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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM

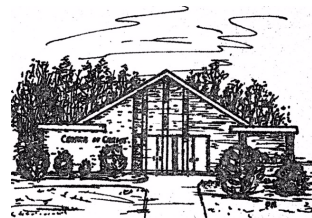
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Worship	155
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Sunday PM

Worship	77
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Wednesday

Bible Study	59
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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:	Tommy Warren	Chris Cox
Opening Prayer:	Norm Williams	Tim Melton
Lord's Table:	Chris Cox	Dale Mowery
Closing Prayer:	Steve Smith	Herman Herren
Bible Reading:	James McCrary	
Usher:	Hubert Sharp	
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

Eat the Scroll

By Jeff Arnette

Ezekiel 3:10–11; Most of us have had a moment when we knew exactly what God wanted us to do, and we still hesitated. Not because we didn't believe him. Because we didn't feel ready.

That's where Ezekiel found himself. God gave him a vision of a scroll, and on it were written words of lamentation and mourning and woe. Then God told him to eat it. Not read it. Eat it. "Feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it" (Ezekiel 3:3, ESV). Ezekiel obeyed, and the scroll was sweet as honey in his mouth. But the message inside it was bitter. It was a warning of judgment for a people who had turned away from God, and Ezekiel had to carry it in his own body before he ever spoke a word of it.

Here's what makes this different from a simple call to obedience. God wasn't just handing Ezekiel information. He was asking him to know this message in his heart and feel the weight of it in his gut, and only then to speak it faithfully, whether anyone wanted to hear it or not. "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears... and speak to them... whether they hear or refuse to hear" (Ezekiel 3:10–11, ESV). The people Ezekiel was sent to were stubborn and rebellious. This was never going to be an easy assignment.

If we're being honest, most of us have felt the weight of that same tension. We know someone who needs to hear something true, and we know it might not be received well. So we stay quiet. We tell ourselves we're not the right person, that we don't have the words, that someone else is better equipped for this kind of thing.

But notice what Ezekiel didn't have going into this. He didn't have a strategy. He didn't have confidence in his own strength. What he had was the word of God inside him and the power of God's Spirit lifting him up to stand and speak. That's still how it works. God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

You don't need a specific skill to serve him. You don't need a title or a platform. Paul put it simply: we're called to present ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship (Romans 12:1). That's it. He's the one doing the work through you.

This doesn't have to be a planned event or a difficult conversation you've been dreading. It can be as simple as answering honestly the next time a coworker asks why you go to church, or telling a neighbor going through something hard how Jesus has actually shown up in your life this year.

Jesus said to go and make disciples, teaching them everything he commanded (Matthew 28:19–20). He didn't say to wait until it felt comfortable. The scroll is still sitting in front of us. The only question is whether we're willing to eat it.

CLINTON CALENDAR

Oct 4	L2L Practice
Oct 5	Ladies Bible Class
Oct 11	Morning Pointe Singing
Oct 14	Silver Saints
Oct 17	Fall Gathering
Oct 18	L2L Practice
Oct 25	Song Service/Fingerfoods

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work was completed this week on ceilings, bathroom dividers, and some doors. The plan right now is for the contractor to be finished by the end of the month.

FALL GATHERING

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

SISTER FRIENDS

If you are interested in hosting and planning our October Sister Friends gathering, please see Susan Smith.

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!

To our members and visitors:

Welcome to Clinton! We are glad you're here!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our next Ladies Bible Study is tomorrow, Monday, Oct 5. 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!

LADS TO LEADERS SCHEDULE

Lads to Leaders will practice each 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Oct. 4, 4:00-5:30; Oct. 18, 3:30-5:30. Students who were unable to attend the kickoff should let Herb or Resa Byrd know their event goals ASAP so that practice coaches can make plans.

SCHOOL NEEDS PROJECT

We are 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.

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

We have begun our search for a preacher and have received several resumes to date.

AREA EVENTS

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** will have re-excision surgery on Oct 16 as her initial surgery did not get good margins.
- **Gillen Gossett**, Betty Gossett's grandson, has been referred to a pediatric cardiologist.
- **Melissa Rogers** has been diagnosed with breast cancer that has also spread to a lymph node.
- **Charlie Rogers** continues to need our prayers for health as he continues treatments.
- **Lee Herrington**, Gail Sharp's cousin, had surgery to remove a kidney.
- **Marc Rose** has made it safely to Kazakhstan.
- **Garry Jones** is traveling to Nepal to assist a local congregation there with medical missions after a catastrophic flood.
- **Bruce Holt** received good results from a heart cath.

Last Week:

- **Paisley Fields**, niece of Billy Fields, is now home from the hospital.
- **Richard Bentley** has been sick at home.
- **Stephanie Herren**, wife of Spencer Herren, will be having her wisdom teeth removed Oct 6.
- **Alex Durbin**, a friend of Thelma Shepherd, is having throat issues that might be cancer.
- **Mildred Rutherford**, sister of Paul Adkins & Carolyn Cox, had to be taken to the hospital.
- **Jennifer Loaring**, Sheila Herren's niece, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is 45.
- **Brenda Jennings** is in need of our prayers for good health.
- **Eddie Jennings** continues to need our prayers following surgery.
- **Bryan Brown** had a PET scan and is awaiting results.
- **Willy Dake**, a friend of Joey Smith, is battling cancer.
- **Michelle Hunley**, a friend of Wanda Crider, has custody of her grandchildren and is dealing with family issues.
- **Adelle Cooter**, a frequent visitor, fell and sustained a hematoma in the bend of her left leg. She will be unable to drive for at least two weeks.
- **Cole Tisdale**, the son of Wanda Crider's coworker, has been deployed to the Middle East.
- **Jack Peters**, a friend of Rudy Thorbjornsen, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer and will be starting chemotherapy.

Sympathy:

- To **Sarah Moorey** in the passing of her grandmother in Alabama.

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.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee! - *Ralph Waldo Emerson*