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**Sundays**  
 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 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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**Brian Anderson is preaching today**

***We are now in week #27 of our Daily Bible Reading.***

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn Maudlin's father  
 Rob Kelly in the passing of his Mom, Carrie Kelly  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 The Wards & Beth McFarland  
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas

**Edification: Romans 14:19; Ephesians 4:16; Acts 20:31**

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Matthew 26:26-29

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Psalms 127:1-5  
 PM: Deuteronomy 30:10-20

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 0  
 Invites last month: 8  
 Visitors YTD: 14

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**Will God Continue To Bless America?**

**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:** Today we celebrate our County's Independence. With God's providential hand the United States of America has become the most powerful and wealthiest country in the history of the world. God has truly blessed America.

My lesson this morning is centered on the question, "Will God Continue To Bless America?" You might be surprised that I believe that the answer to that question is, Yes. I believe God will continue to bless America. However, I must put a one word qualifier with that answer, and that word is, "If." God will continue to bless America, If,

**I. We Humble Ourselves and Realize That No Nation Is Indestructible**

Prov. 15:25; 16:18, Obadiah 1:3-4, Is 13:11, Ez 28:2; 29:2ff  
 Ps. 127:1

**II. We Get Back To Living Pure and Holy Lives Before Him**

Prov. 14:34, Is 5:20, I Pet. 1:15, Rom. 12:1-2, Titus 2:11-12  
 Col. 3:5-6

**III. We Restore The Home As God Intended**

Matt. 19:4ff, Eph. 5:21ff

**IV. We Realize That The God That Created The Universe, Rules The Universe**

Daniel 4:32, Ps 33:12

**V. We Restore New Testament Discipleship**

Acts 8:4, Mt. 28:19-20, Mk 16:15-16, 2 Tim. 2:2., I Tim. 2:1  
 Js 5:16, Prov. 21:1

## Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death

**Intro:** Patrick Henry's famous phrase "Give me liberty, or give me death," was a rallying cry during the American revolution. I'd like to use it this evening for a spiritual application. Let's consider the similarities that Patrick Henry faced, and what we face today spiritually.

### I. We Are At \_\_\_\_\_

Eph. 6:12, I Tim. 1:18, I Pet. 2:11, I Tim. 6:12, 2 Cor. 10:4-5, Eph. 6:13, Prov. 23:23, Acts 20:35, 2 Tim. 2:15, Rom. 10:17, I Thes. 5:17, Heb. 10:25

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ is Bod and Formidable

Eph. 6:11, I Pet. 5:8, Amos 3:8, Gen. 3:1, 2 Cor. 2:11., Job 1:6

### III. Our Enemy Wishes To \_\_\_\_\_

Gen. 3:1ff, 2 Pet. 2:19, Rom. 6:16, Gen. 4:7

### IV. I'm Going To Have To \_\_\_\_\_

I Sam. 17:40, Eph. 6:13-17, I Tim. 6:12, Acts 14:22, Phil. 3:143

### V. There Are Only \_\_\_\_\_ Options

Deut. 30:19, Rom. 6:16, Col. 3:2, Mt 6:19-21, Prov. 4:23 23:7  
Mt 15:19, Rom. 8:6, Mt 7:13-14

### VI. We've \_\_\_ Made The Wrong Choice But \_\_\_\_\_ Came To Set Us \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 3:23, 10; 5:12, Gal. 5:13, Jn 10:10, Gal. 5:1; 2:4, Mk 10:45  
Eph. 1:7, Is 53:5-6 Jn 8:32, Ps 119:45, Js 1:21, Rom. 6:17-18 22  
Jn 8:36, Josh 24:15, Jn 8:24, Lk 13:3, Mt 10:32, Mk 16:16, I Cor. 15:58,  
Rev. 2:10, Rom. 6:3-4, I Jn 1:9, 2 Cor. 6:2

## Edification

It is unfortunate that the word "edification" is a term that's fallen into disuse. Every thoughtful Christian should recognize that God's people should strengthen each other spiritually and build up one another in the faith (Ephesians 4:16). That's what biblical edification is. For one thing, it's a natural outgrowth of evangelism – when people come to Jesus in faith, repentance and baptism, they need additional attention, nurturing and instruction to continue growing in Christ (see 2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:17-18). For another, a church is only as healthy and sound as its willingness and commitment to do the work Christ desires it to do!

The importance of edification in the church is seen in that-

- (1). It is something members are to strive to excel in (1 Corinthians 14:12).
- (2). It is held up as a purpose for our assembling together (1 Corinthians 14:26).
- (3). It is a goal of ministry and serving in the body of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:8; 13:10; Ephesians 4:11-12).
- (4). Every member ought to contribute to it (Ephesians 4:16).
- (5). Every relationship in Christ revolves around it (1 Corinthians 10:23-24; Romans 15:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11).
- (6). It involves our words and actions as Christians (2 Corinthians 12:19; Ephesians 4:29).

You know edification is something good when considering what helps in producing it: faith (Jude 20) and love (1 Corinthians 8:1) are essential while peace (Romans 14:19) and harmony (Acts 9:31) also are needed. Of course, the word of God (Acts 20:32) and positive Christ-like examples (1 Corinthians 8:10) are keys too.

There are far worse things to be known for in life than being a Christian who wants to strengthen others spiritually and build them up in the faith! Ask yourself these questions: (1) What can I do to build up the congregation here? (2) Think of specific people. Ask yourself, "What can I specifically do to encourage this person in the Lord?" (3) Maybe ask someone, "How can I pray for you?"

Eternity will be full of people who sought to build others up in the faith. And earth is more full of God's grace and goodness too!