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Goals For 2020
Theme
 A Church With 2020 Vision
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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We are now in the 22nd week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards
 Dale Kahl
 Frank Alford
 Brooke Thomas

Church: Matt. 16:18, Acts 2:47
 I Cor. 12:13, Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:22-23, Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:23-25

Who Have You Invited To Come to Services This Week

Lord's Supper Reading
 Heb. 10:4-10

Scripture Reading
 AM: I Pet. 2:1-2
 PM: Luke 12:16-21

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 2
 Invites last month: 110
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 8

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There Was A Time The Church Grew

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 I Pet. 1:22 and II Pet. 3:18. We can read in the church when the church grew exponentially. Let's see what they did to facilitate this grow.

- I. Seed in the Soil**
 Haggai 2:19, Lk 8:5-15, 1 Cor 3:6-7, Is 55:10,11, Acts 2:22,38,41
 Acts 4:2-4;8:5,12, Rom 10:17, 1 Cor 1:21
- II. Discipline Applied**
 1 Cor. 5:6, Acts 5, Rev 21:8,11,14, 2 Thes 3:6
- III. Did It's Own Work**
 Acts 6:1-6,7
- IV. Was at Rest**
 Ps 133:1, Acts 9:31,Rom 12:18, Gal 5:15, Eph 4:3
- V. Persecuted**
 Acts 12:1-5,24, 2 Tim 3:12, Matt. 5:10-12
- VI. When Some Books Were Burned**
 Acts 19:19-20, Prov. 23:7, Phil 4:8
- VII. The Decrees of God Were Kept**
 Acts 16:4,5, Eccl 12:13, Matt 7:21
 Lk 6:46, Matt 5:13-16

But God

Read Lk 12:16-21. I'd like to look at that little phrase that Christ uses in this parable. "But God." Notice,

I. •Says, " _____ "

Lk 12:20, 13-15, Eccl 5:10, Mt 6:19ff

I Tim 6:6-11, Prov. 11:4, Mt 13:32

II. _____

Lk 16:14, Mt 23:27, Gal. 6:7, Mt. 23:14

III. Will Provide A _____ of _____

I Cor. 10:13, I Jn 2:15-17, Prov. 4:14ff

I Cor. 6:18, 2 Tim. 2:22

IV. _____ You So Much

Rom. 5:7-8, Eph. 2:3, Rom. 3:23; 6:23

Jn 3:16

Notes:

The Lord's Church Still Exists

The church of the New Testament was vitally important and incomparably valuable to Jesus! He had planned for it before the Creation (Eph. 3:10-11). He came to this earth and promised to build it Himself (Matt. 16:18). He ensured its coming by purchasing it with His own blood (Acts 20:28). He sent the Holy Spirit to establish it in Acts 2 (2:32-47). He is both the head of the church and the Savior of it (Eph. 5:23). The church that He started in Jerusalem on Pentecost nearly 2,000 years ago is still in existence on this earth today. Some have questioned whether that "original" church could still be around today, but what we will see in the Bible is that God had no other plan for His church than perpetual existence until the final return of Christ.

First, the prophecy of Daniel proves the Lord's church still exists today. In about 600 B.C., Daniel prophesied of the church. "In the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Dan. 2:44). It "shall never be destroyed." "It shall stand forever." It is still here today!

Second, the promise of Jesus proves the Lord's church still exists today. When Jesus promised, "I will build My church," He went on to say, "and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Jesus was emphasizing that nothing would be able to overpower His church. It is still here today!

Third, the continual saving of sinners proves the Lord's church still exists today. The church began in Acts 2, when the first people responded to the full message of the gospel and were baptized "for the remission of sins" (2:38, 41). Those who were "saved" were added to the church (2:41), and God was adding to the church "daily those who were being saved" (2:47). As long as God is saving people, He is adding them to His church. It is still here today!

Fourth, the continual presence of the Bible proves the Lord's church still exists today. In the parable of the soils, Jesus called the gospel, "the word of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:19), and said it was "the seed" (Luke 8:11). Think about the nature of a seed. Wherever and whenever the seed of the kingdom (i.e., the gospel) is planted, it produces a kingdom identical in every respect to the kingdom that was established in the first century. It is still here today!

Fifth, the ultimate delivery of His church to heaven proves the Lord's church still exists today. When Jesus returns at the end of time, He is going to deliver "the kingdom to God the Father" (1 Cor. 15:24). Jesus cannot deliver the church to God if it does not still exist. It is still here today!

The Lord only has one church (Eph. 4:4). Since we have the pattern for the Lord's church in His Word, and know exactly what His church looks like, let us find His church today and restore it precisely as He wanted it to be.