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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
 Worship.....10:30 AM
 Worship.....6:00 PM

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 Bible Study.....7:30 PM

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 Stephen W. Nale.....812-948-9917
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Goals For 2017

Theme
 Sowing The Seed

Attendance
 Sunday Bible Study: 40
 Sunday AM: 50
 Sunday PM: 40
 Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 100

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In Home Bible Study

Bible Classes For All Ages

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We are now in the 52nd week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List

Harry & Martha Croninger
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Mary McAfee
 Jean Hume (Anita's Sister)
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 Sandra Anderson (Brian's Mom)
 Allen Morris—Surgery recovery
 Randy Turner (Kedza's Son)

Lord's Supper Reading
 Heb. 9:22-28

Scripture Reading
 AM: See Preacher
 PM: See Preacher

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 53
 Invites last month: 100
 Visitors YTD: 39

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The Devil's Plan for 2018

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Read Eph. 6:11-17. Imagine a war room where battle plans are being discussed on how to wage war against you. How would the plans be devised? We don't have to guess. God's has revealed the Devil's plan of attack. As we end a year and begin a new one, let's remember how the Devil will attack you this year.

I. Discourage You

Job 1:1, 6ff, 11ff, 21-22; 2:9. I Cor. 10:13
 Mk 8:36, Mt 10:34ff, Job 13:15

II. Distract You

2 Tim. 2:4, Lk 8:14, Lk 21:34, Phil. 4:6
 I Tim. 6:6ff, Ps 37:25, 2 Tim. 3:4

III. Deceive You

Gen. 3:1-19, Heb. 3:13, Eccl. 5:10, 2 Pet. 2:19
 Js 1:13ff, I Pet. 5:8

Wanted: Dependable People

In virtually every classified section of the newspaper, we find some employer advertising for a “dependable person” to occupy some position of trust and responsibility. I have talked with many business owners who state that finding employees they can count on is their number one problem. No organization can succeed without dependable personnel. The lazy, irresponsible, hit-and-miss type is a shame to his company and hinders its effectiveness.

It is equally true that the local congregation cannot be an effective organization unless it consists of “dependable” Christians; that is, members who will shoulder their responsibilities along with the rest and cooperate to fulfill the mission of the church. While the Bible does not use the word “dependable,” it does use equivalent terms such as “steadfast” and “zealous” (see 1 Corinthians 15:58; Titus 2:14, etc.). Every Christian should be characterized by these terms. He should be one who can be “counted on” at all times.

The sad, but true, fact of the matter is, however, that many congregations have a percentage of undependable members: members who couldn't hold down a job for a week if they conducted themselves- toward their work like they do toward the church and its work. Let's look at a few examples:

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Most congregations adopt a particular series of studies for their Bible classes. This is to facilitate the edification program of the church. Members of the church need to be instructed in the knowledge of the Bible. But the effectiveness of the Bible classes and any sermon series is compromised because of those members who are present only now and then, and thus fail to receive the overall benefit from the series of lessons. To have a thoroughly effective edification program, we need members whose presence we can depend upon.

The Bible authorized a pooling of resources of the members on the first day of the week in order to facilitate the work of the church (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Obviously, any kind of budget or planned expenditure of funds from the church treasury depends upon the consistent, generous contribution of the members. The church needs members who are dependable in their contribution-. We need those who not only are generous, but can be depended upon to plan ahead and give regularly. Because of some who give on an irregular, inconsistent basis, important- work of the church must be curtailed, plans left unfulfilled, work not completed.

The sum of all that we are trying to say is simply this: the church of our Lord needs each member to be dependable in shouldering our responsibilities; more dedicated in our efforts to put the kingdom of God foremost in our lives.