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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	—
Worship	128
Contribution	\$4942

Sunday PM

Worship	66
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Wednesday

Bible Study	68
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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:	Clint Patterson	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	WT Crider	Samuel Cox
Lord's Table:	Don Scott	Stump Smith
Closing Prayer:	James McCrary	Tommy Warren
Bible Reading:	Mason Gallaher	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Chuck Kilpatrick
Invitation:	Clint Patterson
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

The Bread of Life

By Dale J. Babinsky

While teaching the disciples about the Bread of Life, many of the followers of Christ turned away from Him. Indeed, John 6:66 is a thought-provoking verse in the Bible which reads: "From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." This passage occurs after Jesus delivers a challenging teaching about the importance of His word. In this, He emphasized the importance of fully committing to Him and His mission. Many clearly did not understand.

This verse is significant because it marks a turning point in Jesus's ministry. It highlights the cost of discipleship and the challenge of accepting teachings that are difficult to understand or embrace. Some followers found Jesus's words too confusing or hard to accept, and they chose to walk away rather than ask for an explanation and seek after the truth. However, this moment also sets the stage for the steadfast faith of the remaining disciples, showcasing the contrast between those who are willing to persevere through difficulty and those who are not.

From a spiritual perspective, this verse serves as a reminder of the importance of faith and trust in moments of doubt or confusion. It invites reflection on the question: How do we respond when faced with teachings or challenges that test our commitment to our beliefs? Let us be like Peter in this moment, as he responded that Jesus was the only one who has the words of life (John 6:68). Let us feast on that spiritual bread.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

June 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
July 2	Silver Saints
July 5	VBS Work Day
July 6-9	VBS

RESPONSE

Brother **James McKnight** responded to the Lord's invitation last Sunday asking for our prayers. Please encourage James in any way you can and remember him in your personal prayers.

VBS FOOD

There is a signup sheet in the foyer for those that would like to help provide food for our VBS. Please see Susan Smith with any questions.

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 Amy Hamby-Scott.

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 members of the camp boards.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: bottled water, bars of soap, and Vienna sausages. A box for items is in the foyer.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

This week's visitation and outreach sheet will be available this afternoon. Please see Arthur Plgman to get involved!.

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.

CLINTON SUMMER SERIES

This week:

Adults: Be Doers of the Word - James 1:22-25, Chris Cox

Youth: Miriam - Numbers 12, Craft: Rebecca Nash

Next week:

Adults: Pure & Undefined Religion - James 1:26-27, Dale Tanner

Youth: Samson - Judges 13, Craft: Joey Smith

TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

Transform Ladies Conference is September 5-7 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge. The theme this year is "TRUST: No Matter the Season." Estimated Cost is \$225 per person for ticket, food, and lodging. Please let Susan Smith know if you plan to attend by making \$100 deposit no later than July 23, 2025.

VBS FLYERS

There are flyers available in the foyer for our VBS. Take some and mail them/hand them out to your friends and family! A personal invitation is the very best and most effective way to invite!

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

Oneida Church of Christ: June 22-25

VBS

West End Church of Christ: June 30-July 2

KIDS AREA-WIDE EVENT

Lenoir City Church of Christ: July 13

VBS

LaFollette Church of Christ: July 28-31

POLISHING THE PULPIT

Sevierville: Aug 15-21

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Jessica, Audrey**, and **Maverick Traub** have been sick with a stomach bug.
- **Joyce Morris**, Betty Gossett's sister-in-law, has a blood clot.
- **Laura Bentley** has been sick at home.
- **Debi Ashe**, Janella Melton's daughter, has been ill.
- **Mardene Williams** has been dealing with shingles and poison oak.
- **Barbara Tanner** had some tests on her skin.
- **Robert Ford**, a relative of the Adkins family, has cancer.
- **Kristina Mason-Fadi El Moula**, daughter of Connie Mason, is scheduled for surgery to rectify paralysis from a previous surgery.
- **Thelma Shepherd** has requested our prayers for her son and his family.
- **Simon Tanner**, grandson of Dale and Barbara Tanner, was recently baptized.

Last Week:

- **Tangelia Kesterson** has pneumonia and bronchitis.
- **Joey Smith** is recovering from shoulder and bicep tendon surgery.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Bobbie Sue Phillips** who passed away yesterday.
- To **Jeff Jackson** in the passing of his father, **Ellis Carden**.
- To **Steve Smith** in the passing of his sister, **Charlene Zick**.
- To **Sheila Herren** on the passing of her cousin, **Gary Seeber**.

Shut-In:

- Norris Health & Rehab - **Polly Keck**
- Courtyards Oak Ridge - **Laura Waldron**

Please send prayer requests and updates to
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or give to Joey Smith in writing.

What Is Love

By Andrew Beasley

Love, love, love, love, the Gospel in a word is love. The Gospel, that we take into the world, is rooted in love. The message of Christ is rooted in love. Who we are as Christians is rooted in love. You cannot separate God's people from love as the two go hand in hand. When we fail to love as God loves us, we fail to be His people. Paul stated that we could do things like perform incredible miraculous gifts, but if we did so without love we were like a clanging cymbal or a resounding gong (1st Cor. 13:1)

But what is love? More importantly, what is the love that Jesus speaks of as the greatest and the second greatest commands (Matt. 22:36-40). We might start by recognizing that it is not love as the world would define it which might better be described as lust. Biblical love falls into three categories in the Greek language. Agape love, which is a sacrificial love that desires what it best for the recipient of love. *Phileo* love, which is the kind of brotherly love we see shared between David and Jonathan. And *storge* love, which we might define as the love one feels for his or her family.

What is love? Whether it is sacrificial, brotherly, or familial it should encompass and embody all that we are and everything we do.