

# THE CHURCH HILL FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

**Mission Statement:** The Church Hill Free Medical Clinic is a faith-based medical clinic with a mission of:

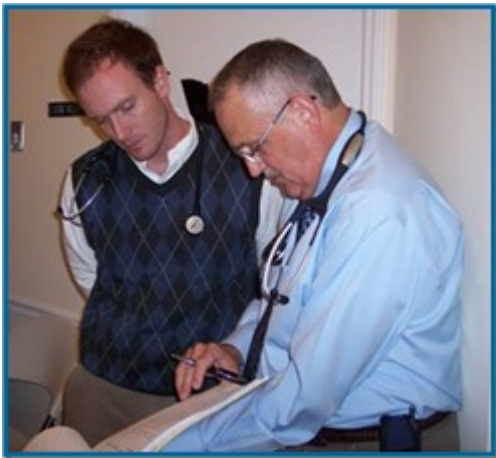
***“Providing free basic medical care and Christian counseling to uninsured and underinsured residents of Hawkins and the Tri-cities community in Northeast Tennessee; healing physically and spiritually as Jesus did.”***

In 2000, a local medical provider contacted Of One Accord Ministry's Executive Director, Sheldon Livesay, to discuss the possibilities of starting a free clinic in the Hawkins County area. He stated that many of his patients were not able to pay for their visits and he was interested in starting a free clinic where he could refer these patients for care. Additionally, he said he would volunteer his services if a free clinic was established.



Shortly thereafter, a nurse called Mr. Livesay stating that she and a group of nurses were interested in volunteering their services at a free clinic if one could be established. About one week later, Hawkins County Rural Health Consortium contacted Mr. Livesay stating they had medical equipment (exam tables, exam lights, etc.) they wanted to donate to a good cause. They asked him if knew of a facility that could use this equipment, thus the Church Hill Free Medical Clinic was born!

**Clinic Leadership:** Dr. David Schilling, a Board Certified Family Practitioner and a member of Holston Medical Group of Kingsport, TN, serves as the clinic's Medical Director. A Board of Directors, comprised of medical providers and other disciplines, provides oversight for the clinic. Dr. Schilling received the 2005 "Distinguished Service Award" from the Tennessee Medical Association for his work at the clinic and abroad. In 2010 he received the Governor's Volunteer Star Award for Hawkins County and was recognized by Milligan College as one of their 2011 Leaders in Christian Service. Under Dr. Schilling's leadership, the clinic was the first in Tennessee and the eleventh in the nation to receive professional liability coverage from the federal government through the Federal Tort Claims Act, which provides free liability insurance for free medical clinics.



**Patient Data:** In 2000, the first year of operations, the clinic saw 75 patients. In 2010, the clinic saw 303 patients (unduplicated number). In 2011, because of having limited volunteer medical providers, the clinic had to limit the number of patients served and provided free medical care to 214 patients. Utilizing partnerships throughout the community, the Church Hill Free Medical Clinic the following services in 2011:

- 1,035 office visits by medical providers and/or diabetes educators, valued at \$75,260
- \$149,548 worth of medications & diabetes testing supplies
- \$110,515 worth of lab tests
- More than \$35,254 worth of other services, such as simple x-rays, EKGs, eye exams, glasses, and visits to the oral surgeon.

**Donations:** Contributions are always needed and appreciated.



**Church Hill Free Medical Clinic**

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***The clinic is a mission of Of One Accord Ministry, based out of Rogersville, TN***

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## Clinic Milestones...

### In 2000:

- The free clinic was established and shared a small store-front building with a local food pantry.

### In 2004:

- A formal board of directors was established to oversee the services and growth of the clinic.
- The clinic received free malpractice insurance through the federal government, being the first free clinic in Tennessee to receive this insurance.

### In 2005:

- The clinic received its first grant ever from the Home Depot Foundation that was used to renovate the building that housed the clinic and food pantry.
- Also, the clinic received the donation of a rent-free space, which once renovated, would house the current operations of the clinic.
- The clinic held its first Open House to celebrate 5 years of operations and to raise more awareness about the services provided.

### In 2006:

- The clinic received its second grant to hire a part-time coordinator for 8 – 16 hours per week and began to raise funds for its new building.
- Medical students from ETSU Quillen College of Medicine began to shadow doctors at the clinic.

### In 2007:

- The clinic established financial eligibility guidelines for patients so that it did not overlap services with other providers of free or reduced cost care.
- A dental clinic, in partnership with a missionary dentist and Friends In Need was held that summer.
- The rent-free space was renovated into the “new clinic.”

### In 2008:

- An Open House was held to show case the new clinic building.
- A weekly diabetes clinic was established with an all volunteer staff; however later that year, the clinic received a substantial grant from the Tennessee Dept. of Health to hire a part-time Registered Dietitian, an RN Diabetes Education, and other program staff.
- A Patient Assistance Pharmacy Program was established to help patients obtain medications and insulin from pharmaceutical companies.

### In 2009:

- Pharmacy students from ETSU Gatton College of Pharmacy began to volunteer at the clinic.
- The clinic received the placement of an AmeriCorps member and continues to utilize the services of AmeriCorps members to this day. AmeriCorps is a federally-funded domestic volunteer program similar to the Peace Corps.

### In 2011:

### Church Hill Free Medical Clinic 2012 Schedule

1. The clinic is open for General Medical Care on three evenings a month. See schedule below.
2. Evening clinics are walk-in clinics that begin at 6 p.m.; however, patient numbers are put out at 5 p.m. Patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. New patients must apply to become a patient before being seen at the clinic. Eligibility applications are processed on Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
4. We accept patients from Hawkins County and Scott County, VA, and diabetes patients from Sullivan County.
5. Diabetes clinics are held every Tuesday by appointment and patients must be referred to it by an evening clinic medical provider.
6. For more information, call the clinic at: 423-256-2408.

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JANUARY	10	17	24
FEBRUARY	14	21	28
MARCH	13	20	27
APRIL	10	17	24
MAY	15	22	29
JUNE	12	19	26
JULY	10	17	24
AUGUST	14	21	28
SEPTEMBER	11	18	25
OCTOBER	9	16	23
NOVEMBER	13	20	27
DECEMBER	4	11	18

- A Department of Health Safety Net Grant that reimburses free clinic \$25 per patient seen by a medical provider was received, and the clinic began to purchase its malpractice insurance.