

# Clinton Church of Christ

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## FOR THE RECORD

### Sunday AM

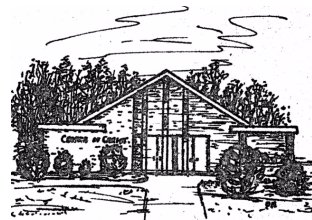
Bible Study	86
Worship	132
Contribution	\$8111

### Sunday PM

Worship	72
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### Wednesday

Bible Study	64
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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

### 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

<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Joey Smith	Tim Melton
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Josh Moorey	Tommy Warren
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Herb Byrd	Billy Fields
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Doug Broadway	Herman Herren
<b>Bible Reading:</b>	Norm Williams	
<b>Usher:</b>	Hubert Sharp	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Arthur Pigman	
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Billy Fields	Joey Smith

### PM

## Serving Wednesday Evening

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Joe Patton
<b>Invitation:</b>	Clint Patterson
<b>Announcements:</b>	Arthur Pigman

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*Celebrating 82 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2025*

# Opening Their Treasures

By Jeff Arnette

The story of Jesus' birth is a powerful and important story for all Christians. The birth of Jesus had such an impact on the entire world that, early in the fourth century (AD 336), the holiday we call Christmas was widely celebrated all over the East and West. The impact of the coming of the Christ was, as Paul said in Galatians 4:4, at just the right time. A time God had been promising to every generation of His people when the long-awaited Messiah would come and save us from ourselves. Starting with Genesis 3:15 all the way through to Malachi 4:2, God has promised that He is sending us a "Sun of Righteousness" who would come with healing in His wings. Make sure to take the time to read the story of Jesus, especially the story of His birth, this Christmas season.

One passage that has always stood out to me, as important and often overlooked in the Church of Christ, is Matthew 2:11. In this story, wise men from the east, arrive in Jerusalem seeking the newborn King of the Jews. After some direction from the chief priests and scribes, they make their way to Bethlehem. Miraculously, they saw a special star in the sky, followed it, and eventually arrived at the house where the child Jesus and His parents were staying. Going into the house and seeing the child, they fall down and worship Him. Then, in an act of great worship and devotion, they open up their treasures and give gifts to Jesus. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh were the most expensive gifts available at the time and they spared no expense for this new King.

Shouldn't we as believers and Christians follow their example and offer gifts to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? There are five gifts that we should all consider giving to Jesus.

**We should give Him our time** by devoting time to serving Him, studying about Him, worshipping Him, and being His representatives in a world He died to save.

**We should give Him our treasures** by giving the first and best that we have. The treasures of our hearts, minds, lives, and money to Him every day we are blessed to have in this world.

**We should give Him our talents** by giving to Him those special passions, skills, and desires that are gifts from Him. Every person has special talents and skills that Jesus has blessed you with to use for the betterment of this world.

**We should give Him our tongues** by speaking about Him every day, praising Him in all that do and say, and assembling with His saints to worship and celebrate all the gifts He has given to us.

"Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11, ESV).

# CLINTON CALENDAR

Dec 14	Morning Pointe Singing
Dec 23	Mid-Week Bible Study
Dec 28	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Game Night
Jan 7	Silver Saints

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

## MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our monthly singing at Morning Pointe is today at 3:00pm. We are going to sing non-religious holiday songs with the residents and encourage everyone to come and join in. The residents especially love to see the children.

## MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY CHANGE

Due to the Christmas holiday, we will have our mid-week Bible Study on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 7:00pm rather than on Dec. 24.

## MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** peanut butter, jelly
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** cases of bottled water, single serve bags of chips, Vienna sausages
- **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.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Very visible progress was made this week on our new fellowship hall. Work has been completed on the steel frame. The next phase will be the roof, siding, and insulation, followed by the brickwork. Once the exterior facade work has been completed, the contractor will move indoors to begin finishing the interior. Lastly, sidewalks will be added and the final paving of the parking lot.

## 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 ASAP 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.

Thanks to a generous, anonymous donor, we have funds available to cover the cost for anyone that may be in need of help.

## NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT

Come ring in 2026 at our annual New Years Eve Game Night here at the building on Dec. 31. New Year's Eve falls on a Wednesday this year, so we will begin our game night right after the conclusion of our Wednesday evening Bible classes and devotional. Bring your favorite games to play and snacks/fingerfoods to share.

## AREA EVENTS

### FAMILY SEMINAR

Central Church (Johnson City): Jan 17

### GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Pigeon Forge: Feb 11-15

### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

LeConte Center: Feb 20-22

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### This Week:

- **Charlie Rogers** had a successful transplant. He is currently on load recovery waiting for his bone marrow to start producing blood cells again. He will have one month of quarantine.
- **Julie Craig** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Carolyn Colwell** has been sick at home.
- **Barbara Tanner** is recovering from cataract surgery.
- **Brandi Long Boshears**, granddaughter of Carl & Jo Rutherford, had surgery for pancreatic cancer.
- Please remember the members of the **Scott Avenue Church of Christ** in Nashville in the loss of their church building to fire.

### Last Week:

- **David & Bentley Battistelli** are both recovering from the flu.
- **Declan McElroy** is recovering from the flu.
- **Wayne Kelly** continues to be sick at home with bronchitis.
- **Heather Colwell**, Karen Yarber's sister, is recovering from surgery.
- **Melissa Rogers** continues to need our prayers.
- **Pat Humphrey** will have surgery on January 8.
- **Ella & Lonnie Goode**, aunt and uncle of Charlie Rogers, are in poor health and need our prayers.
- **Mary Baggett**, Becca Fields' grandmother, fell out of her wheelchair and was rushed to the hospital where they discovered a brain bleed. Due to her age of 98, the family has elected not to attempt surgery. Please pray for Becca and all of the Baggett family at this time.

### Sympathy:

- To **Cindy Jones** in the passing of her cousin, **Karen Kell**, from a heart attack.
- To the family of **David Amos**, who passed away last week.

### 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.

## The Comforter

One Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about in Sunday school. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared; you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day she saw the child's class teacher and asked her what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. She said, "Be not afraid; thy Comforter is coming."

- via THE SOWER, a weekly publication of the Arthur church of Christ, Arthur, IL.