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**Sundays**  
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM  
 Worship.....6:00 PM

**Wednesdays**  
 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 will be preaching today.**

***We are now in week #50 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

**Prayer: Js. 5:16, I Thes. 5:17, I Tim. 2:1-2, Acts 12:5**

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

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Heb. 10:4-10

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Acts 12:1-5  
 PM: Luke 16:19-31

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

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## Prayer In Worship

**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:** We continue with our theme of "A church with a mind to work." This month we're looking at Prayer. Let's consider prayer as a part of our worship.

**I. Commanded**

I Tim. 2:1-2, 8

**II. Examples**

Acts 12:5; 14:23, I Cor. 14:15-16

**III. Two Responsibilities**

- One Who Leads: Audibly and Truthfully
- Others Being Led: Listen, Understand, and their agreement (Amen)
- Amen: "So Be It" or "I affirm"

**IV. Presenting Ourselves Before God**

Ps 100:4, Heb. 4:15-16

**V. Praise God**

Ps 50:9-12

**VI. Petitions To God**

Eccl 1:4, Phil 1:4, Lk 11:8, Phil. 4:6-7, I Pet. 5:7, Js 5:14ff

**VII. Sincere**

Matt 6:4-6; 15:7-8

**VIII. In Faith**

Js 1:5, 2 Tim. 1:12, Mt 21:22

**XI. Free From Hindrances**

Gal. 6:7, I Pet. 3:7, Mt 6:14-15

**X. In Submission To Divine Providence**

Mt 6:10, Lk 22:42, Jer. 29:11

## A Christian Carol

**Intro:** We have this time a year a movie that is shown called a “A Christmas Carol.” It tells the story of a crochety old tight wad named Ebenezer Scrooge that can’t get into the holiday spirit. He is visited by three ghosts. A ghost of Christmas past, present and future. By these experiences he is changed. Let’s build on that idea in our own spiritual lives this evening.

### I. All Of Our \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 3:23, 10; 6:23, Is 59:1-2, Eph. 2:1-3

### II. A \_\_\_\_\_ Present

Children of God: Jn 1:11, Gal. 3:26, I Jn 3:1  
Sanctified: Jude 1:1  
Preserved: Jude 1:1  
Brethren: Col. 1:2  
Saved: I Cor. 1:18

### III. A \_\_\_\_\_ Present

Cursed Children: 2 Pet. 2:14  
Unrighteous: I Cor. 6:9  
Workers of Iniquity: Mt 7:23, Lk13:27  
Without Hope: Eph. 2:12  
Lost: 2 Cor. 4:3

### IV. A \_\_\_\_\_ Future

Titus 1:2, I Pet. 1:4, Matt 25:34, 21, Rev. 21:4

### V. A \_\_\_\_\_ Future

Mt 13:43, Matt. 25:30, 41, Mk 9:43-44, 2 Thes. 1:8, Jude 1:7  
Rev. 20:14-15; 21:8,

## He Hears Our Prayers and Our Groanings

Hear these words of David from the depths of despair: “My soul also is greatly troubled... return O Lord, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies’ sake! I am weary with my groaning; all night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears” (Psa. 6:3-5). Have you ever been at this same place? If not, some day you may be. The trials of life come upon us, and we groan and seek for God. At times like this, rest assured that He hears more than our prayers. He hears our groaning.

When Hagar had been sent away from Abraham’s household, she took her son, Ishmael, and fled into the wilderness. It was not long before they ran out of water and were dying of thirst. She was watching her own son as he was dying. Read the text carefully as it describes her prayer for death and deliverance from watching her child die. “Let me not see the death of the boy...And God heard the voice of the lad...and said to her, ‘What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is’” (Gen. 21:16-17). God heard the voice of Hagar and even the voice of Ishmael as death approached.

God heard the groanings of the Jews in Egyptian bondage as their taskmasters oppressed them. “Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage...So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob” (Ex. 2:23-24). They cried out and God heard both their groanings and their prayers! Stephen reminded the Jews of the events at the burning bush. God said to Moses, “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt” (Acts 7:34).

The trials in Egypt began with the oppression of evil men and this brought about the agony and groaning of the slaves in bondage. It was so severe that they first groaned. Then they cried out, and God responded. But note that even before they prayed, God heard the groaning. Before He heard them pray, He heard them groaning.

What does this have to do with us? God is eternal, and He never changes. These verses do not describe how God was. It describes how He is—the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8). Remember His name given at this burning bush: He is I AM.

A small child wakes in the middle of the night with pain. He is hurting and begins to sob. He hurts and feels so alone in the darkness. Unknown to him, his mom hears him crying and is rushing to his side, even before he calls out to her. Remember He hears both our groanings and prayers.