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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

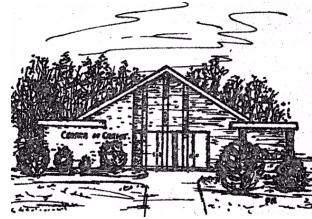
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Worship	119
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Sunday PM

Worship	74
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Wednesday

Bible Study	66
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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

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:	Ben Smith	Samuel Cox
Opening Prayer:	Josh Moorey	Steve Smith
Lord's Table:	Billy Fields	Stump Smith
Closing Prayer:	Earl Broadway	Joe Patton
Bible Reading:	Billy Humphrey	
Usher:	Chuck Kilpatrick	
Announcements:	Chris Cox	
Sound Booth:	Joey Smith	

Serving Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Joey Smith
Invitation:
Announcements: Chris Cox

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Celebrating 83 Years in Clinton 1943 - 2026

God's Divine Institution

In the first 4 chapters of Ephesians, the Lord's apostle (Paul) gives some brief attention to a divine institution called the church, the church that belongs to Jesus. There are some today who speak of the importance of the church, but not in the same way the New Testament does. They speak of the importance of attendance but only in respect to "attend the church of your choice."

The importance of the church in the New Testament is great. In Ephesians 4:11-16, we receive guidance from the Holy Spirit concerning a significant function of the local church. The Lord gave gifts unto those He chose for the purpose of building up the body of Christ, the church (1:22-23). Those who received gifts of the Holy Spirit are men in positions of leadership and responsibility. They had significant roles in the church to teach (4:11), with the immediate goal of edification (4:12), teaching the brethren to pattern themselves after the Lord Jesus (4:13-15). The corresponding result of that teaching would be (and is) glory to God (4:16).

The elders (also known as bishops / pastors / presbyters) of the Lord's local church of Christ needs to give attention to those within, not to those outside. This is an important point to emphasize. There are many "policemen" in the brotherhood who seek to point out the failings of others (individuals and churches). Their benefit to the Lord and the brethren is minimal, if any exist at all. Probably, it is more accurate to say they cause more harm than good. Those who are part of this "policemen posse" refuse to see themselves as the problem but instead see themselves as "sound brethren" (or "faithful brethren") faithful to the Lord in all respects seeking to thin out the chaff (as they determine it).

Many in the secular community don't fail to see this arrogant and holier-than-thou approach. Some even respond with something like this: "There they go! Fighting again! I'm glad I am not a member of that church!" (note the exclamation marks) Within the local church, let us give attention to the Lord, His Word, and how each of us within that body can better serve the Lord and each other, as we remember the two great commandments of the Lord (Matthew 22:34-40). Remember, furthermore, there are some in the world and brotherhood who seek the local church's impairment. Give them no attention, but serve the Lord faithfully in action, worship, understanding His will (cf. 1 Cor. 15:58).

"Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" Eph. 5:17

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 18	L2L Practice
Oct 24	Northcutt Birthday Party
Oct 25	Harwell Gift Card Shower
Oct 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods
Nov 2	Ladies Bible Class
Nov 7-8	Men's Retreat
Dec 12	Youth Holiday Party
Feb 26-28	CYC

RESPONSE

Brother **Clint Patterson** responded to the Lord's invitation last Sunday. Please remember Clint in your prayers and encourage him, Brenda, and Cole in any way you can.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

All subcontractors are working on the final stages of their respective projects. The connections to utilities should commence this week. Kitchen cabinets have been delivered and will be set on Monday. The plan right now is for the contractor to be finished by the end of the month with the final parking lot paving and curbing to follow.

MEN'S RETREAT

Our annual men's retreat at Big Ridge State Park will be Saturday, Nov. 7-8. Please see the signup sheet in the foyer. See Hubert Sharp with any questions.

MINISTRY NEEDS

- **Our Pantry:** canned fruit
- **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.
- **Briceville Elementary:** socks, underwear, hats, gloves.

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

HARWELL BABY SHOWER

We will be showering the Harwell family and baby boy, August, during our fellowship meal on Sunday, Oct 25, with cards and gift cards. Kayla has registries at Target and Amazon.

LADS TO LEADERS PRACTICE

Lads to Leaders will practice each 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Our next practice is today 3:30-5:30.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our next Ladies Bible Study is Monday, Nov 2. Join us for fellowship with a snack or finger food to share at 6:00 PM. Bible study will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you!

OUITA NORTHCUTT BIRTHDAY

Everyone is invited to help Ouita Northcutt celebrate her 90th birthday here at the church building on Saturday, Oct 24 from 2:00 to 6:00pm. It is a potluck, so everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

Rockwood Church of Christ: Oct 18-21

TENT REVIVAL

LaFollette Church of Christ: Oct 19-23

BIG SINGING

Crieve Hall Church of Christ: Oct 23

FALL FESTIVAL

McDonald Drive Church of Christ: Oct 24

PRAYER REQUESTS

This Week:

- **Serena McGill** is recovering from re-excision surgery.
- **Tim Melton** had a CT scan last week.
- **Kurt Simon** continues to deal with a lingering cough.
- **Stump Smith** had a spot removed from his head by the dermatologist.
- **Arthur Pigman** had a spot removed from his arm by the dermatologist.
- **Betty McInturff**, Daniel McInturff's mother, is in a rehab facility after falling and breaking her elbow.

Last Week:

- **Melissa Rogers** has been diagnosed with breast cancer that has also spread to a lymph node. She needs prayers for strength and health and also for an upcoming scan on Friday.
- **Corky Ridenour** is now on hospice care. Please pray for her and the entire Ridenour family.
- **Garry Jones** has traveled to Bagdogra, a town in West Bengal on the Nepal border, to do a 4 day series of lectureships and meetings with preachers from India and Nepal.
- **Rose Justice**, Hubert Sharp's sister, has been moved to Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center.

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.

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Preaching Today: Herb Byrd

MEAL OUTREACH

A calendar has been added in the kitchen for everyone to record any dates they are preparing meals and to note the name of the family receiving the meal.

AUSTRALIA MISSION

The latest issue of Andrew Young's Australia mission newsletter is available in the foyer.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Stump, Annette, and Ben Smith for hosting our Fall Gathering last night and to everyone who came out to enjoy the evening together. We had a nice, cool night with around 75 in attendance.

There are several "Thank You" cards on the bulletin board in the foyer from many of our members. Take some time to read over them!

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