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Goals For 2021
Theme
 A Church with a Mind to Work
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

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

-Like us on Facebook-View us on YouTube at Clarksvillechurch
 -Gerald Barr preaching today

We are now in week #14 of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Barry Martin, Kay Thompson
 Ruth Butt: Vivian's mother
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas
 Janet Blake

"Hospitality" 1 Pet. 4:9
Heb. 13:2

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Scripture Reading
 AM: Heb. 13:1,2
 PM: 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 3
 Invites last month: 8
 Visitors YTD: 0

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HOSPITALITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE LORD'S WORK

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.

- I. Introduction**
 A. "Let brotherly love continue" Heb. 13:1,2
 B. Be hospitable without grumbling 1 Pet. 4:9
 C. Hospitality as qualification for elders 1 Tim. 3:2
 D. Philoxenia: "love of strangers"
- II. Unique Factors in Hospitality—Then and Now**
 A. In the Bible
 Poverty
 Travel
 House guests
 B. Today
 Busy lifestyles
 Isolation lifestyles
 More resources and accountability
- III. Viewing Our Homes as Resources in the Lord's Work**
 A. Within congregation Rom 12.10-13
 B. Opening homes to visitors
 C. Sharing homes with those in need
 D. Adoption or fostering needy children
 E. As an evangelistic tool
- IV. Conclusion**
 A. A mind to work mindset is required
 B. Effort is well worth the sacrifice

Gary Henry

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

4:13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren,
concerning those who have fallen asleep,
lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so
God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that
**we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord
will by no means precede those who are asleep.**

4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout,
with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first.

4:17 **Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up**
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

4:18 **Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

Application

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Helpfulness to the Local Congregation

A spirit of helpfulness on the part of individual Christians contributes enormously to the work of a local congregation. When brothers and sisters in the Lord are motivated by a genuine desire to be useful and to give assistance, work is done which would not otherwise be done and it is done with a positive, hopeful enthusiasm.

On the other hand, when Christians lack the desire to be truly useful, they tend to complain and criticize, rather than work. The atmosphere becomes negative, and dissatisfaction and unhappiness set in.

Preachers and especially elders appreciate those who make a habit of being helpful. Teaching, preaching, and leading become real joys among those who are eager to aid a congregation's work in every way they can.

A man named Robert Babson has said, "If things are not going well with you, begin your effort at correcting the situation by carefully examining the service you are rendering, and especially the spirit in which you are rendering it." It is true that much of our unhappiness stems from our lack of helpfulness to others. Those who constantly make themselves of assistance to those around them are usually at peace with themselves and with their situation.

All of us have opportunities to be helpful. But not all have made the preparation necessary to be useful. Not all are sensitive and mature enough to know how best to help. Not all are ready to make the sacrifices of time, effort, and energy required to help. Are you?

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