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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

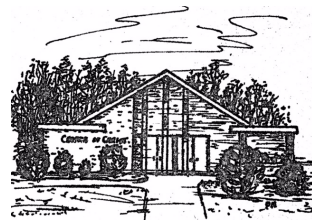
Bible Study	90
Worship	121
Contribution	\$5208

Sunday PM

Worship	78
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Wednesday

Bible Study	80
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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:	Chris Cox	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Herman Herren	Chuck Kilpatrick
Lord's Table:	Bradley Crider	Arthur Pigman
Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Joe Patton
Bible Reading:	Mason Gallaher	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Don Scott	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Samuel Cox
Invitation:	Clint Patterson
Announcements:	Don Scott

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Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025

Being Thankful in Everything & Anxious for Nothing

By David R. Ferguson

Paul wrote, "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Surely Paul could not mean what he wrote here, could he? How can we be expected to be thankful for everything, and anxious for nothing? Didn't Paul know that I was looking forward to mowing my lawn today, and planting some flowers in my garden? How could I be thankful that all my plans are now ruined because of this incessant rain and unseasonably cold weather?

Jesus said in Matthew 6:31-34, "Be not therefore anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' Or, 'What shall we drink?' Or, 'Wherewithal shall we be clothed?' For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

One's attitude, it seems, is the key. It is a matter of one's perspective. If one chooses to be unhappy and miserable when life's arrows are shot our way, then one will be just that. But if one chooses to be happy, grateful and thankful, then one will be content, no matter how Satan buffets us.

What about the person who has just been robbed? Could this individual be thankful, too? Matthew Henry, English nonconformist minister and Bible commentator (1662-1714), was robbed one night. After this dreadful encounter, he went back and wrote in his diary, "I want to first thank God that I was never robbed before. Second, I thank God that they took my wallet and not my life. Third, because, although they took everything I had, it was not much. And fourth, because it was I who was robbed and it was not I who robbed."

Now this is being thankful in all circumstances and being anxious for nothing! This is surely making lemonade when life gives us lemons!

May God bless you today and always!

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

CLINTON CALENDAR

Nov 16	L2L Practice
Nov 26	Thanks-Singing
Nov 30	Singing/No Fingerfoods
Dec 12	Sister Friends
Dec 13	Youth Holiday Party
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Game Night

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We will have a special time of prayer, singing, and Scripture reading next Wednesday, Nov. 26.

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.

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 vegetables
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** snack crackers, fruit cups, granola bars
- **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.

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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The forms are now in place for the rear half-wall of the new building, ready for concrete to be poured. Once this wall is completed, the steel form of the building will be erected.

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!)

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

Our annual Christmas gathering for our young people will be Saturday, Dec. 13 at 4:00pm here at the building. Dinner is pot luck. We will also work on our annual Cookie Project. Everyone is asked to bring:

- A dish, side, party snack, or dessert
- A batch of cookies
- A small gift to exchange for Secret Santa (it can be something homemade or something from around the house!)

AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER

The latest update from Andrew Young and family for the mission work in Australia is available on the table in the foyer.

AREA EVENTS

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

LeConte Center: Feb 20-22

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Stacey Jackson** is now at home after a stay at Tennova North.
- **Wilson Gadd** is in room 4015 at Tennova North.
- **Gary Henderson** is in rehab and doing better. Gary and family would like to thank you for the lovely card, your prayers and concerns.
- **Charlie Rogers** had an appointment last week to potentially get started with his treatments. He will enter the hospital for approximately a month.
- **Janella Melton** has been at home with bronchitis.
- **Ella Pointer**, aunt of Chris Cox, suffered a heart attack and is in Saint Thomas hospital in Nashville.

Last 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 home from the hospital but still dealing with atrial fibrillation.
- **Teresa Portwood** has been put on hospice care.

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.

Complaining

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. The conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups—porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain-looking, some expensive, and some exquisite—telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

After all the former students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then began eyeing each other's cups."

Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, houses, cars, things, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee.

Enjoy your coffee. Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.