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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
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 Worship.....6:00 PM

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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

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-Mark Maudlin & Allen Morris preaching today

We are now in week #17 of our daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Kay Thompson
 Norris Family
 Rob Kelly's mother
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Janet Blake
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas

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

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Acts 20:1-7

Scripture Reading
 AM: Gal. 6:9-10
 PM: 1 Peter 4:7-10

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 4
 Invites last month: 8
 Visitors YTD: 7

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Looking to Be Hospitable

Galatians 6:9-10 Prov. 25:1-2 Hebrews 13:1-2

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.

- A. Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37**
- B. Mary—John 12:1-7**
- C. New Testament Individuals**
 - 1. 2 Cor. 8:3-5**
 - 2. Luke 10:38-42**
 - 3. Acts 2:44, 4:32-27**
 - 4. 1 Pet. 4:9**
- D. Sinful Woman—Luke 7:36-50**
- E. Enemies—Romans 12:17-21**

Mark Maudlin

HOSPITALITY

I Peter 4:9

I. The Definition

II. The Background

III. Priscilla and Aquila

IV. New Testament References

A. Acts 18:2-3

B. Acts 18:18

C. Acts 18:26

D. Romans 16:3

E. I Corinthians 16:19

F. 2 Timothy 4:19

V. How They Showed Hospitality

VI. How We Must Follow Their Example

Allen Morris

The New Testament 'Church'

When Paul wrote to the church in Philippi (4:15) he addressed "all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (1:1).

Saints are "set apart" people, who have come "out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9), who belong to the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:20). This is another way of saying that all Christians are saints (in the N.T. sense) and beatification by some Roman council has nothing to do with it.

One does not become a saint by "joining" the church; but one becomes a part of the church by becoming a saint. The church does not save; it is the saved. Thus we read in Act.2:47, "And the Lord added to the church ("to them" "together" ARV) daily (day by day) such as should be saved (those that were being saved).

The word church is a collective word, such as "herd" "covey" "flock." Literally, it indicates collection or assembly (called- out people) and is translated "assembly" in Act.19:32,39,41, with no reference what-so-ever to God's people. In some places it refers to saints literally assembled (1 Corinthians 11:18) but is perhaps more often used to "collect" figuratively those who have something in common.

All of God's children (the firstborn ones, Hebrews 12:22,23) make up the church in its general or universal sense. They are "collected" in this designation because they have something in common -- their relationship to God the Father. They need not know one another, and God authorizes no plan for collective acts. But as each seeks to serve God through Jesus Christ, he "glorifies God in the church"(Ephesians 1:6,12; 2:6,22; 3:21). The reader is blind indeed who tries to bind these pages to the local organized church.

But there are requirements, and provisions in the N.T., for saints to work collectively -- to function as a unit. They were to assemble (Hebrews 10:25), worship (1 Corinthians 11:22f), have overseers (Acts 14:23), a treasury (1 Corinthians 16:2) etc. It was to such a group as this that Paul addressed the Philippian letter, and he called them a "church" (Philippians 4:15). This is the local church or congregation -- the largest, smallest, and only organization of Christians given divine sanction in the New Testament.

These saints are "collected" by something more than a common relationship to God; they enter into a certain oneness by agreement (cf. Acts 9:26-28; 3 John 10); discipline one another (Matthew 18:17; 1 Corinthians 5); have servants (Romans 16:1) and send messengers (Philippians 2:25); and in many other ways work as one -- collectively.

Many errors arise because we fail to recognize the N.T. definition of "church" (ex.: the importance of being a member) or the various uses of the word (ex.: some try to make each obligation of the individual saint, an obligation of the local church.)

Careful reading "would from many a blunder free us, and foolish notion." Beside that, we might learn something.

Robert F. Turner - *Plain Talk* (April 1964)