

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

Bible Study	85
Worship	127
Contribution	\$5149

### Sunday PM

Worship	83
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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

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Ben Smith
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Joshua Moorey	Rick Caudle
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Don Scott	Samuel Cox
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Richard Bentley	Dale Tanner
<b>Bible Reading:</b>	WT Crider	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Chris Cox	
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Billy Fields	

## Serving Wednesday Evening

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Joey Smith
<b>Invitation:</b>	Arthur Pigman
<b>Announcements:</b>	Chris Cox

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# Waiting on the Lord

By David R. Ferguson

One of the most difficult and challenging aspects of being a Christian and maintaining one's faith is having to face the troubles and trials of this life. But the true child of God will persevere, not by relying on his or her own strength, but by finding encouragement from the Lord and His holy word (Philippians 4:7). James, the Lord's brother, writes in James 1:2-5, "My brothers, you should be very happy when you experience many kinds of troubles, because you know that the testing of your faith will develop more endurance. Endure, so that your actions will be truly complete. Then you will be mature. You will have everything; you will need nothing. But if any one of you does need wisdom, just ask God. It will be given to you. God is the One who gives freely to all people, and He does this without complaining." Enduring, which is another way of saying our times of waiting, will undoubtedly be extremely difficult. But it's during these times that our assurance that our belief isn't in vain can grow and forge an even deeper faith in God as circumstances force us to fully trust in Him as we cling ever tighter to His unchanging hand.

I read or heard somebody once say, "I have prayed hundreds, if not thousands, of times for the Lord to heal me – and He finally healed me of the need to be healed." Bearing patiently all the things that God allows to challenge our lives in this fleshly coil may be the greatest aspect of self-denial and cross-bearing we have to confront. But true love for our Lord will allow no less, for Paul said, "Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4, 6) By enduring and waiting on the Lord, then, we shall find ourselves guided, furnished, safeguarded, disciplined, and rewarded.

Had Jesus grown up in China we may very well have heard Him tell a parable of the bamboo tree to teach us a lesson about patience and endurance. The Chinese bamboo tree seemingly does absolutely nothing for the first four years of its existence. But then a truly amazing thing happens. Suddenly, at some point during the fifth year, the bamboo plant shoots up an astonishing nine feet in a mere sixty days! So, the question becomes, did that bamboo plant grow in six weeks, or did it grow in five years?

It's my belief that our lives and the Chinese bamboo tree are very much akin to one another. Sometimes we put forth our best effort time and time again, with apparently no fruition for our labors, and no perceptible reaping for our sowing seeming to occur. But if we endure, as James says, and if we do so out of love, as Paul says, and if we do so unto death, as John says (Revelation 2:10), we will receive the rewards for all our efforts, as Jesus says (Matthew 25:21).

May God bless you as you learn to wait patiently on Him! By doing so, you will receive a great reward from Him as you live with Him forevermore throughout eternity!

## CLINTON CALENDAR

**Aug 6** Silver Saints  
**Aug 8** Sister Friends  
**Aug 9** Back-to-School Get-Together  
**Aug 10** Morning Pointe Singing  
**Aug 31** Song Service/Fingerfoods  
**Sept 5-7** Ladies Conference trip

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

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### BAPTISMS

We are overjoyed to announce the baptisms of **Randy & Michelle Ridenour** last Monday! Please be in prayer for the Ridenours and be an encouragement in any way you can.

### 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!

### SISTER FRIENDS

Sister Friends will meet Friday, Aug. 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!

### MINISTRY SUPPLY NEEDS

This week's items for **Hands & Feet**: single serve bags of chips, snack crackers, Vienna sausages.

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

### VISITATION & OUTREACH

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

### CLINTON SUMMER SERIES

*This week:*

Adults: Taming the Tongue - James 3:2-12  
Arthur Pigman

Youth: Esther, Craft: Ben Smith

*Next week:*

Adults: The Use of True Wisdom - James 3:13-18, Tim Melton

Youth: Jonah, Craft: Julie Priest

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL GET-TOGETHER

Our annual back-to-school get-together will be Saturday, August 9 at 6:00pm at the Cox/Pigman home. All of our young folks and families are encourage to come enjoy the evening! See Chris or Hannah Cox for details or any questions.

### MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our next singing with the residents of Morning Pointe Assisted Living will be Sunday, August 10 at 3:00pm. Please plan to come spend some time in outreach to these folks!

### SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

A wonderful problem to have - our parking lot is filling up to capacity on Sunday mornings! Additional spaces are available around the shed and the preacher's house for those that are able.

### DIRECTORY PHOTOS & UPDATES

If you need a new photo or have updates, additions, or changes to your directory info, please let Joey Smith know.

## AREA EVENTS

### POLISHING THE PULPIT

Sevierville: Aug 15-21

### TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

Pigeon Forge: Sept 5-7

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### This Week:

- **Karen Yarber** is in the hospital at Methodist Medical Center room 236.
- **Resa Byrd** has been sick at home.
- **Wanda Marsh**, Serena McGill's mother, is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **James Morris**, brother of Betty Gossett, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- **Joyce Morris**, Betty Gossett's sister-in-law, will be having an ablation.
- **Jason Caudle** is recovering from a virus and high temperature.
- **Rick Caudle** has been sick at home.
- **Tom Langford**, a friend of the McGill family, has brain cancer that has progressed to his spine.

### Last Week:

- **Charlotte May** fell several times and had to go to the ER.
- Continue to remember **Norm & Marde Williams** as they are away on extended travel.
- Please remember our **youth** and their parents, families, and teachers in your prayers as a new school year begins.

### 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.

### 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 let Sheila Herren know what weekend would work best for you for the class.

### 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.

### RECENT BUILDING PROJECTS

We have many hard workers behind the scenes here at the Clinton congregation. We want to say thank you to several who have worked on some projects within the last few weeks: Jason Patton and the Patton boys built a brand new ga-ga game for our young folks to enjoy next to the playground. Dale and Lesley Mowery steam cleaned all of the pew upholstery. Bennett Smith, Cole Patterson, Caroline Smith, Lillie Mefford, and Hannah Cox came to last Sunday's cleanup day, scrubbing tables, baseboards, window sills, baptistery stairs, toilets, sinks, counters, and more. Betty Gossett planted and is caring for the beautiful flowers in the front planters. Clint Patterson took care of weedeating and cleanup around the banks of the spring. There are probably others who have quietly worked unnoticed - and we thank you too!!!

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