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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

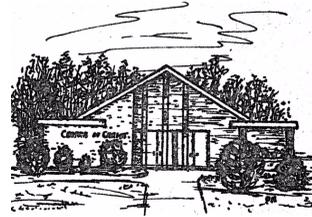
Bible Study	84
Worship	117
Contribution	\$5074

Sunday PM

Worship	79
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Wednesday

Bible Study	—
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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	PM
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Clint Patterson
Opening Prayer:	Tommy Warren	Stump Smith
Lord's Table:	Herb Byrd	Ben Smith
Closing Prayer:	Bradley Crider	Dale Mowery
Bible Reading:	Norm Williams	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	
Announcements:	Don Scott	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Chuck Kilpatrick
Invitation:	Tommy Warren
Announcements:	Don Scott

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Celebrating 83 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2026

The Word That Stops Christian Relationships

By Adam Faughn

Right off the bat, let me say that the title for today's post is a little hyperbolic. There are plenty of words that can ruin relationships. Plus, this one doesn't necessarily "stop" those relationships.

However, I hope you will see that the constant and mindless use of this one word can, at least, slow down the deepening of true Christian fellowship. And it's a word you have probably used interacting with fellow Christians a lot...maybe even today.

What is it?

"Fine."

When you ask someone on Sunday at worship how they are doing, it is so natural for the response to be "I'm fine." When you text someone to see how they are feeling or how that issue in their life is going, it is very common for the answer to come back: "We're fine."

And far too often, that's code for "I'm not fine, but I'll say that because, as a Christian, I'm supposed to just be okay all the time."

No. You. Are. Not.

Jesus looked at His disciples and, very openly, said, "My soul is troubled, even to death." Does that sound remotely like, "I'm fine" to you?

While we need to be practical and admit that there is a time to share very personal and difficult details, we also need to realize that the Church is a family, and families share feelings, emotions, struggles, joys, and everything else.

And "fine" just doesn't do that.

Be honest with those loving Christian family members who ask how you are doing. If things are not going well, just say so. You don't have to elaborate, but a simple, "This has been a rough week" is at least being honest!

Oh, and one more thing. If all we say is "fine," we are not allowing each other to obey a vital command: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Let your Christian family obey that directive from God...and just see if the bonds of fellowship where you worship don't continue to grow deeper and stronger.

To our members and visitors:

Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

CLINTON CALENDAR

Mar 24	Sister Friends
Mar 28	Egg Hunt
Mar 29	5th Sunday Contribution
Mar 29	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Apr 2-5	L2L Convention
July 5-8	Clinton VBS

EGG HUNT

Our annual Egg Hunt at the McElroy House will be this Saturday, Mar. 28. You can park here at the church building and walk one block up the street to the hunt.

Please bring pre-filled eggs by Wednesday and leave them here in the church kitchen.

HILLBROOK CHRISTIAN CAMP

Registration for 2026 summer camp opens today! There are cards/brochures in the foyer. Registration is online. Please see Don Scott or Chris Cox with any questions. Please see the elders if you need scholarship assistance.

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** small boxes of saltines or crackers
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** beanie weenies, fruit cups, chips
- **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, special needs for an Easter event including stuffed eggs, Easter baskets for silent auction, individual bags of chips, bottled water, and juice pouches
- **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: Chris Cox
Wednesday Class: Tommy Warren

5th SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

This March includes five Sundays, and the elders have chosen to dedicate the 5th Sunday contribution to support Andrew Young as he prepares for an upcoming trip to report back to his supporters. Although Andrew had hoped to travel with his family, financial limitations mean he will be coming on his own. Andrew will be here from July 30 - Sept 3. If you are able, please prayerfully consider giving extra contribution on Sunday, March 29, as a meaningful way to support Andrew & family in the work in Toowoomba, Australia.

SISTER FRIENDS

All ladies are invited to dinner at Apple Blossom Cafe on Tuesday, Mar. 24 at 6:00pm. Please see Susan Smith with any questions.

LADIES OUTING

All ladies are invited to go see "The Music Man" on Friday, April 17. We will leave the church building at 5:30 to carpool to the O'Brien Theatre in Harriman. Please let Gail Sharp know by March 11 if you want to go. The tickets are \$21 each.

AREA EVENTS

LADIES DAY

Rockwood Church of Christ: Mar 17

KNOXVILLE CHRISTIAN PANCAKE B'FAST

Aubrey's Cedar Bluff: Mar 28

FREED-HARDEMAN CHORALE CONCERT

Great Smoky Mtns Church of Christ: Apr 18

LADIES DAY

Central Church (Johnson City): Apr 25

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Traci Sipple** will have surgery to extract four wisdom teeth on April 13.
- **Corky Ridenour** had successful surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor. She will need treatment. Please continue to pray for her to heal quickly with minimal pain. She is home.
- **Ralph Ridenour**, Corky's husband, is also dealing with health issues.
- **Charlie & Melissa Rogers** continue to need our prayers.
- **Sidney Verble**, Georgia Herren's son, has been in the hospital but is now home.

Last Week:

- **Billy Fields** will have disc replacement surgery, potentially April 13. The C6 & C7 vertebrae may have to be fused.
- **Carolyn Cox** is recovering from a minor stroke. She is in therapy and getting better.
- **Brentley Williams** is recovering from a facial injury.
- **Rhett Williams** has an ear infection.
- **Diane Shelton** is having trouble walking due to sciatica pain.

Last Week:

- To the family of **Teresa Portwood**, neighbor of the Smiths and Stewarts, who passed away last week after a battle with glioblastoma.

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.

LADIES T-SHIRTS

Our new ladies t-shirts are here! Please see Amy Hamby-Scott to pick up and pay. The cost is \$15 and checks may be written to the Clinton church.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The building structure is finally complete! Installation of the exterior brick will happen within the next two weeks. Excavation work on the rear grade will commence at the first of April. The contractor will then start the interior build out.

We continue to set aside contributions that go directly to the building fund. If you would like to give towards the project, please see the elders or give your contribution to Joey Smith.

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.

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