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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 48th week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl
 Brooke Thomas
 Pam Caudill

Evangelism: Matt 28:19, Mark 16:15, Acts 5:42; 8:4, Rom. 10:13-16, 2 Tim. 2:2

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

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

Scripture Reading
 AM: John 11:1-14
 PM: Luke 2:10-11

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

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Unanswered Prayers

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 John 11:1-14. How do we accept unanswered prayers, as we sometimes call them? We ask for something and there seemingly is no answer. Let's take a look at the story in John 11 and 12 to see if we can learn a lesson.

- I. Request Sent To The Right Person**
 Eph. 3:20
- II. They Had Complete Faith**
 Jn 9, James 1:6-7
- III. Sent By The Right One**
 Js 5:16, Jn 11:2, Lk 10:38, Prov. 28:9, Lk 18:10ff, Is 59:1-2, Lk 11: 3, 5 Lk 11: 21, 32
- Where Was Jesus?**
- I. He Heard**
 Luke 11: 4, 6
- II. He Cared**
 Luke 11:1, 34-36
- III. He Put His Life On The Line**
 Luke 11:8, 14-16
- IV. He Was Working A Plan**
 Luke 11:37, 40, 43, Jn 5:28-29
- V. That Plan Was Bigger Than Them**
 Luke 11:45, 12:9-11, Is 46:10
- VI. A Plan That Made Things Better After The Resurrection**
 Jn 12:1-4

I Bring You Good Tidings Of Great Joy

Intro: Read Luke 2:10-11. We could all use some good news these days. Let's take a look at the good news that we have through Jesus Christ this evening.

I. Financial

Phil. 4:19, Ps 50:10, Hag. 2:8, Deut 8:18

Ps 37:25, Mal. 3:10ff, Mt 6:33

II. Physician

Luke 4:16-21, Ps 103:1-3, Js 5:14-16

Is 53:5, Rom. 8:34, Eph. 3:20, Mk 9:23

Is 40:29-31

III. A Comforter

Is 9:6, Ps 2:1, Jer. 32:27, Ps 46:10

Ps 16:11, Phil. 4:4, Ps 119:24

Job 1:20-21, Phil. 4:7, Hab 3:17ff

IV. A Counselor

Is 9:6, I Cor. 14:33, Js 1:5, Is 5:20

Gen. 2:7, Jn 8:32, Mt. 4:4, Ps 119:105

Phil. 4:13

What's A Sheep To Do?

If you have watched National Geographic, you know nature can be a cruel place. You've seen the lion chase down the young zebra, the crocodile eat the unsuspecting gazelle, and the killer whale almost beach itself nabbing a seal snack. What I find interesting are the unlikely pairings that Jesus uses to teach us about the mission that He has set out before us as disciples.

Jesus says to His twelve, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves" (Matt. 10:16). In the context of this passage, Jesus, "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). He tells His disciples to pray to the Lord of harvest to send for reapers because the laborers are few (Matt. 9:37-38). He then calls them together and empowers them to do great things in His name (Matt. 10:1-4). Before sending them off on what is called the limited commission, as they were to only go to the "lost sheep of the tribe of Israel," He gives them some instruction as to the details of how they were to operate while they are out teaching that the kingdom was coming (Matt. 10:5-42). In the context of teaching, preaching and evangelism, we have two pair of animals: sheep and wolves, and serpents and doves.

What can we learn from this pair of pairs? With the sheep and wolves, it is rather clear who Jesus is talking about. He tells the disciples, "I send you out as sheep." He had previously considered the "un-pastorized" masses as sheep. The sheep are those that will be called to enter in (Matt. 25:32-34). Sheep are those that are obedient or at least true followers of Christ, the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14). Not everyone is a sheep. There are wolves. In the immediate context, the wolves are shown to be those in contrary to the message— not in word and insult only but also in violent action against the disciples. The wolves are not just those unnamed "bad people," they are family members, brothers, sisters, parents and children who will turn against one another (10:21). What is a sheep to do?

The sheep must be as wise or shrewd as a serpent and as harmless as a dove. That is typically not what we would like to hear. Retaliation seems so much more rewarding in the moment. Jesus consoles them by saying, "Do not fear, whatever they do will be made known" (10:26); God knows you and cares for you (10:28-31); Don't deny Me, for when you have lost your life for Me, you will have found it (10:32-39). We learn from this pairing that we are sheep, and we should expect the wolves to come. When they do, be wise and harmless with our actions and words. If we live, we live for Christ. If we die, we will be with Christ. "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).