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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

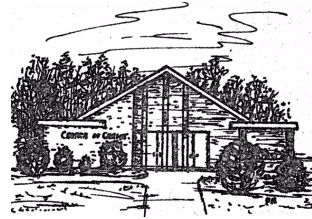
Bible Study	82
Worship	128
Contribution	\$5479

Sunday PM

Worship	69
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Wednesday

Bible Study	62
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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

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leaders:	Joey Smith	Singing
Opening Prayer:	Chuck Kilpatrick	Dale Tanner
Lord's Table:	Don Scott	Herman Herren
Closing Prayer:	Wayne Kelly	Dale Mowery
Bible Reading:	Hubert Sharp	
Usher:	Tim Nygard	
Announcements:	Stump Smith	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Joe Patton
Invitation:	
Announcements:	Stump Smith

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Celebrating 83 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2026

Butterfly Peace?

By Ray Wallace

It was a perfectly lovely afternoon, my birthday, in fact. My wife had taken me to a surprise location for lunch – a nice restaurant at Centennial Airport south of Denver. The only thing not so perfect was an obnoxious, infernal, 20 – 30 mile per hour wind! It was hard to walk from the parking lot to the terminal! We sat having a great meal, watching the private jets struggle to land in the gale. (The smaller planes weren't out at all.)

Then I noticed something totally amazing – a small, yellow monarch butterfly flitting gently among thrashing golden aspen trees! I grew up flying and understand a small modicum of aviation principles, and it seemed as if the little critter was totally unaffected by physics. He simply flew, almost normally, close the building below our second-floor window.

It struck me that this creature, one of God's lightest, had found his niche in life by navigating the swirling eddies of angry air all around him. Oh, that we as God's children could find our way so blissfully to fly among the eddies of life that swirl angrily around us in daily life. Crime, confusion, hate, drugs, personal heartaches and political headaches, faults and fears. Where can we ever find peace in such a broken, wicked world?

Hmmm, didn't Paul write, in Philippians 4:7, "...the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"? But how can that happen?

First read verses 4-6, essentially rid yourself of anxiety through prayer. Then focus on verses 8, 9. "Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." (NASB, 1995).

Did you catch it? In verse 7, "...the peace of God will guard us. Then in verse 9, the God of peace will be with us! The storms of life might assail us, but the God of the storm will give us the wisdom, strength, and peace to navigate the gale like that merry little yellow butterfly who had less problem flying the wind than the Lear Jet 35 that weighs 18,000 pounds!

No wonder Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." John 14:27. Let the God of peace be with you today.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Aug 30	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Sept 6	L2L Kickoff Meeting
Sept 9	Silver Saints Picnic
Sept 13	Morning Pointe Singing
Sept 14	Ladies Bible Study begins
Oct 17	Fall Gathering

SONG SERVICE + FINGERFOODS

Our monthly congregational singing followed by a fellowship meal will be this evening at 6:00. Hope to have everyone back for a great time together.

SILVER SAINTS PICNIC

The Silver Saints will have a picnic at Norris Dam State Park on Sept 9. There are two lists in the foyer: one for attendance at the picnic and one for food. Please sign up and join in!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The drywall crew completed mudding last week and has started painting. This crew will also install ceilings, trim, doors, and bathroom stalls. Work is also underway to connect gas, electricity, water, and sewer.

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Preaching Today: Tim Melton

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** small boxes of saltines or crackers
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** monetary donations; if you donate 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.

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

L2L KICKOFF MEETING

We will have a kickoff meeting for all Lads to Leaders participants and parents on Sunday Sept 6 at 4:30pm. Please bring light snacks.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, you're invited to join us for a year-long Bible Study, Digging Deep: The Hand of God. We will begin on Monday, Sept 14, and meet the first Monday of each month. If you'd like to participate, please let Becca Fields know so a study book can be ordered for you. The cost of the book is \$23.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

The Rocky Top/Lake City congregation will be having a free clothing giveaway on Saturday, Oct 10 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

AREA EVENTS

TENNESSEE STATE LECTURESHIP

Embassy Suites - Parkside: Sept 11-13

TRANSFORM LADIES CONFERENCE

LeConte Center: Sept 11-13

YOUTH AREA-WIDE RETREAT

Hillbrook Christian Camp: Sept 25-27

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Karns Church of Christ: Oct 2

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Lake City Church of Christ: Oct 10

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Serena McGill** has surgery scheduled for Sept 18.
- **Doris Nicholson** will not need any surgeries or treatments at this time for her cancer.
- **Jill Stooksbury**, Billy Fields' aunt, has been diagnosed with cancer and has an appointment on Sept 13 at Vanderbilt.
- **Wayne Kelly** has been diagnosed with some health issues and will have upcoming doctor's appointments.
- **Kayla Harwell** is in need of our prayers for a healthy baby and pregnancy.
- **Michelle Ridenour** is recovering from covid.
- **Corky Ridenour** has been diagnosed with covid.

Last Week:

- **Charlie Rogers** will soon be starting a new dual chemo regimen.
- **Ben Smith** has been sick at home with respiratory problems.
- **Melissa Rogers** needs our prayers for strength and health.
- **Lauren Leffew**, granddaughter of Gladys Lasko, sister of Paul Adkins and Carolyn Cox, is pregnant and has had a light stroke.
- **Randy Morris**, nephew of Betty Gossett, had an arteriogram that revealed the need for bypass surgery. He will consult with his doctor soon on the surgery plan.
- **Resa Byrd** has been sick with respiratory issues.
- **Teresa Steele**, a long-time friend of the Jones family, is struggling with complications from aggressive cancer. She will start treatments again soon.
- **Taynia Thorton**, a dear friend of Rudy Thorbjornsen, has been diagnosed with colon cancer and is having surgery to remove the tumor.

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.

Why?

By Andrew Beasley

Why? It is one of the greatest questions a person can ask. At the same time if you have any experience with young children at all it can be one of the more frustrating questions especially when asked in consistent repetition. But as you read this, I hope you will take a moment and contemplate a "why" question. Why do you come to worship? Why do you bother at all? Why take the time on Sunday to come and worship the Creator of the world?

Is it out of a sense of obligation? Perhaps it is because you have simply gotten in the habit, that this is what you do? Maybe from a young age your parents brought you and you have merely continued that pattern. Is it because you are commanded to do so? There is nothing inherently wrong with any of these being a motivating factor in why you come. I hope you will allow that perhaps the reason for our worship, our assembly, and the daily righteous and just living of our lives should be grounded in adoration first.

We are obligated to worship God, yes. Our worship of Him should be a habit, yes. We wish to obey Him. But above all else, it is a privilege for us to worship Him? Why?