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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

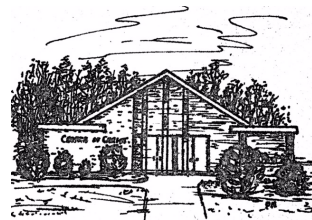
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Worship	130
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Sunday PM

Worship	67
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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:	Joey Smith	Tim Melton
Opening Prayer:	WT Crider	Samuel Cox
Lord's Table:	Chris Cox	Chuck Kilpatrick
Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Herman Herren
Bible Reading:	Steve Smith	
Usher:	Dale Mowery	
Announcements:	Don Scott	
Sound Booth:	Billy Fields	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:	Joey Smith
Invitation:	Arthur Pigman
Announcements:	Don Scott

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Celebrating 83 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2026

The Hammer God Chose

By Jeff Arnette

Most of us have been handed a job we didn't feel ready for. Not enough training. Not enough confidence. Not enough of whatever the moment seemed to require. We look at what needs doing and wonder why anyone thought we were the right person for the job.

Jeremiah closes his book with a long oracle against Babylon, the empire that had crushed Jerusalem and carried God's people into exile. Chapters 50 and 51 promise that the empire's day is coming. And in the middle of that promise, God names the exact instrument He will use to bring it down.

"You are my hammer and weapon of war; with you I break nations in pieces; with you I destroy kingdoms" (Jer. 51:20, ESV). Most who study this passage agree God is speaking to Cyrus, king of the Medes and Persians, the man who would eventually conquer Babylon. Four times in three verses the same phrase repeats: with you I break in pieces. Horse and rider. Old man and youth. Shepherd and flock. Farmer and team. Nothing Babylon depends on survives what this hammer touches.

Here's what should stop us. Cyrus didn't know this God. He wasn't a covenant king. He wasn't seeking Israel's Lord, and he almost certainly had no idea he was being used by Him. And still, God calls him mine. My hammer. My weapon.

If God could take a pagan emperor who didn't know Him and use him to reshape the ancient world, what does that say about the excuse we reach for? I'm not spiritual enough. I don't have what this needs. Someone else should do this, not me. Read that carefully. If God can use Cyrus, with all his ignorance and none of his allegiance, He can use you. You're not the exception to what this verse proves. You may be the reason it's in your Bible.

The difference for us is what kind of instrument we are. Cyrus was a hammer wielded from a distance, useful but unaware. We are children, cleansed from our sin, made new in Christ, enlisted in a war He has already won. And the battle we're equipped for isn't against flesh and blood. It's against Satan's kingdom, fought to free people and bring them into Christ's instead. Every piece of armor Paul lists in Ephesians 6 is really just another name for Jesus. We don't bring the strength to that fight. He does. We just show up wearing it.

Jeremiah has spent fifty-one chapters telling Judah what happens when a nation forgets whose hammer it is. Babylon fell because it mistook God's power for its own. We don't have that excuse. We know who's holding us and what He's already won.

So the question isn't whether you're strong enough for what's ahead of you this week. It's whether you'll let Him swing you.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Sept 13	Morning Pointe Singing
Sept 13	L2L Kickoff Meeting
Sept 14	Ladies Bible Study begins
Sept 21	Ladies Lunch
Sept 27	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Oct 17	Fall Gathering

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

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Preaching Today: Herb Byrd

MORNING POINTE SINGING

Our singing with the residents of Morning Pointe Assisted Living is today at 3:00. We hope you can join us in this outreach opportunity!

L2L KICKOFF MEETING

We will have a kickoff meeting for all Lads to Leaders participants and families today at 4:30pm. Please bring light snacks.

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.

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our first ladies' Bible study, Digging Deep: The Hand of God, will be tomorrow, Monday, Sept 14, and will meet the first Monday of each month. If you'd like to participate, please see Becca Fields.

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

The socks and underwear collected for North Clinton and Andersonville Elementary schools have been delivered. We are now collecting these same items, plus hats and gloves, for Briceville Elementary, a small school in an improvised 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 purchased.

AREA EVENTS

SINGING WORKSHOP

Seymour Church of Christ: Sept 13-16

LADIES DAY

West End Church of Christ: Sept 19

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

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Lake City Church of Christ: Oct 10

GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Oct 18-21

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Serena McGill** will have lumpectomy surgery on Sept 18.
- **Bryan Brown** is now home after being in the hospital with chest congestion. He has had several tests and it was determined he did not have a heart attack. He will need to have a PET scan some time this week.
- **Janella Melton** has been sick and unable to be out.
- **Bonnie Chumley** is sick and in need of our prayers.
- **Doug Broadway** had surgery on Tuesday and had to go back for another. The surgery was successful and he'd hoped to go home this weekend.
- **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 arrived in India and is en route to the Mustard Seed Village.

Last Week:

- **Jill Stooksbury**, Billy Fields' aunt, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Wayne Kelly** has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.
- **Dudley Brewer**, Chuck & Yvonne Kilpatrick's brother-in-law, is having treatments for blood cancer that has reoccurred. He is also in heart failure as a result of the cancer.
- **Stacey Jackson** has Parkinson's and kidney disease. The Parkinson's meds are causing some other health problems and her kidneys are getting worse.
- **Courtney Hickman**, a friend of Annette Smith, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- **Makayla Prinkki**, a friend of the Fields family from American Heritage Girls, suffered a stroke at the age of 18 and has lost vision in her left eye.
- **Charlie Rogers** started a new round of chemo treatments last week. Results have been good so far; fever has diminished and energy is increased.
- **Melissa Rogers** continues to need our prayers for her health issues.
- **Randy Morris**, Betty Gossett's nephew, will have triple bypass surgery on Sept 14.
- **Lauren Mowery**, wife of Ian Mowery, is recovering from knee surgery.
- **Charlotte May** recently suffered a fall and was also diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis.
- **Taynia Thorton**, friend of Rudy Thorbjornsen, has been diagnosed with stage three colon cancer. She had surgery to remove the mass and is awaiting the doctor to schedule chemotherapy.

Sympathy:

- To the family of **Joe Anthony**, the father-in-law of Sheila Herren's sister.

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.

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!