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 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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**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

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We are now in the 10th 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 rehab

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
**Rom 5:6-10**

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Eph. 3:10-11  
 PM: Lk 20:22-26

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 4  
 Invites last month: 100  
 Visitors YTD: 0

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**Learning About the New Testament 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.

Intro: Read Eph 3:10-11. The bible says a lot about the church. Let's begin a journey learning about the church in the New Testament.

- I. We Must Seek**  
 Acts 17:26-27, Heb. 11:6, Prov. 28:5, Ps 9:10  
 Ps 34:10.
- II. Attitude Needed**  
 I Pet. 4:11, 2 Tim. 1:13
- III. Meaning of the word "Church."**  
 Matt 16:18, I Pet. 2:9; 5:10
- IV. Ekklesia Used Four Times in Non-Spiritual**  
 Acts 19:32, 39, 41; 7:39
- V. The word "Church" Used Spiritually in Two Different Ways**  
 Eph. 1:22, Accts 2:47, Col. 1:18, Eph. 4:4, I Cor. 12:13, I Cor. 1:2  
 I Thes. 1:1, Gal. 1:22
- VI. The Church's Importance**  
 Mt 16:18, Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:23-25, Acts 2:47, I Cor. 15:24
- VII. How Do I Enter The Church?**  
 Jn 3:3-5, I Pet. 1:22-25, Rom. 10:17, Mk 16:15-16, Acts 17:30  
 Lk 13:3, Mt 10:32, Acts 2:38, 41, 47, I Cor. 12:13

## Bible Reading Programs

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in rich food. - Isaiah 55:2

Why do Bible reading programs fail? There are many causes, but one reason is we have not developed our desire for the Word. "How sweet are your words to my taste," wrote the psalmist, "sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103) If God's Words were as sweet as honey, we wouldn't have a problem.

Why are we not hungry? We may have too much junk-food in our diet. Our minds are full of worldly music, movies, reality shows, talk shows, game shows, Internet gossip, etc., and none of these things support or promote godliness.

These worldly distractions don't satisfy the longings of our hearts. Like Coco Puff cereal they are sugary and sweet but full of air. They are spiritual junk food for the soul. Our souls crave Jesus, and once we have "tasted that the Lord is good" we'll come back to Him again and again like a baby desiring milk.

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This is an acquired taste, though, that doesn't come overnight. Worldly things are easily digested. They give immediate gratification. The spiritual feast Jesus offers doesn't work that way, it takes time to appreciate. It may be that we must simply force ourselves to deny ourselves the spiritual junk food and choose instead to eat from God's Word every day. We may not like it at first, but if our hearts are right the hunger for the Word will come.

Bible reading should not be a mere duty, another thing to check off on our daily "to do" list. It should be seen as a time to feast. It is our food. It is the water we drink, the air we breathe. It is our life.

"Many shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

O God, we have tasted that the Lord is gracious. Fill us and satisfy us this day with the milk of your Word!

A daily bible reading program can be found as you leave the auditorium today.