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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

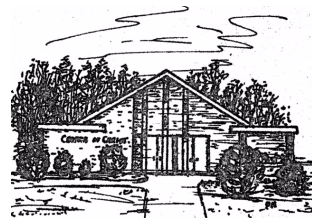
Bible Study	77
Worship	100
Contribution	\$5350

Sunday PM

Worship	55
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Wednesday

Bible Study	—
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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
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Samuel Cox
Opening Prayer:	Garry Jones	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Dale Mowery	Billy Fields
Closing Prayer:	WT Crider	Wayne Kelly
Bible Reading:	Tim Melton	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Chris Cox	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	Joey Smith

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Rick Caudle
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Chris Cox

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

The Three Bears

By Edd Sterchi

Once upon a time, there were three bears... No, no, no – that's the wrong three bears. Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in Galatians 6 are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears".

Bear One Another's Burdens (v.1-2). This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "Share Bear".

Bear Your Own Burdens (v.3-5). This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The words that follow in v.6-9 are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "Aware Bear".

Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body (v.11-17). Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word "marks" in the Greek text. It is the Greek word "stigma" and literally means "a mark pricked or branded upon the body". Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ – not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ – he was Christ's slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase "the Lord Jesus" – Jesus was Paul's Lord and Master (v.14). Thus we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let's identify this bear as "Declare Bear".

My hope for all of us is what Paul's was for the Galatian Christians: "Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (v.18). And let us be reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 22	CPR Cass
Mar 30	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 5	Sister Friends
Apr 18-20	L2L trip
May 18	Area-Wide Youth @ Clinton
July 6-9	VBS

SISTER FRIENDS

The next gathering of Sister Friends will be at the Pigman home at Saturday, April 5 at 2:00pm. This will be an Easter Murder Mystery Game. We need 6 ladies to play the roles of the suspects involved and the other ladies will all be detectives, trying to solve the Easter-themed mystery. Please let Hannah Cox know if you're willing to be one of the suspects – dress according to the role, and read the printed script. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: Vienna sausage, potted meat, and snack crackers. A box for items is in the foyer.

CPR CLASS

Shelia Herren's CPR class will be Saturday, Mar. 22 at 10:00am. The fee for the class is \$25 which pays for your card. Please sign up in the foyer and see Sheila with any questions.

CLINTON VBS

Everyone mark your calendars for our 2025 VBS July 6 - 9. This is one of our most anticipated weeks of the year! See Chris or Hannah Cox with any questions or to be involved.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

New visitation and outreach sheets and/or emails are available each Sunday afternoon. Cards and envelopes are available at the rear of the auditorium. They have been moved to a new "station" in the foyer and will continue to be available for your use.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Our parking lot expansion and fellowship hall construction continues to progress. Thanks to everyone for your understanding as we had had a bit of a mess last week! The parking lot is leveled, graveled, and ready to use. We hope to have the first layer of pavement down soon.

The fellowship hall spot has been prepared, and once a foundation slab has been poured, the steel frame will be erected.

The new Audio/Visual Room is complete and working well. This move has created more space for seating, and the six additional pews will be reupholstered soon to match our other pews.

LECTURESHIP PIES

We have been asked once again to help provide pies for the SEIBS Lectureship. If you are able to help, please see the note on the bulletin board in the lobby.

AREA EVENTS

BIBLE LECTURESHIP

Freed-Hardeman University: Mar 16-20

SPRING REVIVAL

LaFollette Church of Christ: Mar 30-April 2

LADIES DAY

Oneida Church of Christ: April 12

LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Opryland Hotel: April 18-20

SOUTHEAST LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: April 27-30

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Clinton Church of Christ: May 18

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: June 7-15

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Charlotte May** is in need of our prayers.
- **Janella Melton** is recovering from severe bronchitis and possibly pneumonia. She is feeling much better.
- **Carol Stanley**, Parker Stanley's wife, is recovering from a very serious surgery.
- **Heather Kiser**, a neighbor of Herman and Georgia Herren, is in need of our prayers.
- **Paul & Jodie Krech** are improving and feeling much better.
- Remember those affected by this weekend's tornadoes, including the members of the **Cave City Church of Christ** in Arkansas, whose building was partially destroyed.

Last Week:

- **Kayla Harwell** had two medical appointments last week and is in need of our prayers.
- **Stanley McInturff**, Daniel McInturff's father, had bypass surgery.
- **Hubert & Gail Sharp** had a fire at their home that caused some damage outside.
- **Jean & Michael Lightner** have welcomed their 12th grandchild!
- **Patty McKnight** is recovering from flu and pneumonia.

Shut-In:

- 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.

Ready for Worship

By Edd Sterchi

At worship, I am given the opportunity to...

...revere my Maker. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him." (Psalm 89:7)

...rejoice in my salvation. "And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation." (Psalm 35:9)

...refresh my spirit. "Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth." (Psalm 119:88)

I can't wait to come and worship, praise and pay homage to the One who created me, delivered me, and awakens me. How about you?

"Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations." (Psalm 100)