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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study	94
Worship	139
Contribution	\$5137

Sunday PM

Worship	92
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Wednesday

Bible Study	89
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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:	Joey Smith	Samuel Cox
Opening Prayer:	Joshua Moore	Tommy Warren
Lord's Table:	Arthur Pigman	Chuck Kilpatrick
Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Dale Tanner
Bible Reading:	James McCrary	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	
Announcements:	Chris Cox	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Herb Byrd
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Chris Cox

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

Transformed

By Clifton Angel

To the church at Rome, Paul wrote: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom 12:1-2). "Transformed" in the Greek is "metamorphao," from which we get our word "metamorphosis". Our greatest illustration of physical metamorphosis is the caterpillar transformed to a butterfly. Using this physical illustration, let us make spiritual application.

After transformation, there is more maturity. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet 2:2). "For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Heb 5:13-14).

After transformation, there is increased activity. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due sea-son we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith (Gal 6:9-10). "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor 15:58).

After transformation, there is greater beauty. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom 10:15). "Christ ... loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph 5:25-27). "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev 21:2).

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor 5:17). "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 5	L2L Practice
Oct 18	Fall Gathering
Oct 19	L2L Practice
Oct 24	Sister Friends
Nov 1	Men's Cookout
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Nov 5	Silver Saints
Nov 8-9	Men's Retreat

LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders will meet Oct. 5 and 19 at 4:30 at the building for students participating in year-round song leading & songs of praise, Centurion of Scripture, Bible Bowl, & podcasting.

FALL GATHERING

Our annual fall gathering will be at the Smith's home on Saturday, October 18 starting at 5:00. It will be a potluck, so bring something to share. Costumes are welcome; we will have a "trick or treat trail" around the woods in the backyard, so bring candy for the little ones & lawn chairs!

MEN'S EVENTS

We have two upcoming events for the men of the congregation in November. On Saturday, Nov. 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:** beanie weenies, pop tarts, and snack crackers,
- **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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The plumbing work has been finished and approved by the city. Work on the footers and foundation will be completed and, after an inspection by the city, the concrete will be poured.

There's quite a bit going on and being installed for the building foundation, so please do not cross over and walk anywhere on the building site.

SISTER FRIENDS

Our next Sister Friends gathering will be Friday, October 24 starting at 6:30pm 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, Nov. 1 at 11:00am. Hostesses are Betty Gossett and Laura Bentley.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Please see Joey Smith after services if you need a new photo taken for the church directory. The directory is available online or on a mobile app, If you need a printed directory, let Joey know.

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE YOUTH

West End Church of Christ: Oct 12

LADIES DAY

West End Church of Christ: Oct 18

AREA-WIDE YOUTH

Wooddale Church of Christ: Nov 9

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Joe Herren** has been taken to Centennial Hospital in Nashville with a serious cardiac event.
- **Karen Yarber** will have surgery tomorrow at UT Medical Center.
- **Tim Melton** has surgery scheduled for November 5.
- **Charlie Rogers** received good news that he will be able to have treatment at UT hospital.
- **Rachel Broadway** continue to be at home unable to be out.
- **Ronnie Meadows** continues to be at NHC in Oak Ridge and would enjoy having visitors.

Last Week:

- **Mackoah Herren**, grandson of Sheila Herren, is still having a rough time and is in need of our prayers.
- **Brenda Patterson** has been sick.
- **Cole Patterson** has also not been feeling well.
- **Pat Humphrey** is doing well. Her treatment is working and the tumors are shrinking.
- **Ezra Asher Nygard**, Tim & Lois Nygard's great-grandson, was born two weeks ago.

Sympathy:

- To **Chuck Kilpatrick** in the passing of his cousin, **Margie Bridges**, following complications from surgery.

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.

Those Whom Jesus Loves: Betrayers

By Andrew Beasley

The problem of evil is one of many challenging subjects that humanity, especially those who believe in God, must wrestle with. It is frequently referenced by unbelievers as proof of why God cannot exist as they assert that a loving God would not allow evil to exist. However, studying God's word will reveal to us that the problem of evil is addressed by God directly. In one instance in the Gospel of Luke, our Lord instructs those who are listening to "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Lk. 6:27-28). In the Beatitudes Jesus teaches that we should be happy when we are persecuted, reviled and spoken negatively of for the cause of Christ because those who came before us were also persecuted, and the reward for enduring is great (Matt. 5:11-12).

One of the greatest acts of evil against Christ occurs by the hands of one of His closest friends, Judas Iscariot. We are familiar with the account of Christ's betrayal to a similar degree that we are familiar with the crucifixion of Christ. The work on the cross was accomplished as much for Judas as it was for each of us. So, it seems that the problem of evil and how to address it has already been shown by Christ. Face it, handle it, and conquer it with love.