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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

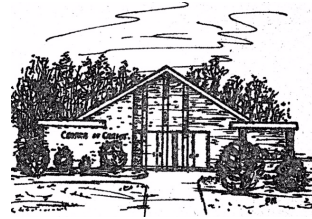
Bible Study	85
Worship	127
Contribution	\$7050

Sunday PM

Worship	66
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Wednesday

Bible Study	74
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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>
Song Leaders:	Tommy Warren	Clint Patterson
Opening Prayer:	Billy Fields	Billy Humphrey
Lord's Table:	Herb Byrd	Samuel Cox
Closing Prayer:	James McCrary	Don Scott
Bible Reading:	Bradley Crider	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Chris Cox
Invitation:	Richard Bentley
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

Where Your Treasure Is

By Dale Babinsky

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a challenge to the human heart. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19-20). These verses are not merely a warning against materialism—they are a call to consider the affections and desires of the heart.

Earthly Wealth Fades Away. Jesus begins with a contrast. Earthly treasures are vulnerable because moths can consume, rust will corrode, and thieves break in and steal. In a world where possessions can vanish overnight, the pursuit of security through material wealth is extremely hazardous. But the deeper issue is not the treasure itself—it's the heart's attachment to it. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). The location of our treasure reveals the focus of our hearts.

The Eye as the Lamp. Jesus then uses another metaphor to explain, saying, "The eye is the lamp of the body." A healthy eye—generous, clear in purpose—fills the whole body with light. But an unhealthy eye—stingy, clouded by greed—plunges the soul into darkness. This imagery suggests that our spiritual vision, our way of seeing material things, determines whether we walk in light or darkness. The Greek word for healthy here implies generosity, while the word for unhealthy implies selfishness.

We Must Choose. Jesus concludes with a stark reality: "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). The word translated as mammon is money or wealth, a term that personifies wealth as a rival deity (the almighty dollar, if you will). Divided loyalty is impossible. Our heart/mind will inevitably choose one master over the other.

This passage invites us to examine not just our bank accounts, but also our desires, our focus, and our allegiance. What do we treasure? What fills our vision? Whom do we serve? In a culture that prizes accumulation and wealth as a sign of success, Jesus' words are countercultural. They call for us to invest in that which is eternal—acts of mercy, love, obedience, and faith. These are the treasures that neither moth nor rust can corrupt.

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Nov 9	Morning Pointe Singing
Nov 9	L2L Practice
Nov 15	Ladies Singing
Nov 16	L2L Practice
Nov 26	Thanks-Singing
Dec 12	Sister Friends

MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our singing with the residents of Morning Pointe Assisted Living is today at 3:00pm. Please join in this time of singing and outreach if you can!

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.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

Our weekly visitation sheets will be available this afternoon. If you would like a version emailed to you, please see Arthur Pigman.

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** canned chicken and tuna
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** chips, fruit cups, beanie weenies
- **Isaiah 117 House:** <https://a.co/dj7bup6>; Snacks: <https://a.co/eW2HQbS>. Gift Cards: Amazon, Walmart, Door Dash, Rack Room Shoes, Old Navy; Items: t-shirts (men's and women's, all sizes), hoodies/crewneck sweatshirts (all sizes), sweatpants/joggers (all sizes), infant/toddler/kid-size winter clothes, duffle bags
- **North Clinton Elementary:** 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.

PANTRY

We are in the process of restocking our food pantry. Each week, the item needed will be posted in the bulletin under Ministry Needs. If you purchase food items to donate, please leave them on the small counter in the pantry. This week's item: canned chicken and tuna.

If you are in need of food, please be sure to see one of the elders.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have changes in your contact info (email, phone, etc), please be sure to let Joey Smith know so it can be updated in the church directory.

If you need an updated photo, please see Joey Smith this morning at the rear of the auditorium.

CYC 2026

Challenge Youth Conference will be coming up February 20-22. We need to order our tickets before the end of December, so please let Joey Smith know within the next month if you plan to go. The cost to attend is \$100 per person and will need to be paid before a ticket can be ordered.

SISTER FRIENDS

Join us Friday, December 12, at 7pm at the building for a relaxing movie during the busy holiday season. You don't have to cook or shop for this event! Popcorn and hot cocoa will be provided. (And you can wear your pjs if you'd like!)

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE YOUTH

Wooddale Church of Christ: Nov 9

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

LeConte Center: Feb 20-22

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Stephanie Simon** is now home and recovering well from major hip surgery. She has started physical therapy.
- **Tim Melton** is recovering from surgery.
- **Wayne Kelly** is having problems with his back.
- **Lynda Goucher** is at Tennova Turkey Creek with atrial fibrillation.
- **Teresa Portwood** has been put on hospice care.

Last Week:

- **Gary Henderson**, father of Denise Henderson, is very ill and is in need of our prayers. He is currently in the hospital at UT Medical Center and is improving.
- **Melissa Rogers** continues to need our prayers for good health.
- **Charlie Rogers** has put his surgery prep on hold while he cares for Melissa.
- **Clifton Williams**, Norm and Marde Williams' son, is recovering from a 6 hour surgery.
- **Ulis Price**, Cathy Glenn's father, is recovering from a fall.
- **James Morris**, Betty Gossett's brother is near the end of his life.
- **Michelle Ridenour** went to the ER with severe pain from a dental procedure.
- **Garry Jones** made it safely home from India.
- **Amanda Grubb**, Amanda Cox's mother, continues to need prayers as she battles cancer.

Sympathy:

- To **Sheila Herren** in the passing of her cousin, **Tammy Carden**. Tammy was also the sister-in-law of **Diane Carden**.

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.

Servants

By David Bragg

You may not recognize the name Polly Thomson. Born in 1885 in Scotland, a chance conversation with her hairdresser led to a new job. Following the death of Anne Sullivan Macy in 1936, Miss Thomson became the assistant/companion of Helen Keller. Altogether, Polly Thomson made many significant sacrifices to live the last 46 years of her life as a true servant.

Servants are special because they have the courage to step across that invisible line between selfishness and selflessness. No better example of this will ever be found than that of Jesus Christ. Paul paints the picture for us in Philippians 2:5-11. He left Heaven to walk the earth as a man. Our human mind can't fully grasp the significance of that sacrifice. But then, He suffered and died for sin; not His, but yours, ours! This also exceeds our ability to comprehend.

Helen Keller was able to do many good things in her final years because of the sacrifices of Polly Thomson. Jesus can do many things through us, if we have the courage to step across that line with Jesus and sacrifice selfishness and selflessly serve.