

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	85
Worship	124
Contribution	\$5409

### Sunday PM

Worship	65
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	64
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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>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Chris Cox	Tommy Warren
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Herman Herren	Chuck Kilpatrick
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Arthur Pigman	Herb Byrd
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Clint Patterson	Samuel Cox
<b>Bible Reading:</b>	Rick Caudle	
<b>Usher:</b>	Dale Mowery	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Don Scott	
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Joey Smith	

## Serving Wednesday Evening

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Joe Patton
<b>Invitation:</b>	Scott Shanahan
<b>Announcements:</b>	Don Scott

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# the Clinton Chronicle

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*Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025*

## Paradise Lost - and Regained

By David Sargent

Sarah Darling saw him and had compassion on him. Billy Ray Harris is homeless and often finds refuge under a bridge in Kansas City, Missouri, which is also Sarah's hometown. Sarah took out her change purse and emptied out the contents into Harris' cup. But Sarah later realized that she had donated much more than she intended...

It wasn't until the next day that she discovered her engagement ring was missing. She remembered that she had removed the ring from her hand because the ring was irritating her skin and placed it into her change purse. With a sinking feeling, she feared that the ring was part of the contents that she had emptied into Harris' cup.

She returned to where she had seen Harris, but he wasn't there. She went back the following day and found him. She approached him and said, "I don't know if you remember me, but I think I gave you something that's very precious to me."

Harris responded: "Was it a ring? Yeah, I have it; I kept it for you." He handed the ring to her.

Sarah was floored – and elated! "I actually feel like I'm especially lucky to have this ring now. I loved it before. I loved it so much, but I love it so much more now," she later told a television host.

To show her appreciation, Sarah set up an online fundraiser for Harris. The donations and praise have poured in from all over the world. In the first week of the 90-day campaign, over 3,400 donations were made totaling nearly \$95,000.

Adam and Eve lost much more than an engagement ring when they disobeyed God's instruction (see Genesis 2:16-17). They lost their innocence and their home in the beautiful paradise of the Garden of Eden, including access to the tree of life that would have enabled them to live forever (see Genesis 3, esp. vs. 22-23).

The sin of Adam and Eve has been repeated by their offspring – including you and me. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And as a result, we also earn the "wages of sin": death (Romans 6:23).

But God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). Through Jesus, we can have forgiveness of our sins and receive the GIFT of eternal life. What was lost in the paradise of Eden may be regained – through Christ – in "the Paradise of God." "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7).

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# CLINTON CALENDAR

July 27 Song Service/Fingerfoods  
Aug 6 Silver Saints  
Aug 8 Sister Friends  
Aug 10 Morning Pointe Singing

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

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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 sign up 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: Pure & Undeified Religion - James 1:26-27, Scott Shanahan

Youth: David, Craft: Laura Bentley

Next week:  
Adults: Faith Without Works - James 2:14-26, Tommy Warren

Youth: Solomon, Craft: TBD

## AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER

The Young family's most recent newsletter with updates on our work in Australia is available in the foyer.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRAFTS

Hannah Cox is in need of some volunteers who would be willing to help with crafts during our Wednesday night kid's classes.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL UPDATE

The architect has completed the construction drawings necessary for the city to issue our final building permit. The contractor will be applying for that permit soon and building materials are scheduled to be delivered in early August. We hope to see building commence shortly thereafter!

# AREA EVENTS

## GOSPEL SINGING

Great Smoky Mtns Church of Christ: July 25

## 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:

- **Lois Kelly** has an aneurysm in her head and has been referred to a neuro specialist.
- **Tim Cox** will have a medical procedure on August 8.
- **Bill Wehrfritz**, fiancé of Emily Manner, Clint Patterson's coworker, has an ultrasound to determine if a mass is cancerous. He is 26 years old.
- **Josh Patton** has been sick at home.
- **Laura Crews**, Chuck & Yvonne Kilpatrick's daughter, received good test results on her eyes.
- **Rick Caudle** has been sick at home.
- **Wavell Stewart** is recovering at home.
- **Karen Yarber** has been sick at home.
- **Teresa Portwood** is in need of our prayers as she is beginning to have problems with her vision.

## Last Week:

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

## Sympathy:

- To the family of **Phyllis Bray**, a longtime member of the Claxton congregation

## 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.

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God will forgive and give access to the tree of life (eternal life)... those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Those who "overcome" by remaining faithful to Him will be rewarded with eternal life in the Paradise of God.

## ISAIAH 117 HOUSE

There is an insert in the bulletin today explaining Isaiah 117 House in Clinton. We have a home in Anderson County that opened one year ago and has already had over 150 children come through their red door. It is a nonprofit organization funded through donations. They serve 9 counties including Anderson. For more information you can ask Mason, Melissa, or Jackie. Links to Amazon lists: house <https://a.co/dj7bup6>; snacks <https://a.co/eW2HQbS>. Gift Cards: Amazon, Walmart, Door Dash, Rack Room Shoes, Old Navy

## SILVER SAINTS

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will be Wednesday, August 6 here at the building at 10:00. Everyone is invited to come!