

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

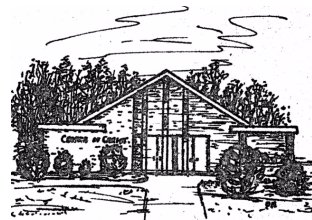
Bible Study	94
Worship	118
Contribution	\$4055

### Sunday PM

Worship	108
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	75
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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>	Clint Patterson	Singing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Chuck Kilpatrick	Herman Herren
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Chris Cox	Dale Mowery
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tommy Warren	Wavell Stewart
<b>Bible Reading:</b>	Rick Caudle	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith	
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Billy Fields	

## Serving Wednesday Evening

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ben Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Richard Bentley
<b>Announcements:</b>	Stump Smith

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*Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025*

# Our Greatest Challenge

By Joe Chesser

I feel confident that all of you reading this know very well Jesus' prayer in the Garden the night before his crucifixion: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). We know as a human in this critical hour, Jesus asked the Father if something else could be done instead of what he knew must be done. The thoughts of betrayal, torture and crucifixion were overwhelming. We can somewhat understand how he felt. Who wouldn't? How often have you asked God to change dreaded circumstances?

Yet, what we need to remember is that it was also as a human that he chose to do the will of God regardless of how difficult that would be. Yes, as God he knew what was coming. In just minutes he would be betrayed and taken away like a criminal. He would have to endure an all-night illegal trial that would include mockery and torture. He knew he would be nailed to a cross the next day and die six hours later. He knew what doing the will of God meant for him personally. That makes his decision to do God's will even more impressive.

My point is this: following Jesus means doing the very same thing Jesus did. It means denying ourselves of what we would prefer and doing what God wants regardless of how difficult that may be for us personally. Let Jesus's words burn indelibly in your heart and mind: "if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

We are tempted to resist this by arguing that "we cannot possibly measure up to Jesus' example to such a degree. After all, we are just humans." Yes, that's true. But Jesus knew we were just humans who love to justify ourselves when he said, "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then I will declare to them 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness'" (Matthew 7:21-23). Obviously doing good things in the name of the Lord is not the same as doing the will of the Father.

Consider one more statement from Jesus to us: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

From what Jesus said, and especially from his example in the Garden, if we truly want to follow Jesus, we must do the will of the Father, even when we had rather do something else. Discipleship is a huge challenge, and our greatest challenge is dying to ourselves. The only way to follow Jesus is by keeping our eyes on him (Hebrews 12:1-2).

# CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 30	5th Sunday Contribution
Mar 30	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 5	Egg Hunt
Apr 5	First Aid Class
Apr 5	Sister Friends
Apr 9	Silver Saints
Apr 18-20	L2L trip
May 18	Area-Wide Youth @ Clinton

## RESPONSE

**Jody & Karen Yarber** came forward last week to ask for prayers. They've been dealing with health issues, death in the family, and want to be back here with the church family. Please be in prayer for the Yarbers and encourage them in any way you can.

## EGG HUNT

Our spring egg hunt will be next Saturday, April 5 beginning at 10:30am at the home of Russell and Lauren McElroy. You may park at the church building and walk up the block to the McElroy home. If you would like to make a donation of pre-filled plastic eggs, please bring those to the kitchen by Friday, April 4.

## SISTER FRIENDS

The next gathering of Sister Friends will be at the Cox/Pigman home at Saturday, April 5 at 2:00pm. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The parking lot received its initial paving last week, so we are finally "out of the dirt!" Our general contractor and architect are working now on all of the technical drawings that will be submitted to the city. This will take some time, so we may not see many changes for the next few weeks.

## VISITATION & OUTREACH

New visitation and outreach sheets and/or emails are available each Sunday afternoon. Cards and envelopes are available in the lobby.

## SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Tonight is our monthly singing service followed by our fellowship meal. Come back tonight and enjoy this wonderful time together!

## 5th SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

Earlier this year the elders decided to use the fifth Sunday contribution to help with some need. This coming Sunday will be our first fifth Sunday this year. Due to some cost over runs on the work on our parking lot, we will put the entire contribution in the building fund. Our next fifth Sunday will be June 29.

## SILVER SAINTS

The Silver Saints will meet next Wednesday, April 9 at 10:00am rather than this week. Everyone is welcome to come!

## MISSING LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Bible on CD discs 46-55 are missing from the church library. If you have them checked out, please let Billy Fields know. There is no rush to return; we just need to update inventory.

# AREA EVENTS

## SPRING REVIVAL

LaFollette Church of Christ: Mar 30-April 2

## LADIES DAY

Oneida Church of Christ: April 12

## AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Seymour Church of Christ: April 13

## 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:

- **Norm Goucher**, Becca Fields' grandfather, has a respiratory illness and infection.
- **Cole Patterson** is recovering from a bug.
- **Debbie**, Janella Melton's daughter, has been ill.
- **Karen Clifton**, Resa Byrd's cousin, is in need of our prayers.
- **Gail Strunk**, Julia Mowery's mother, has an infection in one of her lungs.
- **Bill Ball**, a member at the Rocky Top congregation, is in the hospital.
- **Carol Stanley**, Parker Stanley's wife, had successful surgery.
- Please remember those affected by the recent **earthquake** in Myanmar and Thailand.
- Keep our local firefighters & nearby residents are are dealing with the **fire** in Rocky Top.

## Last Week:

- **Charlotte Spickard**, Billy Fields' grandmother, is on oxygen and not doing well.
- **Johnny Cox**, son of Carolyn Cox, suffered an accident and had surgery on his hand at UT Medical Center.
- **Micheal Olsen** is recovering at home from thyroid surgery.
- **John Huffman**, a former elder here at Clinton, has been diagnosed with cancer.

## Sympathy:

- To **Diane Carden** in the passing of her sister, **Brenda Bolden**.

## Shut-In:

- Norris Health & Rehab - **Polly Keck**
- Courtyards Oak Ridge - **Bobbie Sue Phillips. Laura Waldron**

Please send prayer requests and updates to  
**churchofchristclinton@gmail.com**  
or give to Joey Smith in writing.

## HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

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

## ADULT AUDITORIUM CLASS

I will be teaching the Sunday morning auditorium class beginning in April. We will study the book of Daniel. We encourage you to attend the Bible class. - *Arthur Pigman*

## 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.

## 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.

## FIRST AID CLASS

Anyone interested in taking a first aid class here on April 5 at 8:00am, see Sheila Herren.