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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	91
Worship	127
Contribution	\$5565

Sunday PM

Worship	71
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Wednesday

Bible Study	76
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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	Tommy Warren
Opening Prayer:	Herman Herren	Dale Mowery
Lord's Table:	Chris Cox	Tim Melton
Closing Prayer:	Steve Smith	Jody Yarber
Bible Reading:	WT Crider	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Samuel Cox
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

Be Separated from the World

By David R. Ferguson

"'Come out from among them, and be ye separate,' saith the Lord." (2 Corinthians 6:17) This text touches a subject of vast importance in religion. That subject is the great duty of separation from the world. In every age of the church since its inception, separation from the world has always been one of the grand pieces of evidence of a work of grace in the heart. He that has been really born of the Spirit, and made a new creature in Christ Jesus, has always endeavored to "come out from the world," and live a separate life.

The world is a source of great danger to the soul. God's creation is wonderful and good. I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about the pursuit of vain riches and glory, and the desire to please the carnal nature. That's worldly and dangerous for a Christian. Sin, in all its forms, must be denounced and avoided by those professing to be followers of the Lord. The Apostle Paul says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). "We have received, not the spirit of this world, but the Spirit which is of God" (1 Corinthians 2:12). "Christ gave Himself for us that He might rescue us from this present evil world" (Galatians 1:4). "In time past ye walked according to the course of this world" (Ephesians 2:2). "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Timothy 4:10).

James said, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4).

And John wrote, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:15-17). "The world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not" (1 John 3:1). "They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them" (1 John 4:5). "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world" (1 John 5:4). "We know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19).

But being separate from the world does not mean we should be isolated from the world: "Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 5:16) The key here is letting the world see our good works. We can't do that if we are of the world. Always keep God first in your heart.

CLINTON CALENDAR

May 4	VBS meeting
May 7	Silver Saints
May 17	Sister Friends
May 18	Area-Wide Youth @ Clinton
May 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
May 25	Graduate Recognition Night
July 6-9	VBS

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

VBS MEETING

We will have a VBS planning meeting today at 5:00pm. Please see Chris Cox with any questions.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

We will host the next area-wide devo here at Clinton on May 18! Youth from around the area will be here for the devotional and a period of fellowship. All are welcome to attend the devo and help us welcome our visitors. If you are willing to help with food, please see Susan Smith to bring chocolate chip cookies or brownies without nuts.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: men's summer clothes, beanie weenies, pop tarts, oatmeal packets. A box for items is in the foyer.

GRADUATE & STUDENT RECOGNITION

At our evening service and fellowship meal on May 25, we will honor our graduates and student accomplishments for the year. Please give Joey Smith a list of your student's school and work accomplishments by May 21 so that we may recognize them.

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

TEENAGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

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

SISTER FRIENDS

Join Sister Friends here at the church building on Saturday, May 17 at 11:30am for lunch and devotional on "What is Your Love Language?" A sign up sheet for food is in the foyer. For any questions, see Rebecca or Sheila.

2025 VISITATION & OUTREACH REPORT

Brother Arthur Pigman reports the following statistics from our visitation program thus far:

Completed returns - 40
Cards to sick - 84
Personal visits - 3
Phone calls - 27
Text's and e-mails - 21
Birthday cards - 9
E-cards - 12

Thanks to everyone who has helped with this good work.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The architect, in coordination with the contractor, should have building plans ready to submit to the city by mid-June. If all goes well, we should see building construction commence some time after that.

AREA EVENTS

MEN'S DAY

South Knoxville Church of Christ: May 17

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Clinton Church of Christ: May 18

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP

Karns Church of Christ: June 7-15

POLISHING THE PULPIT

Sevierville: Aug 15-21

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Karen Yarber** will have a CT scan on May 7. The results will take a week to come back. Please be in prayer for Karen and specifically that her cancer does not return.
- **Linda Goucher**, Becca Fields' grandmother is traveling in California and has the shingles.

Last Week:

- **Mardene Williams** has been sick at home but is doing better.
- **Caleb Holt** continues to need our prayers as doctors seek answers for his lung issues.
- **Charlotte May** has been at home and unable to be out.
- **Carolyn Stanley** will need surgery for stents in her heart. She is Parker Stanley's sister-in-law and Daniel McInturff's cousin.
- **Garry Jones** is home from India after being unable to enter the country.
- **Debbi Ashe**, Janella Melton's daughter, is doing much better.
- **Robert Shanks**, Jamie Gossett's grandfather, has pneumonia and possible internal bleeding. He is currently at Vanderbilt.
- **Joy Bodenstein**, Jamie Gossett's mother, had a heart ablation.
- **Lee Chadwell**, Jamie Gossett's brother, is recovering from a bad break in his arm.

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.

Love Conquers

By Andrew Beasley

What is the greatest command? Jesus instructs that it is to love God, and that the second greatest is to love one's neighbor as himself (Matt. 22:36-40). Paul in his discourse on spiritual gifts throughout chapters 12, 13 and 14 of 1st Corinthians teaches that spiritual gifts will eventually fade and three things will remain of which love was the greatest (1 Cor. 13:13). John, in his gospel account, records Christ noting that it was the bond of love between the Father and humanity that led him to send His only Son that we might have eternal life (Jn. 3:16).

It is no secret that if anyone had cause to hold and to harbor a grudge it would be God toward mankind. Moses records that God repented of making man because of their wickedness in the time of Noah (Gen. 6:6). Hosea, through inspiration, uses his relationship with his adulteress wife as an analogy for how the Hebrew people were treating God by their continued rebellion and repeated engagement with pagan idol worship. Yet God loved us so much that despite all of this He sent His son. These examples help to emphasize what Paul instructs in Colossians 3:14, that it is love that overcomes hardship and offenses. It is the bond of love between brethren that conquers the seemingly impossible, just as it was the bond of love that conquered sin and death.