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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

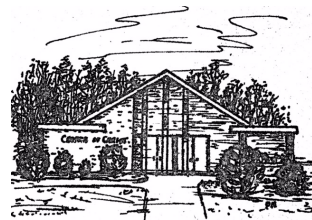
Bible Study	81
Worship	140
Contribution	\$8001

Sunday PM

Worship	74
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Wednesday

Bible Study	65
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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:	Clint Patterson	Ben Smith
Opening Prayer:	Norm Williams	Steve Smith
Lord's Table:	Billy Fields	Stump Smith
Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Joe Patton
Bible Reading:	Samuel Cox	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	
Announcements:	Chris Cox	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Herb Byrd
Invitation:	Chris Cox
Announcements:	Stump Smith

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Celebrating 83 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2026

Just Christians

By Ron Bartanen

If you were asked what you are religiously, what would be your answer? Most, if they would be members of any "church", would probably reply by giving the name of their denomination. This, however, would not have been so in the first-century church, for denominations were then non-existent. While, at first, the early converts to Christ were Jewish, the gospel soon was preached also to gentiles, but the idea of a "Jewish Church" and a "Gentile Church" would have been completely foreign to God's plan for "one fold" (the church) and one Shepherd (Christ)" (John 10:16). Jesus, on the evening He was betrayed, prayed for believers: "That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may also be one in us,, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me" (John 17:21). While there were different terms used in relation to believers in Christ, such as "body of Christ," "the Way," and "disciples" of Christ, the one that would be most significant was the name "Christian," designating those who were followers of Christ. As the church began to include gentiles in the fold, and the apostle Paul began fulfilling his calling to "bear (Christ's) name among the gentiles" (Acts 9:15), Luke tells us that "the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). Peter would later admonish suffering believers, writing that if any would suffer as a Christian, he should not be ashamed, but rather, "glorify God in that name" (1 Pet. 4:16b, ESV). Denominational names are divisive and sectarian in nature, and are far from glorifying God. The name "Christian" in no way should divide true Christians from one another, but only to recognize the believer's separation from a non-believing world.

In the New Testament, which is our authority for our faith and practice, all who believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God who died for their sins and was raised again, repented of their sins, unashamedly confessed Him, and were buried with Him in baptism were just Christians—neither more nor less. (cf. Acts 11:26; 28; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:35-39). Why should it be otherwise today? If you respond in faith and obedience to the gospel as they did, you would become what they were—Christians. If you would "in word and deed, do all in the name of (by the authority of) the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17), continuing in His word, you will continue to simply be what they were—Christians. Jesus' words to His followers then should yet be heeded today: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31), and as a disciple, bear the name "Christian" (Acts 11:26).

CLINTON CALENDAR

Sept 21	Ladies Lunch
Sept 27	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Oct 11	Morning Pointe Singing
Oct 14	Silver Saints
Oct 17	Fall Gathering

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Preaching Today: Arthur Pigman

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work continues on utility service hookups. All HVAC ductwork has been completed and the ceilings will be finished/installed this week along with doors and trim. The order was placed for cabinetry this week and the floors will be sealed prior to their installation.

FALL GATHERING

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17 for our annual Fall Gathering at the home of Stump, Annette, and Ben Smith. We will have a potluck supper; costumes are welcome! Bring lawn chairs and candy for our outdoor trick-or-treat forest trail!

AUSTRALIA MISSION

Andrew Young's latest newsletter is available in the foyer. We are happy to report that he has raised sufficient funds for the van purchase!

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** small boxes of saltines or crackers
- **Hands & Feet Ministry:** Monetary donations to the Hands & Feet ministry can be mailed to: South Knoxville Church of Christ, 4604 Chapman Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37920.
- **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, you can add NC to your purchases for School Bucks.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to gather for lunch and fellowship on Sept. 21 at 11:30am at Rickard Ridge BBQ in Caryville. Sign up in the foyer.

SCHOOL NEEDS PROJECT

We are now collecting socks, underwear, hats, and gloves for Briceville Elementary, a small school in an impoverished area that needs our help. If you would like to give monetary donations instead of bringing items please see Gail or Cindy. There is a tub in the foyer for items.

ROCKY TOP WORKDAY

The Rocky Top (Lake City) congregation is having a workday on Saturday, Sept 26 from 11:00-2:00 in preparation for their clothing giveaway. Any volunteers to help are greatly appreciated.

AREA EVENTS

YOUTH AREA-WIDE RETREAT

Hillbrook Christian Camp: Sept 25-27

AREA-WIDE SINGING

Karns Church of Christ: Oct 2

LADIES DAY

Great Smoky Mtns Church of Christ: Oct 3

LADIES DAY

McDonald Drive Church of Christ: Oct 3

LADIES DAY

Crossville Church of Christ: Oct 10

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Lake City Church of Christ: Oct 10

GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Oct 18-21

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Serena McGill** is recovering at home from lumpectomy surgery.
- **Taynia Thorton**, friend of Rudy Thorbjornsen, will start 3 months of chemotherapy in October.
- **Doug Broadway** is recovering from multiple surgeries.
- **Becky Crider** has been suffering from vertigo.
- **Corky Ridenour** has been dealing with seizures. She and her husband, **Ralph**, continue to need our prayers for both physical and spiritual health.
- **Becca Fields** has requested prayers for her mother, grandparents, and brother who will be dealing with a difficult move.
- **Annette Smith** has been sick at home.
- **Randy Morris**, Betty Gossett's nephew, is recovering from bypass surgery.

Last Week:

- **Bryan Brown** is home after being in the hospital with chest congestion. He has had several tests and will be having a PET scan.
- **Janella Melton** has been sick at home.
- **Bonnie Chumley** is sick and in need of our prayers.
- **Jimmy Kesterson**, brother of Bill Kesterson, is in need of our prayers for health problems.
- **Amelia**, the daughter of a friend of Rudy Thorbjornsen, is in need of our prayers.
- **Garry Jones** has safely arrived in India and is en route to the Mustard Seed Village.

Sympathy:

- To **Dale Tanner** in the passing of his aunt, **Shirley Elliott**, in Louisiana.

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.

Gardening by Bill Goodpasture

My Dad was in early years a farmer but most of his life he was a barber. Yet he never forgot his gardening skills. Even in the drought summers his garden thrived. He had a beautiful garden when no one else did. I suppose he had a "green thumb". He knew well the value of trimming, weeding and fertilizing. He knew this was the only way to produce healthy, beautiful and fruitful plants.

Too often people do not realize that for our Christian faith to be successful we must give careful attention to it. We need nourishment from God's Word and Living Water from Christ. Sometimes our attitudes need pruning, straightening and correcting. Much of our asking of "Why?" is God doing His pruning on us. And it is also important to weed out any temptations that lead us away from our first love.

"All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness." (Heb. 12:11)