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# FOR THE RECORD

# **Sunday AM**

Bible Study	87
Worship	118
Contribution	\$5561

### Sunday PM

Worship	75
Wednesday	

Bible Study 72



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

#### **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:	Chris Cox	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Garry Jones	Herman Herren
Lord's Table:	Bradley Crider	Don Scott
Closing Prayer:	Doug Broadway	Dale Tanner
Bible Reading:	Dale Mowery	

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Usher: Hubert Sharp
Announcements: Stump Smith
Sound Booth: Billy Fields

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Samuel Cox Invitation: Richard Bentley Announcements: Chris Cox

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

# Twins Talking in the Womb

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?"

The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense," said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery, there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her, this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

Maybe this was one of the best explanations of the concept of GOD.

# **CLINTON CALENDAR**

Aug 31 Song Service/Fingerfoods Sept 3 Silver Saints Picnic

Sept 5-7 Ladies Conference trip Sept 13 Youth CPR Class

Sept 13 Youth CPR C Sept 21 L2L Kickoff

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

#### SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

We'll have our monthly singing and fellowship meal this evening at 6:00. Hope to see you back tonight!!

Songleaders, please give your song selection to the sound room prior to the start of services.

#### **NEW BIBLE CLASS QUARTER**

The new quarter for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible classes will begin next Sunday, Sept. 7.

#### LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 21 for our 2026 Lads to Leaders Kickoff! We will have lunch after morning services and begin signing up for year-round and convention events.

#### MINISTRY SUPPLY NEEDS

This week's items for **Hands & Feet**: granola bars, bottled water, men's clothing

For **Isaiah 117 House**: <a href="https://a.co/dj7bup6">https://a.co/dj7bup6</a>; Snacks: <a href="https://a.co/eW2HQbS">https://a.co/eW2HQbS</a>. Gift Cards: Amazon, Walmart, Door Dash, Rack Room Shoes, Old Navy

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

#### SISTER FRIENDS

If you are interested in hosting the October Sister Friends gathering, see Susan Smith.

#### **VISITATION & OUTREACH**

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

#### SILVER SAINTS PICNIC

The annual Silver Saints Picnic at Norris Dam State Park will be this Wednesday, Sept. 3. Everyone is invited to come, silver or not! Please signup in the foyer TODAY.

#### YOUTH CPR CLASS

Our youth CPR class taught by Sheila Herren will be Saturday, Sept. 13 starting at 10:00am here at the building. See Sheila with questions.

#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The foundation contractor will be putting up the forms for the concrete slab for our new fellowship building. Plumbing & electrical placement will begin before the concrete is poured.

# **AREA EVENTS**

#### TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

Pigeon Forge: Sept 5-7

#### **FOREVER HIS CAMP**

Karns Church of Christ: Sept 13

#### **AREA-WIDE YOUTH**

Maryville Church of Christ: Sept 14

#### MEN'S RETREAT

LaFollette Church of Christ: Sept 26-28

#### **AREA-WIDE YOUTH**

West End Church of Christ: Oct 12

#### AREA-WIDE YOUTH

Wooddale Church of Christ: Nov 9

## PRAYER REQUESTS

#### This Week:

- Gail Sharp is recovering from hernia surgery.
- Harold Collins, the father of a friend of Annette Smith, was in a motorcycle accident.
- Tim Cox continues to deal with atrial fibrillation.
- Linda Goucher, grandmother of Becca Fields, is dealing with atrial fibrillation.
- Jason Caudle has been sick at home.
- Lillie and Chloe Moore, daughters of Corey Moore, were in a serious car accident.

#### Last Week:

- **Lisa Bailey**, sister of Pauline Brown from the Rocky Top congregation, is in the nursing home under hospice care.
- Loretta Dodson, sister of Pauline Brown, is currently on life support at UT Medical Center.
- Wavell Stewart is recovering from a broken elbow.
- Rick Caudle had some tests.
- Jean Humphrey has been sick.
- Garry Jones will be returning to India on Sept. 3 and is in need of our prayers for safe travel and for entrance into the work area.
- Maple Lemonds, granddaughter of Scott & Jennifer Mowery, is home from the hospital.

#### Shut-In:

• Norris Health & Rehab - Polly Keck

• Courtyards Oak Ridge - Laura Waldron

Please send prayer requests and updates to

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It is one thing to read the Bible through.......Another thing to read to learn to do. Some read it with design to learn to read......But to the subject pay but little heed. Some read it as their duty once a week......But no instruction from the Bible seek. While others read it with but little care........With no regard to how they read, nor where. Some read it as a history, to know......How people lived three thousand years ago. Some read to bring themselves into repute......By showing others how they can dispute; While others read like their neighbors do.......To see how long 'twill take to read it through. Some read it for the wonders that are there......How David killed a lion and a bear: While others read it with uncommon care............Hoping to find some contradictions there! Some read as though it did not speak to them.....But to the people at Jerusalem. One reads it as a book of mysteries......And won't believe the very thing he sees. One reads with father's specs upon his head......And sees the thing just as his father said. Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed......Hence understand but little that they read; For every passage in the book they bend......To make it suit that all-important end! Some people read, as I have often thought..........To teach the book instead of being taught, So, many people in these latter days......Have read the Bible in so many ways That few can tell which system is the best......For every party contradicts the rest! But read it prayerfully, and you will see..........Although men contradict, God's words agree. For what the early Bible prophets wrote......We find that Christ and His apostles quote: So trust no creed that trembles to recall...........What's been penned by one and verified by all.