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 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM  
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 Bible Study.....7:30 PM

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Goals For 2018  
Theme  
Body Building  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 104

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Add Additional Child's Class

Each Member Do An in Depth Bible Study Of Their Own

Quarterly Leadership Training

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We are now in the 2nd 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  
 Debbie Beckham  
 Sandra Anderson (Brian's Mom)  
 Allen Morris—Surgery recovery  
 Randy Turner (Kedza's Son)  
 Kathy Lynch (Recently baptized. Surgery Jan 15th)

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

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Eph. 3:10-11  
 PM: Gen. 2:1-7

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 10  
 Invites last month: 104  
 Visitors YTD: 0

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**The Bible Church**

**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. 3:10-11.** There are many things about the Bible church in the word of God. Let's take a look at those this morning.
- I. God Planned**  
 Eph. 3:10-11
  - II. Old Testament Predicted**  
 Is. 2:2-3, Micah 4:1-4, Zech 1:16, Dan. 2:44, 2 Tim. 3:16  
 2 Pet. 1:21
  - III. New Testament Revealed**  
 Matt 16:18-19, 28, Acts 1, 2:47
  - IV. Christ Built**  
 Ps 127:1, Matt 16:18
  - V. Blood Purchased**  
 Acts 20:28, I Cor. 6:20, I Pet. 1:18-19
  - VI. Independently Organized**  
 Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5, I Pet. 5:1-3, Phil. 1:1
  - VII Christ Possessed**  
 Matt 16:18, Rom. 16:16
  - VIII. Headed and in Subjection to Christ**  
 Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18, Eph. 5:23-24
  - IX. United**  
 Acts 2:42, I Cor. 1:10, Jn 17:20-21

## Focusing On Hope

Keep in mind that Peter's epistle is often referred to as the Gospel of hope.

He continually reinforces this theme in the first 12 verses. By reiterating a few of the blessings promised by a faithful God, Peter prompts believers to focus on the hope that is part and parcel of a right relationship with Him: their election and sanctification through the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus. 1 Peter 1:2.

To bolster his assertion, Peter lists the following blessings encompassed in a right relationship with God:

- Believers are reborn to a living hope– 1 Peter 1:3
- Believers have the hope of an incorruptible inheritance waiting for them in heaven– 1 Peter 1:4
- Believers are comforted by the hope in the power of God's eternal salvation– 1 Peter 1:5
- Believers have great inexpressible joy in the fullness of God's glory– 1 Peter 1:6-9

Reviewing the blessings associated with Christ, Peter urges believers to prepare for the hardships that Christians face as part of their walk with Christ. Rather than focusing on adversity, Peter directs His readers to fix their minds on the hope they have in Christ:

“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ,” 1 Peter 1:13.

## Focusing On Hope

Today, we appreciate and understand the relevance of Peter's epistle regarding a right relationship with Christ. He steadfastly encourages fellow believers to turn away from any and all things that impede focusing on the hope embedded in a spiritual relationship. He urges believers to put away the impediments of fear, worry, or preoccupation with carnal possessions. Instead, replace obstacles with a hope that rests wholly in the grace we will receive when Christ comes again.

I. Peter: Strengthen the focus of your hope, 1Peter 1:13

- a. Place hope in Christ
- b. “Fix your hope completely”
- c. Cultivating a strong hope is essential in a right relationship

II. Peter identifies the focus of believers' hope

- a. Why believers have hope, I Peter 1:12-13
- b. Grace of Jesus Christ
- c. Promises inherent in a right relationship with Jesus

III. Peter tells us how to fortify our hope

- a. “Prepare your mind”, Luke 8:14
- b. “Keep sober in the spirit”, Luke 21:36

IV. Conclusion:

Remember, we are pilgrims traveling through this life. Our hope is not in carnal things but in the Grace supplied by Jesus the Christ.