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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

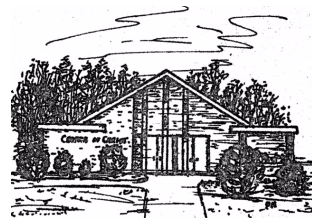
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Worship	129
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Sunday PM

Worship	127
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Wednesday

Bible Study	134
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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:	Ben Smith	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Tommy Warren	Billy Humphrey
Lord's Table:	Herb Byrd	Herman Herren
Closing Prayer:	Dale Tanner	Joe Patton
Bible Reading:	Steve Smith	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Ben Smith
Invitation:	Don Scott
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

Standing Firm in Hard Times

By Jeff Arnette

Psalm 52–59, with a focus on Psalm 57:4, highlights a time in David's life when he was surrounded by trouble. Sometimes we too face actual hardships, maybe at work, in the home, or even unexpected crises we never saw coming. David's prayerful words remind us that it's normal to feel frightened or stressed when circumstances seem overwhelming. But just like him, we can hold onto hope because God is bigger than whatever we face. Even in dangerous situations, David found the strength to praise God rather than dwell on his fear.

Ephesians 6:12 points us to the spiritual side of our battles. Many times, the problems in front of us go beyond the physical difficulties we see. We might be dealing with anxiety that keeps us awake at night or temptations that test our integrity. It's not that we ignore physical threats, but we recognize that our inner struggles can be just as significant. David wrestled with his enemies in a real way, but he also turned to God for the spiritual support he needed. This invites us to do the same. We can't handle life's battles alone; we rely on God's power and guidance.

Acts 16:23–25 shows an example from the New Testament where Paul and Silas praised God even in prison. Like David, their circumstances were bleak. They had every reason to feel hopeless, yet their response was to worship. Their story assures us that God's faithfulness isn't limited by location or difficulty. Whether we find ourselves stuck in a dead-end job, dealing with strained relationships, or facing health challenges, we still have the option to look up and trust in the One who never fails.

Taking these passages together, we learn that praise isn't just for the good times. It's a statement of faith that God is at work, even when our situation looks grim. In America today, stress can come from financial pressures, family conflict, or social tensions, and we often feel like we have too much on our plates. Yet, like David, we remember our experiences of God's deliverance in the past. His record of faithfulness remains solid. When we cling to that truth, fear no longer controls us, and our hearts can find peace. In every trial, we have the assurance that God is with us. By lifting our voices in praise, we practice a faith that stands firm and shines light in the darkest places.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

July 13 Morning Pointe Singing
July 27 Song Service/Fingerfoods
Aug 8 Sister Friends

VBS REPORT

We had an incredibly successful week of VBS last week! A huge “thank you” to everyone who helped out in any way - we had SO many who volunteered their time and talents. A summary of attendance for each evening:

- Sunday: **127** (40 kids, 87 adults)
- Monday: **119** (47 kids, 72 adults)
- Tuesday: **122** (40 kids, 82 adults)
- Wednesday: **134** (39 kids, 95 adults)

MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our monthly singing with the residents of Morning Pointe Assisted Living will be today at 3:00pm.

SISTER FRIENDS

The next gathering of the Sister Friends will be Friday, August 8 beginning at 6:30pm. We will have an International Taste Testing and Thrift Swap. Hostess is Cathy Glenn. Please sign up in the foyer!

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

This week's items for Hands & Feet are: tuna packets, peanut butter cracker, fruit cups, men's clothing. 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: Beware of Favoritism - James 2:1-7, Don Scott

Youth: Ruth, Craft: Cindy Jones

Next week:

Adults: Pure & Undefined Religion - James 1:26-27, Scott Shanahan

Youth: David, Craft:

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.**

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. See Herb Byrd or any members of the camp boards. Week 5 begins today. Next week will wrap up TCC 2025!

AREA EVENTS

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Jody Yarber** is awaiting further tests regarding a blockage in his neck.

Last Week:

- **Caleb Holt** had an appointment with a pulmonologist. They have completely changed his medications which should solve his breathing problems.
- **Mike Marsh**, Serena McGill's father, had his surgery delayed until August.
- **Wanda Marsh**, Serena McGill's mother, will have total knee replacement surgery July 21.
- **Richard Bentley** has been sick at home.
- **Marty Nygard**, brother of Tim Nygard and Kathy Caudle, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is in need of our prayers as he chooses a course of treatment.
- **Teresa Portwood**, a friend to many here and a member of the county school board, has been diagnosed with glioma.
- **Susan Carroll**, grandmother of Katie Mowery, will be having surgery for a broken hip.
- **Lynda Goucher**, Becca Fields' grandmother, continues to need our prayers as she continues to be in atrial fibrillation.
- Remember those affected by the catastrophic **floodings** in Texas.

Shut-In:

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

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

This World Is Not My Home

By Andrew Beasley

Any time I travel, and I am blessed to do so as a minister, it always shocks me how much I miss the normalcy of being at home. There is something to be said about being in your own space and sleeping in your own bed. Some have said, after a lengthy vacation, that they need a vacation to recover from their vacation. The understanding in that sentiment is that being away from home, and away from our natural environment, wears on us.

It seems to me that this is the reason that the Apostle Paul said he saw his own death as a gain (Phil. 1:21). He understood that while he was on earth he had a purpose, which is why he says in the first half of that first that to live is Christ. There was work to be done, but Paul was aware of one unifying truth and it's one that we sing about today. This world is not our home, we're just passing through. Christ has gone to make ready for us the home where we will rest eternally (John 14:2ff).

This truth also helps us to understand why living below in this old sinful world wears on us so heavily. This is not the place meant to be our own space, and our resting place. Heaven is where our treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue.