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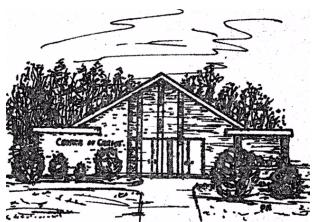
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*A friendly church with
a saving message*

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

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



FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

Bible Study 81
Worship 116
Contribution \$6245

Sunday PM

Worship 68

Wednesday

Bible Study 72

Serving the Congregation Today

AM

Song Leaders: Tommy Warren
Opening Prayer: Don Scott

PM

Tim Melton

Lord's Table: Arthur Pigman
Closing Prayer: Steve Smith

Herman Herren
Ben Smith

Bible Reading: James McCrary
Usher: Chuck Kilpatrick

Announcements: Chris Cox
Sound Booth: Joey Smith

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Chuck Kilpatrick

Invitation: Dale Tanner

Announcements: Chris Cox



This Can Be Your Best Year Yet

By Jeff Arnette

As a new year begins, we do not all step into it the same way. Some of us come hopeful and eager, ready for a fresh start. Others arrive cautiously, carrying disappointments from the year behind us. Some are grieving. Some are tired. Some are quietly wondering if they have the strength to face whatever comes next. God meets us in all of those places, and it is there that our confidence must begin.

Our assurance for the year ahead is not found in a calendar turning or in our ability to improve ourselves. It is rooted in who God is and what He has already declared to be true. Scripture says in Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" That is not motivational language. It is a settled reality. God has set His love on His people, and He has not changed His mind. Whatever opposition we face, whatever uncertainty lies ahead, none of it outweighs the fact that the living God is for us.

Because God is for us, we do not approach this year as passive survivors. Romans 8:37 tells us, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Notice that the verse does not deny hardship. It speaks of victory in the middle of real struggles. Through Christ, we are not merely enduring life. We are standing on the finished work of Jesus, confident that nothing we face is stronger than the love that holds us.

That confidence is not driven by personality or circumstance. It flows from faith. First John 5:4 reminds us, "This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." Faith is not pretending everything is fine. Faith is trusting God when things are not fine. It is choosing to believe that His promises are true even when emotions waver, and outcomes remain unseen. Faith anchors us when the world feels unstable, and it carries us forward when fear would otherwise hold us back.

Still, we are honest about our limitations. We do not face this year in our own strength. Philippians 4:13 declares, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." This is not a claim that life will be easy or predictable. It is a confession that Christ supplies what we lack. When we are weak, He is present. When we are overwhelmed, He is sufficient. When we feel unsure, He remains faithful.

This year can be your best year yet, not because every plan will succeed or every problem will disappear, but because God will be with us in every step. We move forward standing on His promises, trusting His power, and resting in His presence. With quiet confidence and steady faith, we step into this year together, knowing that the God who has carried us this far will not fail us now.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Jan 11	Morning Pointe Singing
Jan 11	L2L Practice
Jan 15	Sister Friends
Jan 25	L2L Practice
Jan 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods

MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our singing with the residents of Morning Pointe is today at 3:00pm.

READ THE BIBLE IN 2026

We are encouraging everyone to read their entire Bible in 2026. Reading plans are available on the table in the foyer and a digital copy is also posted on the "Study the Bible" page of our website.

SISTER FRIENDS

The ladies will have a restaurant meet-up on Thursday, January 15 at 10:00am at First Watch in Oak Ridge.

LADS TO LEADERS

L2L practices will start up again in January, every other week beginning at 4:30pm.

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** no needs this week
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** granola bars, fruit cups,
- **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

Heading into the month of January, we will begin to see quite a bit of progress on the building. Part of the siding, the entire roof, and the interior insulation will be going up as soon as the construction company returns from the holidays.

SISTER FRIENDS 2026

If you are interested in hosting one of our 2026 Sister Friends gatherings, see Susan Smith.

CYC 2026

Challenge Youth Conference is Feb. 20-22. Our tickets have been ordered and the cost to attend is \$100 per person. Thanks to a generous, anonymous donor, we have funds available to cover the cost for anyone that may be in need of help.

2026 CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Our congregational calendar for the new year is up on the "What's Happening?" bulletin board. It will be updated as we get into 2026 with monthly and annual church events.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

The newest visitation and outreach sheet will be available this afternoon on the table in the foyer. Please see Arthur Pigman if you would like to receive the sheet via email.

AREA EVENTS

FAMILY SEMINAR

Central Church (Johnson City): Jan 17

GREAT SMOKY MTN MARRIAGE RETREAT

Pigeon Forge: Feb 11-15

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Karns Church of Christ: Feb 15

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

LeConte Center: Feb 20-22

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Sheila Herren** is recovering from emergency surgery for an abscessed tooth as well as COVID.
- **Doug Broadway** is at home with pneumonia.
- **Andrew Verble** is sick and in need of our prayers.
- **Thelma Shepherd** is in need of prayers as well as her son and granddaughter.
- **Pat Humphrey** will be having tests on Jan. 9 in Nashville.

Last Week:

- **Rachel Broadway** is now in NHC room 112 for recovery. She is able to have visitors.
- **Billy & Jean Humphrey** are recovering from the flu.
- **Paul Adkins** has been at home with the flu.
- **Carolyn Cox** is now home after being in the hospital with extremely low blood sugar.
- **Charlie Rogers** is now at home.
- **Mac Mowery** has been sick at home.

Sympathy:

- To **Sheila Herren** in the passing of her aunt, **Wanda Kelly**.

Shut-In:

- Norris Health & Rehab - **Polly Keck**
- Courtyards Oak Ridge - **Laura Waldron**

Please send prayer requests and updates to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or give to Joey Smith in writing.

One Step at a Time

By Edd Sterchi

One of the most vivid images in the Bible is what we read of in Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." This presents a powerful picture, especially in the context of those who lived in biblical times.

In the times of the Psalmist, there were no powerful flashlights. The traveler carried a small oil lamp, whose flax wick gave off only a little light. There was enough to see by, but not enough to see very far down the path. There was basically just enough to take the next step or two without stumbling or falling.

What an appropriate reminder for us. The Word of God is a lamp to our path. It doesn't illuminate far into our personal future, but it does shine in our present. God's Word gives us the light to take our next step in life – and that's all we need to keep from stumbling.

If we fill our minds, hearts, and lives with God's Word, we will always have the light we need to know what we must do next.

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