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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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Brian Anderson will be preaching today.

We are now in week #42 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin's father
 Pam Caudill
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas
 Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewellen
 Roseanne Denison, Mark Maudlin

Benevolence: Ps. 112:9, Prov. 14:31, Acts 11:29

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

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

Scripture Reading
 AM: Luke 11:39-44
 PM: Ex. 3:10-14

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

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Give Alms From That Which Is Within

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: Our theme is a church with a mind to work. This month we're looking at Benevolence. Benevolence is defined as "The disposition to do good; good will; kindness; charitableness, An act of kindness; a good done; charity given."

- I. Joy**
 Ps 16:11, Eph 5:1, Jn 15:11, Rom. 12:15
 Rom. 14:19, Phil. 3:1; 4:4, Hab 3:18
- II. Kindness**
 Eph. 2:7, Eph. 4:32, Rom. 12:10, I Cor. 13:4
- III Patience**
 2 Pet. 3:15, I Tim. 6:11, I Thes. 5:14, Col. 3:12
 I Pet. 1:5ff; 3:20,
- IV. Gentleness**
 Rom. 8:29, Matt 11:28ff, Mt 26:52; 26:39
 Mt 5:5, Phil. 2:3-4, Gal. 6:1
- V. Faithfulness**
 Heb. 3:13; 10:24, 2 Tim. 2:2
- VI. Peace**
 Rom. 12:18; 14:19, Jn 14:27, Heb. 12:14
 Prov. 13:10, Mt 5:9, Col. 1:20
- VII. Love**
 Jn 13:34-35, I Cor. 13:13, Heb. 11:6
 Rom. 8:24, I Cor. 13:3-8, I Pet. 4:8
 I Jn 3:18

I Am

Intro: When Moses asked God, "Who do I say what is the name of the God that has sent me," God stated in Ex. 3:14 "And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you. " This evening I'd like for us to take a look at the Import of this statement. When God said, that "I Am," this means that He is:

I. _____

Ps 90:2, Deut. 33:27, Rev 1:8

II. _____

Gen 1:1, Ps 19:1, Is 45:12

III. _____

Gen 2:7, Eccl 12:7, Job 5:10
Ps 147:8, Jer 5:26, Matt 5:45
Jn 3:16, Rom 5:8, 2 Tim 3:16
1 Jn 5:11

IV. _____

Ps 55:22;3:5, Acts 17:28

V. Lord of _____

Deut 10:17, Ps 136:3, 1 Tim 6:15

VI. _____

Matt 3:8-9, Dan 3:16-17, Eph 3:20

VII. Lawgiver and _____

Is 33:22, Js 4:12, 1 Jn 3:4
Rom 14:12, 2 Cor 5:10, Jn 12:48

VIII. _____

Ps 106:21, 1 Tim 2:3, Titus 2:13
Rom 3:23;6:23,17

Limited Benevolence

The church doesn't have as much responsibility in the field of benevolence as some think. Benevolent work of the church is limited to saints. Now, before you turn me off, pick up your new testament and begin with Acts 2, right where the church began read through to the close and see if you can find an example of church supported benevolence except among saints. There is a reason for this which we shall discuss later. But read:

(1) Acts 2:44-45 □ "All that believed were together . . . sold their goods ... parted them ... as every man had need."

(2) Acts 4:32-34 □ "The multitude of them that believed ... had all things common ... having lands and houses sold them . . . distribution made . . ."

(3) Acts 6 — "When the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem . . ." This tells of the needy widows in the Jerusalem church, and how the church cared for them.

(4) Acts 11:27-30 □ ". . . then the d1scipks ... determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea . . ."

(5) 1 Cor. 16:1-2 □ "Now concerning the collection for the saints . . ."

(6) 2 Cor. 8:1-4 □ "□ ministering to the saints . . ."

(7) 2 Cor. 9:1 — "For as touching the ministering to the saints . . ."

(8) Rom. 15:25-26 — "But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints, for it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem."

(9) 1 Timothy 5:16 □ "If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them and let not the church be charged, that it may relieve them that are widows indeed." Here the apostle strictly forbids the church to assume the care of widows who have children or grandchildren, who are able to care for them; If the apostle forbids the church to supply the needs of a widow who is a Christian, what about aliens? It could hardly be accidental that the benevolent work of the church is always said to be among saints.

Some think that Gal. 6: 10 and James 1: 27 are exceptions, but these refer to individual action. In the first 8 verses of Galatians 6, you will find the words "man," "him," and "such an one" ten times. This "man," this "one," this "him," is the one who is to "do good unto all, men." Jas. 1: 27 make as much room for church support of widows as for orphans. And we have shown from 1 Tim. 5 that church support of widows is limited to widows who are saints and who have no one to care for them. Of course obligation to a needy saint would include, those who are the legitimate dependents of that saint, and this would often include children and, widows. But I know of no scripture that authorizes the church to engage in a work of general benevolence. This is a shocking statement to some, and has brought no end of ridicule upon those who so teach; But until someone finds that scripture I shall try to absorb the abuse without losing my naturally sweet disposition.

If we Christians would do what benevolent work rightfully falls our duty to do, there would be very little left for the church to do. It is very convenient, and less expensive, to let the church do it. But in reality, the very nature of benevolent work makes most of it individual. Children need a home and family. Old people, after they have served their children until they have worn themselves out, deserve a better lot than to be stuck off in an "Old Folks Home." I have heard how happy they are, there with a lot of other old people. But I have visited them too many times, to buy that. They would ' like to be with the children, to whom they have given the best years of their lives. That is, if their children wanted them. They don't complain much. But they have pride and feelings too, you know, even if they are old.

Jesus healed the sick and fed the hungry, but that was incidental to His mission. He did not come to do that. He came to save men's souls. His church has the same mission — or it is not His church.