Scott
Closing Prayer:	Wayne Kelly	Wavell Stewart
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

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

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Celebrating 81 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2024

The Silence of the Season

By Bill Brandstatter

One of the things I noticed most about the season that has just past is the silence. After the hustle and bustle of the shopping season, there is a great silence on day one of the new year. I often drive around town and look at stores closed and parking lots empty on Christmas Day. The silence is deafening. One day a year everything stops for a while. Have you ever thought about silence regarding our approach to God? The Bible says, "Be still and know..." (Ps. 46:10)

Be still and know that God exists. I was talking to a man at a recent Bible study and he told me how he really likes mornings. He said it was the time he took to pray and reflect on the things God has made. I am reminded of what Jeremiah wrote in the book of Lamentations: "Through the Lord's mercies, we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." (3:22, 23) In the 19th Psalm, David indicates to us that nature tells us of the wonder and beauty of God. (Psa. 19:1-4)

Be still and know that God loves you. Sometimes we are so busy with our lives we forget one of the most important aspects of our lives...that is, that God loves us. We really don't understand the love of God like we should. We often equate love with a feeling or a desire; but love is more than that. God's love transcends both. Jesus stated that God "so loved the world..." (John 3:16). He demonstrated His love for us (Rom. 5:8). That love should be what compels and motivates us in all that we do in life. (Rom. 5:8)

Be still and know that God can forgive us. This past year we might have messed up. Maybe we did some things we shouldn't have. Perhaps we got into situations that resulted in problems in our lives. It could be that we were involved in some event that we should have avoided. God can forgive us if we seek and obey Him. Jesus shed His blood so that our sins could be forgiven. (Mt. 26:28) We contact that blood when we are baptized into Christ. (Rom. 6:3) After that, through repentance, confession and prayer we can continually have our sins forgiven. (Acts 8:32; 1 John 1:9) God forgives us and we can rest assured His forgiveness is complete and thorough.

In the hustle and bustle of our lives we need to stop and have some quiet time with God. Be still and know and see the great things about God that often get overlooked in our chaotic lives.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 29	Newsletter folding
Dec 29	Song Service
Dec 31	Game Night
Jan 18	Sister Friends
Jan 18	CPR class
Jan 26	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Feb 21-23	CYC trip
Apr 18-20	L2L trip

INDIA NEWSLETTER

We will meet today at 5:00 to fold the latest issue of the India mission newsletter. Come lend a hand if you can!

SONG SERVICE

Tonight will be our monthly singing. We will not have a fellowship meal afterwards due to our New Year's Eve gathering this Tuesday. Please bring your potluck dishes to share then!

NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

Our game night and fellowship meal is this Tuesday evening, Dec. 31 here at the building starting at 6:00pm. Please bring dishes to share, potluck style, and your favorite board games, card games, etc.

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 payments are due.

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.

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.

SILVER SAINTS

There will be no meeting of the Silver Saints in January due to the date of New Year's. We'll look forward to gathering in February.

COMMUNION 2025

The signup sheet to prepare communion in the new year is on the table in the foyer.

LADS TO LEADERS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Dec. 29 - no practice

Jan. 5 - 4:00 Bible Bowl, 4:30 puppet teams

SISTER FRIENDS

Our next Sister Friends get together will be Saturday, January 18 from 12:00 to 2:00 here at the building. Hostesses are Amy Hamby-Scott and Becca Fields.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for Spencer and Stephanie Herren who were married recently. They will have a reception for friends and family in the spring.

We also want to congratulate Jeff and Stacey Jackson on their wedding on Christmas Eve here at the building. Please remember both of these couples in your prayers.

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:

- **Arthur Pigman** is now home after a short stay in the hospital.
- **Kayla & Henry Harwell** and **Lillie Mefford** have been sick with the flu.
- **Dinnie Grace Burchfield**, Sheila Herren's sister-in-law, is in stage 4 kidney failure.
- **Maverick Traub** is recovering from being sick.
- **Wayne**, a friend of Derek Payne, is very ill and under hospice care.
- **Polly Keck** has pneumonia.
- **Jack Pullen**, Dwight Nicholson's cousin, is 93 years old and has pneumonia. He also suffered a fall.
- **Ruben & Melody**, friends of Mike and Jean Lightner, have respiratory issues & pneumonia.
- **Rick Niceley**, a gentleman from the Hands and Feet ministry, was baptized last week.
- **Mark Davis** is now home.
- **Jody Yarber** went to the ER with blood pressure problems and is also dealing with stomach issues.
- **Bonnie Patterson**, Clint Patterson's mother, continues to need our prayers for health issues.
- **Charlotte May** has been sick at home and unable to be out.

Last Week:

- **Jeremiah** and **Joe Patton** are both recovering from the flu.
- **Gene Rose** is recovering from bronchitis.
- **Bill Kesterson** is recovering from food poisoning.
- **Stacey Schulz Jackson** is recovering from surgery.
- **Ellis Carden**, Jeff Jackson's father, is recovering from surgery.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Jimmy McElroy**, grandfather of Russell McElroy.

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.

CPR CLASS

Sheila Herren will be teaching a CPR class on January 18 starting at 10:00am. There is a signup sheet in the foyer for those interested in taking the class.

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.

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!