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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	77
Worship	112
Contribution	\$4372

Sunday PM

Worship	91
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Wednesday

Bible Study	71
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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

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Samuel Cox
Opening Prayer:	Herman Herren	Dale Mowery
Lord's Table:	Chris Cox	Tim Melton
Closing Prayer:	Steve Smith	Jody Yarber
Bible Reading:	Joe Patton	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Ben Smith
Invitation:	Jimmy Ashworth
Announcements:	Stump Smith

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

How Can I?

By David Sargent

Barry Newton recalls a phone conversation...

The phone rang. On the other end was a familiar voice just beyond recognition. Then as he launched into asking, "How do I forgive myself?" I suddenly recalled his name and history.

"How can I forgive myself when I have wasted so many decades?"

Before I could even gather my thoughts he blurted out his current crisis. Even though his speech was not slurred, a slight bit of probing revealed what I feared. Alcohol was involved.

I've heard the ache and seen in people's eyes the pain arising from decades of destructive decisions. The same satanic mantras tend to dominate those struggling with forgiving themselves:

"There is no hope for me!"

"God doesn't want me, I've done too much."

"I can't be forgiven."

"I will never be able to forgive myself."

Can a new future exist devoid of dragging along self-recrimination for past failures? Thanks be to God, the answer to that last question is "Yes!"

The Good News (the Gospel) is that although each and every person has sinned and continues to fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), God still loves us. He loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Newton affirms: "As horrible and destructive as sin is, HOPE exists! Forgiveness is possible because Jesus' death can overcome sin's poison."

"In Him [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins" (Ephesians 1:7). Yes, we have sinned. We all have. But the blood of Jesus is greater than our sin.

Jesus will save those who place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Newton declares: "Those who have relied upon Christ, must refuse to listen to how Satan would drag up the past to condemn what God has forgiven."

Won't YOU submit to the Savior so that you may have forgiveness and receive the gift of eternal life?

CLINTON CALENDAR

June 1	Hillbrook Board meeting
June 4	Silver Saints
June 4	Summer Series begins
June 13	Italy Mission Report
June 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
July 6-9	VBS

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

VBS PROJECTS

There is a signup sheet in the foyer to bring in supplies for our VBS service projects. If you would rather contribute money towards the projects, please see Chris Cox.

SILVER SAINTS

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will be this Wednesday, June 4, here at the building at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to join in!

TEENAGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Registration is open for the 6 weeks of TCC and Day Camp. Schedules are available in the foyer and registration can be completed online.

CLINTON CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

We are fortunate to have some generous folks who would like to pay for our TCC Clinton campers to bring a friend to camp. If you are interested in this, please see Herb Byrd, Don Scott, or any of our other members on the camp boards.

PANTRY CLEANOUT

We will be cleaning out and "purging" the Pantry soon. Please stop by and check to see if you have any items leftover that need to be taken home or stored elsewhere.

CLINTON SUMMER SERIES

This week:

Adults: Victorious in Trials - James 1:2-4
Jimmy Ashworth

Youth: Lot's Wife - Genesis 19:15-29
Craft: Don Scott

Next week:

Adults: Wisdom from Above - James 1:5-8
Chuck Kilpatrick

Youth: Rachel - Genesis 31
Craft: Becca Fields

Our youth will be rotating between three centers: Bible Story with Stump Smith, Songs & Games with Hannah Cox, and Crafts with a different teacher each week.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

This week's visitation and outreach sheet will be available this afternoon. If you're not receiving it by email and would like to, please let Arthur Pigman know.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: bars of soap, pop tarts, tuna packets. A box for items is in the foyer.

AREA EVENTS

70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Norwood Church of Christ: June 1

KNOX YOUTH AREA WIDE

West End Church of Christ: June 3

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: June 7-15

VBS

Karns Church of Christ: June 8-11

BREAKFAST MEETING

Sneedville Church of Christ: June 14

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Millard Adkins** continues to be at home under hospice care.
- **Joey Smith** will have shoulder surgery on June 17.

Last Week:

- **Larry Jones**, Garry's twin brother, is in the last stage of hospice care.
- **Norm Williams** had surgery on Thursday for aggressive melanoma.
- **Bunny Nash** is feeling better.
- **Kayla Harwell** is recovering from double pneumonia.
- **Amanda Cox** has been sick at home.
- **Bobby Cox**, Tim Cox's father, is at The Waters and suffering with dementia.
- **Chase Stastny**, Kurt and Stephanie Simon's son-in-law, is currently in Ethiopia doing back surgeries for children, They do not have any post-operative pain medications for the children, so let's be in prayer for everyone involved and for the comfort and recovery of the kids.
- **Lindsay Smith**, a friend of Joey Smith, will be having a very serious back surgery soon.

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.

CLINTON VBS

The plans are being made for our 2025 VBS! This year's theme is "Signs from Egypt," and we will study stories about Joseph, Moses & the Burning Bush, the Ten Plagues, and Crossing the Red Sea. Our adult class speakers will be J.L. Steele from the South Knoxville congregation, Michael Green from SEIBS, Tim Harty from New York Avenue, and Warner Haley, SEIBS student. A flyer to hand out to your friends, family, and neighbors will be available in the foyer.

HILLBROOK BOARD MEETING

The Hillbrook Christian Camp Board will meet here at the church building today at 2:30.

AUSTRALIA MISSION NEWSLETTER

The latest issue of the Young family's newsletter is available on the table in the foyer. It as well as the Shanahan's Italy Mission newsletter are both available on our website under "Missions."

YOUTH CPR CLASS

There is a signup sheet in the foyer for any of our youth who are interested in taking a CPR and First Aid basic knowledge class. Please see Sheila Herren with any questions. There is no cost for this class.

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