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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

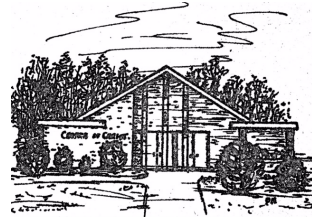
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Worship	126
Contribution	\$6574

Sunday PM

Worship	65
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Wednesday

Bible Study	57
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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:	Samuel Cox	Tommy Warren
Opening Prayer:	Billy Fields	Steve Smith
Lord's Table:	Don Scott	Chris Cox
Closing Prayer:	Doug Broadway	Joe Patton
Bible Reading:	Phillip Craig	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Joey Smith
Invitation:	
Announcements:	Arthur Pigman

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Celebrating 83 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2026

Unconditional Love

By Clifton Angel

In the Greek, it is the word agape, which has nearly be-come an English word in the world of Biblical studies. The best definition from my finite mind for "unconditional love" is: doing or saying something beneficial for another, expecting nothing in return. It is sacrificial. A better definition is seen by its use in the New Testament. Let's consider also a passage from the Old Testament where the word is absent, but its meaning is exemplified.

First, unconditional love is the essence of God. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16). "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). "God is love" (1 John 4:8, 16).

Second, it is expressed by true disciples of Jesus. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt 5:44).

Third, it is expected of Christian husbands. "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" (Col 3:19). "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph 5:25).

Fourth, unconditional love was exemplified in the days of Daniel. Three Hebrew youths, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (more commonly known by their Babylonian names: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) were put in roles of leadership in Babylon following Daniel's interpretation of the king's dream (Daniel 2-3). King Nebuchadnezzar erected a statue of gold and made a decree for all to worship the statue (Daniel 3). The three Hebrew youths refused to do so, and so Nebuchadnezzar threatened them with death in a fiery furnace if they continued. Listen to their response to the king: "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:17-18). What a tremendous love and faith these three men had for God. They had faith that he could and would save them from the fiery furnace; however, they loved God so much that they would still be faithful to Him, even if He did not save them from the fiery furnace. Do we love God that much?

He loves us that much, and more. So much more that He sent His only Son to save the world, knowing most of the world would reject Him. The sacrifice has been made. Will we love Him? Certainly, "He first loved us" (1 John 4:19)!

CLINTON CALENDAR

July 20 Sister Friends
July 26 Song Service/Fingerfoods

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Preaching Today: Herb Byrd

SISTER FRIENDS

Our July Sister Friends monthly restaurant meetup will be Monday, July 20 at 6:00PM at Dean's Restaurant and Bakery in Oak Ridge. Please sign up on Facebook or let Susan know if you plan to go so we can reserve a table.

TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

Transform Ladies Conference will be Sept 11-13 in Pigeon Forge. The estimated cost of the trip, including ticket and lodging, is \$225 - 325 per person depending on sleeping arrangements (single/double occupancy in rooms).

If you are interested in attending, please let Susan Smith know and pay \$100 deposit and by July 29 as the conference tickets must be purchased by July 30.

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** small boxes of saltines or crackers
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** pop tarts beanie weenies, chips, monetary donations; if you donate giveaway items to KARM, you can give "credit" to the Clinton congregation and we will receive gift cards to hand out.
- **Isaiah 117 House:** Gift Cards for Amazon, Walmart, Door Dash, Rack Room Shoes, Walmart, Food City
- **North Clinton Elementary:** children's socks and underwear; Food City shoppers, please consider adding NCES to your purchases for School Bucks.

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

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing assistance is available from the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We anticipate more interior work this week including electrical and HVAC. The drywall and ceiling work will commence after that.

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

YOUTH SUMMER SERIES

Our summer series for the kids is underway. There is a signup sheet for those that would like to help by coordinating a 15 minute craft each week. Please see Hannah Cox or Joey Smith with any questions.

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL SINGING

Great Smoky Mtns Church of Christ: July 24

VBS

Wooddale Church of Christ: July 25

VBS

Oliver Springs Church of Christ: Aug 1

TENNESSEE STATE LECTURESHIP

Embassy Suites - Parkside: Sept 11-13

TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

LeConte Center: Sept 11-13

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Betty Gossett** was admitted to ParkWest hospital with stomach pains. She will be there for a couple of days.
- **Doris Nicholson** has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. She is awaiting some test results that should be in at the end of July or early August.
- **Melissa Dupree** is recovering from knee surgery. She is currently in physical therapy.
- **Charlie Rogers** continues to need our prayers following his biopsy. Please pray for his doctors as they guide him through treatment options. Charlie also needs our prayers for a job opportunity that will help with health issues.
- **Melissa Rogers** needs our prayers for peace and strength.
- **Jason Caudle** has had some recent changes in his medicine and is adjusting to that.
- **Richard Bentley** has been sick at home.
- **Serena McGill** continues to need our prayers.
- **Amanda Cox** is recovering from a broken foot.

Last Week:

- **Branson Cox**, a teammate of Henson Craig, was in a golf cart accident. He suffered serious injuries to his spinal cord and has a long road of recovery ahead.
- **Laura Crews**, daughter of Chuck and Yvonne Kilpatrick, has a home near the wildfires in Colorado.
- **Jill Stooksbury**, Billy Fields' aunt, has been battling pneumonia and blood issues, and was recently diagnosed with leukemia. She will begin chemo treatment in Nashville, return home, and then return to Nashville for bone marrow transplant once chemo is complete.

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.

Assessing Our Life in Christ - by Edd Sterchi

A Christian is to be...

- ...Possessing the spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9)
- ...Accessing the word of Christ (Col. 3:16)
- ...Blessing always the name of Christ (Eph. 1:12)
- ...Confessing the Sonship of Christ (Acts 8:37)
- ...Stressing the authority of Christ (Matt. 28:18)
- ...Dressing in the image of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1)
- ...Addressing the importance of Christ (Col. 1:28)
- ...Progressing the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16)
- ...Expressing the love of Christ (Eph. 5:2)
- ...Impressing the care of Christ (Eph. 2:10)
- ...Pressing on for the cause of Christ (Phil. 1:27)
- ...Effervescing the light of Christ (1 John 1:7)
- ...Suppressing the enemies of Christ (1 John 4:1)