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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

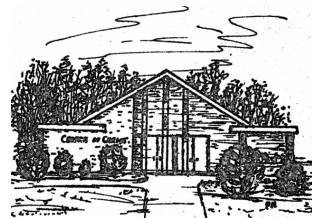
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Worship	118
Contribution	\$8073

Sunday PM

Worship	70
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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

Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	Tommy Warren	Steve Smith
Lord's Table:	Herb Byrd	Chris Cox
Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Joe Patton
Bible Reading:	Phillip Craig	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Don Scott	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

PM

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Joe Patton
Invitation:	Arthur Pigman
Announcements:	Don Scott

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Celebrating 83 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2026

The Love Problem

By Clint Patterson

Hello friends and family,

Since many of us just observed Valentine's Day, let me invite you to think about something for a moment. If you were asked to write down the three things you love most in this world, what would make your list? Family, friends, and meaningful parts of life would surely be there — but would the Lord and His kingdom truly be among our highest loves?

The Bible teaches that the greatest command is not simply to obey, but to love — to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mk. 12:30). This reminds us that our deepest spiritual struggle is often not just about what we do, but about what we love most. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). Our time, our energy, and our sacrifices always reveal our true priorities.

We understand this in everyday life. Loving parents give sacrificially for their children. A faithful soldier gives everything for his country. In the same way, true biblical love is not merely a feeling — it is a self-giving, sacrificial commitment (Jn. 15:12-13).

When we look at the cross, we see the perfect picture of that love. "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). John 3:16 declares that love gives. First John 4:8 tells us that love is not just something God does — it is who He is.

This means the love described in 1 Corinthians 13 is more than an ideal to admire; it is the very character of God that He calls His people to reflect. Jesus said that our love for one another would be the identifying mark of His disciples (Jn. 13:34-35). If that is true, then we must be willing to pause and take our spiritual pulse: *Does my love for God and for others reflect the love that has been shown to me?*

If we find that our love needs to grow, Scripture shows us how to realign our hearts. We spend time with God in prayer (Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17). We invest in fellowship and service to others (Rom. 12:3-21). We give without expecting anything in return (Lk. 6:35-36). We diligently study His Word and put it into practice (2 Tim. 2:15; Jas. 1:22).

But most importantly, we continually come back to the cross.

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son" (1 Jn. 4:9-10). So, from time to time, let us ask ourselves: *Where does God truly fall on my love list?* May we strive to love Him more than ourselves and never forget the sacrificial love that has been so fully revealed in Jesus Christ, the One in whom all things hold together (Col. 1:15-20).

CLINTON CALENDAR

Feb 15	L2L Practice
Feb 20-22	CYC trip
Feb 22	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Mar 11	Silver Saints
Mar 24	Sister Friends
Apr 2-5	L2L Convention

RESPONSE

Sister **Kayla Harwell** responded to the invitation Wednesday evening asking for the prayers of her church family. Please be in prayer for Kayla and her family and encourage them in any way you can.

LADS TO LEADERS

L2L practice will be today at 4:30. We will have practice every Sunday from now until the convention.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Chris Cox and Herb Byrd for the donation and installation of the new monitor at the rear of the auditorium.

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** peanut butter, jelly/jam (*small containers are best*)
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** pop tarts, tuna packets, 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.

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Preaching Today: Chuck Kilpatrick
Wednesday Adult Class: Arthur Pigman

NEW BELLS

We have replaced our class bells with a new, more dependable system. Each classroom has a receiver to make the bell easier to hear. The volume level in each classroom is adjustable. Teachers, please see Joey Smith if your volume level needs to be changed.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC is Feb. 20-22. Our tickets have been ordered and the cost to attend is \$100 per person. Money is due now. We will leave here at 4:00pm next Friday, Feb. 20.

LOBBY CABINET

The new lobby cabinet is now home to our communion supplies to allow for quicker, easier access to those stocking the entry table basket.

The cabinet has also been stocked with boxes of greeting cards to replenish the countertop baskets as they begin to run low.

LADIES T-SHIRTS

There is a signup sheet in the foyer for any ladies who would like to order a Clinton church t-shirt. We need at least 30 to sign up.

AREA EVENTS

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Karns Church of Christ: Feb 15

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

LeConte Center: Feb 20-22

SEIBS LECTURESHIP

Karns Church of Christ: Mar 12-15

LADIES DAY

Rockwood Church of Christ: Mar 17

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Charlotte Pigman** is recovering from a tooth extraction.
- **Abby Fields** was not feeling well last week.
- **Cynthia Hutchison**, Gracie Barriera's mother, had surgery last week.

Last Week:

- **Rick Caudle** has been diagnosed with an adenoma on his pituitary gland that will require surgery. He will be seeing several specialists before his surgery.
- **Julie Craig** had additional surgery on her knee and was in a great deal of pain.
- **Charlie Rogers** continues to need our prayers.
- **Jason Patton** is at home after being taken to the hospital.
- **Stacey Jackson** has been diagnosed with Stage 3B kidney disease
- **Tim Mefford**, Kayla Harwell's uncle, is back in the nursing home home on hospice care. He is suffering with dementia and is in the end stages.
- **Rachel Broadway** is still at home and unable to be out.
- **Lynda Goucher** had a successful treatment for her atrial fibrillation.
- **James Day**, friend and co-worker of Clint Patterson, had a heart attack and is having open heart surgery to fix a blockage in his LAD artery. He is 48 and the sole income in his household.
- **Suzan Rouse**, friend of Gail Sharp, fell on black ice and broke her arm.

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.

LECTURESHIP PIES

The 2026 SEIBS Lectureship will be March 12-15. They are again requesting pies from area congregations. Use disposable containers if possible. Pies need to be at the Karns building on Thursday night or Friday morning. Contact Natalie Green at 804-898-8718 with questions.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work is progressing on the lining and insulation installation. The roofing should be installed this week. The exterior is also ready for the installation of windows, doors, and brick.

VISITATION & OUTREACH

This week's visitation and outreach sheet will be available this afternoon. The card supply in the lobby has been replenished, so there are plenty of new options available. Please see Arthur Pigman with any questions.

HANDS & FEET MINISTRY

In addition to this week's list of items needed for the Hands & Feet Ministry, there is a need for monetary donations as funds for the program are currently running low. Please see Don Scott or Amy Hamby-Scott with any questions.