

# Clinton Church of Christ

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#### Preacher:

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

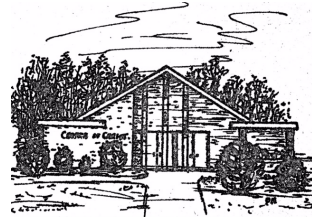
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|--------------|----------|
| Bible Study  | 61       |
| Worship      | 68 (ice) |
| Contribution | \$3888   |

### Sunday PM

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Worship | 59 |
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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 |
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## 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              |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Song Leaders:</b>   | Ben Smith      | Samuel Cox      |
| <b>Opening Prayer:</b> | Herb Byrd      | Dale Mowery     |
| <b>Lord's Table:</b>   | Billy Fields   | Clint Patterson |
| <b>Closing Prayer:</b> | Bradley Crider | Chris Cox       |
| <b>Usher:</b>          | Tim Nygard     |                 |
| <b>Announcements:</b>  | Stump Smith    |                 |
| <b>Sound Booth:</b>    | Joey Smith     |                 |

## Serving Wednesday Evening

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Song Leader:</b>   | Joey Smith      |
| <b>Invitation:</b>    | Richard Bentley |
| <b>Announcements:</b> | Stump Smith     |

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*Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025*

## The Road into Love and Patience

By Ron Bartanen

"The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ." (2 Thessalonians 3:5)

Have you ever found yourself in unfamiliar territory, unsure of what road to turn on to get to your desired destination? If so, join the crowd. While it is disturbing to be in such a predicament, it is tragic to be spiritually confused, uncertain of what lies ahead. This can be the plight even of Christians who have begun the journey on the Christian Way, as indicated by Paul in writing to the believers in Thessalonica whom he has commended for their "faith and patience" while enduring persecution (1:4).

While Paul is obviously not denying their love for God, or their patient endurance, yet he saw the need to desire for them divine direction into both. Were they not already in the love of God and patience? Yes, and no. To illustrate, a man may take a plane from London to New York City, and may phone his family, informing them that he is now in the United States. However, as a Midwesterner I would say he needs to leave NYC, and go on into the United States because there's a lot more to see than what NYC can offer. When we come in to the love of God, we do not stop our journey. It's then just begun.

How extensive is the love of God? One of our songs expresses it in these words: "The love of God is greater far,/Than tongue or pen can ever tell:/It goes beyond the highest star,/And reaches to the lowest hell.:" In the storms of life, God would direct us into the sanctuary of His love.

Likewise, the "patient waiting for Christ" does not end when one rises from the waters of baptism. We do not sit down, gazing into the clouds as we await His return for us. Jesus warns His followers to not be found sleeping at His coming (Matt. 24:36), but faithful in watching and praying, even as tribulation in the world worsens, saying, "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

The road into the love of God and the patient waiting for Christ will not end until that day we stand in His presence. Are you letting Him lead you into His love and steadfast patience?

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

## CLINTON CALENDAR

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Jan 18    | Sister Friends            |
| Jan 18    | CPR class                 |
| Jan 19    | Morning Pointe singing    |
| Jan 19    | Youth Bowling             |
| Jan 19    | L2L practice              |
| Jan 26    | L2L practice              |
| Jan 26    | Song Service/Fingerfoods  |
| Feb 21-23 | CYC trip                  |
| Apr 18-20 | L2L trip                  |
| May 18    | Area-Wide Youth @ Clinton |

### NEW BABY BOY

Congratulations to Josh and Sarah Moorey on the birth of **William Robert Moorey** on Tuesday! He was 7lbs 2oz and 19 3/4 inches long. Baby, mom, and dad are all doing well and are thankful for all those who have checked in on them and those that have brought food.

### SISTER FRIENDS

Our next Sister Friends get together, "Bible & Bunco," will be Saturday, January 18 from 12:00 to 2:00 here at the building. Please sign up in the foyer. Hostesses are Amy Hamby-Scott and Becca Fields.

### CPR CLASS

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

### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC 2025 is February 21-23. The theme is "Look Up! Thinking Like Jesus." The cost per person to go is \$100 and payments are due now.

### BOWLING

Our youth and families will go bowling after evening services next week, Jan. 19, and we invite anyone and everyone to go! We will meet at Oak Ridge Bowling Center after services. Come and join in the fun and fellowship!

### LADS TO LEADERS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Our L2L practices for this month will be on Jan. 5, 19, and 26. The schedule for the afternoon:

- Bible Bowl - 4:00-4:30
- Puppet Team - 4:30-5:15
- Song Leading & Other - 5:15-5:45

At the Jan. 19 practice, the debate team will study 5:00-5:45.

### AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

The area-wide devotional planned for today has been moved to Sunday, May 18 due to this weekend's winter weather. We will look forward to hosting then!

### HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: tuna packets, single-serve chips, and granola bars. A box for items is in the foyer.

## AREA EVENTS

### FREED-HARDEMAN CHORALE CONCERT

West End Church of Christ; Jan. 14

### GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Music Road Resort; Feb. 5-9

### EAST TENNESSEE FAMILY CONFERENCE

West End Church of Christ; Feb. 7-9

### AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

West End Church of Christ; Feb. 9

### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

LeConte Center; Feb. 21-23

### AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Karns Church of Christ; Mar. 9

### LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Opryland Hotel; April 18-20

### SOUTHEAST LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ; April 27-30

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### This Week:

- **Rachel Broadway** broke her wrist. She will be in a cast for a while.
- **Herman Herren** has been sick at home and dealing with laryngitis.
- **Gail Sharp** was scheduled to have a scope last week.
- **Tommy Shelton**, a friend of Lauren Bentley, has been in ICU and is now under hospice.
- Please remember all those in California who have been affected by the **wildfires**.

### Last Week:

- **Mike Marsh**, Serena McGill's father, was rushed to the hospital with complications from the flu. He is having extreme difficulty breathing accompanied by stomach pain. He is dehydrated and dealing with a bad case of C. diff. He will remain there for a few days.
- **Paul & Jodie Krech** continue to need our prayers for good health.
- **Resa Byrd** has been sick and continues to deal with a cough.
- **Charlotte Pigman** has been sick at home dealing with a cough.
- **Lois Kelly** has been sick at home.
- **Tangelia Kesterson** is recovering from COVID.
- **Novella Vignova**, Bunny Nash's sister, is sick and in need of our prayers.
- **Geneva Higginbotham**, Amy Hamby-Scott's aunt, is recovering from a broken hip.
- **Andrew & Hannah Young** and **family** just relocated to a new work in Australia and encountered difficulties including losing a car and contracting meningitis.

### 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 [churchofchristclinton@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristclinton@gmail.com) or give to Joey Smith in writing.

### VISITATION & OUTREACH

Starting this week, Arthur Pigman will be able to send the visitation sheet via PDF format. Please send Arthur an email or text with your current email address or see Arthur.

### BUILDING UPDATE

The civil engineer is nearing completion of our site plan (now on display at the rear of the auditorium) and plans to submit it to the city planning office for approval at the February 10 meeting. If all goes well, construction will begin shortly after that. Please continue to be in prayer about these plans.

### MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our next time of singing with the residents of Morning Pointe Assisted Living will be next Sunday, Jan. 19 at 3:00pm.

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