

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

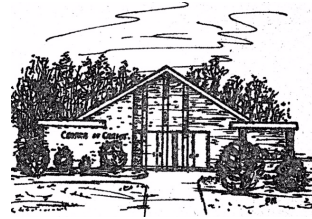
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### Sunday PM

Worship 69

### Wednesday

Bible Study 65



*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**

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## Serving the Congregation Today

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Samuel Cox
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Don Scott	Billy Humphrey
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Stump Smith	Tim Melton
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Dale Tanner	Jody Yarber
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Chris Cox	
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Billy Fields	

## Serving Wednesday Evening

**Song Leader:** Ben Smith  
**Invitation:** Richard Bentley  
**Announcements:** Chris Cox

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## What Is "The Lord's Day"

By Bob Prichard

David reminds us that "the earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). All that we have belongs to the Lord, including the days of the week. But in Revelation 1:10, John speaks of a special day he calls the Lord's Day. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet." Being "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" allowed John to receive the Revelation from the Lord of those "things which must shortly come to pass" (Revelation 1:1).

The world of the early church was one in which many had to make a conscious and often life-threatening decision. Would they say, "Caesar is Lord," or "Christ is Lord"? Recognizing that there is "one Lord" (Ephesians 4:5), they knew that there was only one choice: to follow Christ and to do all in His name. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17). Thus, Christians partake of the Lord's supper (1 Corinthians 11:20) in the name of the Lord on the Lord's Day.

While the designation, "the Lord's Day" is found only in Revelation 1:10, the concept of a day set aside for Christian worship is found from the very beginning of the church, as the early disciples met on the first day of the week. Jesus lived and died under the Old Covenant, and kept and obeyed the laws of the Sabbath, or seventh day of the week. Paul and other disciples went into the Jewish synagogues on the Sabbath day to reason with the Jews about the Christ (Acts 13; 17), but the church did not worship on the Sabbath day. Paul was usually expelled from the synagogues as opposition to his teachings grew, so we know that those Sabbath gatherings of Jews (and some Gentiles) were not meetings of the church.

The pattern of first day worship was established with the resurrection of Christ from the dead on the first day of the week (Luke 24:1). Most, if not all of the post-resurrection appearances of Christ were on the first day of the week. Christ appeared in the midst of the disciples on the first day of the week, the resurrection day (John 20:19), and then again "after eight days" (John 20:26), meaning the next first day of the week, when the previously absent Thomas became a believer in the resurrection. Even as Paul hurried to be in Jerusalem by the day of Pentecost (Acts 20:16), he stopped in Troas to meet with the Christians there, "where we abode seven days" (Acts 20:6). Even though a Sabbath day must have passed during those seven days, the next verse says, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight" (Acts 20:7). That gathering on the first day of the week was a gathering on the Lord's Day by the Christians of Troas and Paul and the other traveling Christians. The scriptures also speak many times of "the day of the Lord" referring to a day of judgment by the Lord, but this is an entirely different word than "the Lord's day."

## CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 1	L2L practice
Dec 6	Sister Friends
Dec 15	L2L practice
Dec 13	Silver Saints Holiday Gathering
Dec 14	Youth Holiday Party
Dec 29	Song Service
Dec 31	Game Night

### FOOD FOR MORGANS

If you are able to help provide food for the Morgan family during their time of loss, please see Susan Smith today.

### LADS TO LEADERS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Dec. 1 - 4:30  
Dec. 15 - 4:30  
Dec. 29 - no practice  
Jan. 5 - 4:00 Bible Bowl, 4:30 puppet teams

### YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

Our holiday gathering and cookie project for our young people will be here at the building on Saturday, Dec. 14 starting at 4:00pm. Dinner is pot luck. Everyone is asked to bring:

- A dish, side, or party snack to share
- One batch of cookies for our Cookie Box project
- A small gift to exchange in a Secret Santa game (*it can be homemade or something from around the house!*)

### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2025 will be February 21-23. The theme is "Look Up! Thinking Like Jesus." It is time to start signing up, so please see Joey Smith if you plan to go. The cost per person to go is \$100 and payment needs to be made before your ticket can be ordered.

### DIRECTORY & PHOTOS

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

### 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.

### HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### This Week:

- **Bunny Nash** was scheduled to come home on Friday.

### Last Week:

- **Pat Humphrey** will have a biopsy in Nashville on Dec. 5 of a small spot on her liver revealed by her recent scan.
- **William Moorey** is due to be born soon to Josh and Sarah Moorey. Please pray for a safe and healthy birth.
- **Georgia Battistelli, Laura Bentley, Herb Byrd,** and **Tim Melton** are all doing better after being sick at home.
- **Gary Cook**, a friend of Jeremy McGill, is intubated and in the hospital.
- **Lindsay Stanley**, Parker Stanley's daughter, is doing very well after surgery.
- **Kendra**, an employee at the central Clinton Wendy's, has asked for prayers for her husband, **Jesse**, who is undergoing chemo.
- We have been asked to pray for **Christians** in Taliban-controlled countries.

### Sympathy:

- To the family of **Glen Morgan** who passed away at home yesterday. Funeral services have not yet been finalized.

### 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.

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

### 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 Dec. 1st. Please sign the attendance sheet in the foyer. The meal will be catered by Ruth and there will be no gift exchange.

### SILVER SAINTS HOLIDAY GATHERING

The Silver Saints are invited to a holiday party and gift exchange at 12:00 noon on Dec. 13 here at the church building. Bring food for a pot luck meal. Each person should bring a gift that costs no more than \$15.

### BUILDING UPDATE

Construction on our building addition should begin in the near future. A site plan is being completed and will be submitted to the city for approval in December. Once approval has been given, construction will begin!

### 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.

## Why?

By Andrew Beasley

Why? It is one of the greatest questions a person can ask. At the same time if you have any experience with young children at all it can be one of the more frustrating questions especially when asked in consistent repetition. But as you read this, I hope you will take a moment and contemplate a "why" question. Why do you come to worship? Why do you bother at all? Why take the time on Sunday to come and worship the Creator of the world?

Is it out of a sense of obligation? Perhaps it is because you have simply gotten in the habit, that this is what you do? Maybe from a young age your parents brought you and you have merely continued that pattern. Is it because you are commanded to do so? There is nothing inherently wrong with any of these being a motivating factor in why you come. I hope you will allow that perhaps the reason for our worship, our assembly, and the daily righteous and just living of our lives should be grounded in adoration first.

We are obligated to worship God, yes. Our worship of Him should be a habit, yes. We wish to obey Him. But above all else, it is a privilege for us to worship Him? Why?

"For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." – Psalm 95