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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

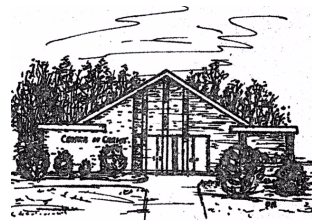
Bible Study	88
Worship	135
Contribution	\$5535

Sunday PM

Worship	81
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Wednesday

Bible Study	69
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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	Tommy Warren
Opening Prayer:	Herman Herren	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Bradley Crider	Arthur Pigman
Closing Prayer:	Steve Smith	Joe Patton
Bible Reading:	Tim Melton	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Don Scott	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Joey Smith
Invitation:	Clint Patterson
Announcements:	Don Scott

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

Inconvenient!

By Joe Slater

Suppose we changed our meeting time to 3 AM on Sundays. While we might not like it, many of us would be here despite the inconvenience. Now, relax! There are no plans to change the meeting time! It brings up the question, though: How willing are you to be inconvenienced in your service to God?

Antonius Felix, governor of Judea, didn't like what he was hearing as Paul was instructing him in the gospel. "Go away for now," Felix said. "When I have a convenient time, I will call for you" (Acts 24:25). As far as the record goes, that convenient time never came. The governor wasn't much interested in becoming a Christian anyway; mostly he was hoping Paul would pay a bribe.

Unlike Felix, Christians are interested in hearing and doing the will of God. (Or we're supposed to be, anyway.) Are you willing to be inconvenienced for the Lord? Let's be specific: Are you willing to make a visit instead of watching your favorite TV program? Or does that visit have to wait until you have "spare time"? Would you reschedule a vacation if it conflicted with a Gospel Meeting? Would you attend services rather than getting an early start on that business trip? In short, are you willing to put God (not your convenience) first?

The early Christians certainly did not practice a religion of convenience! How convenient was it to be beaten or imprisoned for proclaiming the gospel? Was walking all over the country to tell people about Jesus convenient? And if we can believe the historical records, the early Christians often met around sunrise on the first day of the week since that was the only time that the slaves could attend. No doubt it would have been more convenient for everyone, especially the slaves, just to stay home to get a little extra sleep.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus left the splendor of Heaven to come to this earth, taking upon Himself a body of human flesh. What if He had said, "No, it just isn't convenient for Me right now." Think of the times Jesus spent all day teaching and healing, only to spend all night in prayer. Not exactly convenient, wouldn't you say? And where would we be if, when His crucifixion was imminent, Jesus had backed out because it wasn't convenient?

There is nothing wrong with accommodating convenience where we can. But brethren, God has gone to a great deal of trouble for us! May it never be that we would insult Him by serving Him only when it is convenient.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 19	L2L Practice
Oct 25	Sister Friends
Nov 1	Men's Cookout
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Nov 5	Silver Saints
Nov 8-9	Men's Retreat
Nov 15	Ladies Singing
Nov 26	Thanks-Singing

CLASS BELLS

We are going to have a little change to the bells that ring at the end of Bible class. The first bell will ring 5 minutes before the end of class and the second bell will signal the end of class.

LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders will meet Oct. 19 at 4:30 at the building for students participating in year-round song leading & songs of praise, Centurion of Scripture, Bible Bowl, & podcasting.

MEN'S EVENTS

We have two upcoming events for the men of the congregation in November. On Saturday, November 1, there will be a men's cookout at the home of Clint Patterson starting at 5:30pm. Our men's retreat at Big Ridge State Park will be November 8 and 9. Mark your calendars!

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** pudding cups, tuna packets, chips
- **Isaiah 117 House:** <https://a.co/dj7bup6>; Snacks: <https://a.co/eW2HQbS>. Gift Cards: Amazon, Walmart, Door Dash, Rack Room Shoes, Old Navy
- **North Clinton Elementary School:** if you are a Food City shopper, please consider adding NCES to your purchases for School Bucks. There is also a continual need for socks and underwear for the children's clothing closet.

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

VISITATION & OUTREACH REPORT

Many thanks to all who participate in our weekly visitation and outreach effort. For the months of July, August, & September we had:

Completed Returns: 48
Cards: 169
Personal Visits: 18
Calls: 49
Texts: 34
E-Cards: 18

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work has been completed on the foundation preparation and we are awaiting approval from the city. The pouring of the concrete slab will happen next.

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

Scarboro Church of Christ: Oct 19-22

LADIES DAY

Karns Church of Christ: Oct 25

GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Oct 26-29

BREAKFAST MEETING

Sneedville Church of Christ: Nov 1

GRIEF SEMINAR

Lenoir City Church of Christ: Nov 8

AREA-WIDE YOUTH

Wooddale Church of Christ: Nov 9

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **WT Crider** has been dealing with shingles and has developed bell's palsy. He will likely have a long recovery.
- **Brenda Patterson** is recovering from an auto accident.
- **Scott, Rebecca, & Violet Shanahan** are in need of our prayers as they seek an apartment to live in nearer the congregation in Pistoia, Italy.
- **Joe Herren** in making great progress in his recovery.
- **Donna Baker**, mother of Melinda Fields, Billy Fields' sister-in-law, is in the hospital with fluid on her lungs and cirrhosis.
- **Kelly Mills**, father of Melinda Fields, is in the hospital with an infection following surgery.
- **Trisha Riley**, cousin of Melissa Dupree's friend Stacy, has undergone surgery after a possible stroke.
- **Charlie Rogers** has been cleared to have stem cell treatment for his bone cancer. He will be in the hospital at UT for a month.
- **Cindy Jones** has been sick at home.

Last Week:

- **Lois Nygard** will have ear surgery on Oct. 27.
- **Karen Yarber** is recovering successfully from knee surgery and has started therapy.
- **Amanda Grubb**, mother of Amanda Cox, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
- **Tim & Amanda Cox** are traveling to California to be with Amanda's mother.
- **Melissa Rogers** is in need of our prayers for upcoming doctors appointments.
- **Austin Jordan** suffered a concussion during a football game.
- **Tyler Warwick**, a friend of Hubert Sharp, is in need of prayers for his wife who is having pregnancy difficulties.
- **Adeline Williams**, granddaughter of Norm and Marde Williams, was recently baptized.

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.

SISTER FRIENDS

Our next Sister Friends gathering will be Saturday, October 25 starting at 11:00am here at the church building. We will make a fall decorative craft and assemble Welcome Bags for visitors who come to worship here. The devo will be "Fall into the Hand of God." A food sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Menu: soup or chili, salad, baked potatoes with toppings, dessert. See hostess Resa Byrd with any questions.

The next month's Sister Friends gathering will be Saturday, November 1 at 11:00am. Hostesses are Betty Gossett and Laura Bentley.

LADIES SINGING

We will have a singing for the ladies here at the church building on Saturday, November 15 at 10:00am. Please see Becca Fields or Julie Priest with any questions or to sign up to lead a song, read Scripture, or lead a devotional.