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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 #51 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin
 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
 Is. 53:3-6

Scripture Reading
 AM: Phil. 4:6-9
 PM: Phil. 4:12-13

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

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Prayerlessness

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 what happens to us when we're not praying like we should.

- I. Burden Bearing**
 Ps. 55:22, I Pet. 5:7, Phil. 4:6; 4:12, Eph. 6:10
- II. Weariness**
 Is 50:4, Matt. 11:28, I Pet. 5:8, Is. 40:28-31, Gal. 6:9, I Thes. 3:13
- III. Discouraged**
 Duet. 31:6-8, Josh. 1:6-9, Luke 21:34
- IV. Doubt**
 Heb. 11:6; 3:12, Jude 20
- V. Disillusioned**
 Luke 18:1, Josh. 1:9
- VI. Disaster**
 Heb. 3:12, Eph. 2:12, Jn 15:5

The Four Points of Philippians

Intro: The Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the church at Phillip while he was in Rome in prison. There are four major points that Paul makes to the good church there, and I think it would be beneficial for us to consider those this evening.

I. Christ Is The _____ of My Life

Phil. 1:21, Gal. 2:20, Mt 7:24-27
Phil. 1:21-23, Lk 9:24

II. Christ Is The _____ of My Life

Phil. 2:5-8, Mt 11:28ff, I Pet 5:6
Heb. 5:8-9, Rev 22:14; 2:10
I Pet. 2:21ff, Col. 3:29, Rom.. 12:19
Acts 1:1, Gal. 6:9-10, 2 Tim. 2:2

III. Christ Is the _____ of My Life

Phil. 3:13-14, 8, Mk 8:36; 10:21
Mt 6:19-20, Rom. 8:35-39
I Pet. 1:3-4, Rom. 8:17-18
I Cor. 9:24

IV. Christ Is The _____ of My Life

Phil. 4:12-13, I Tim. 1:12
2 Tim. 4:17, 2 Cor. 1:9-10
Eph. 6:10

James & The Great Blessing of Prayer

The Book of James has been called “The Book of Monday-through-Saturday-Religion.” That’s not a bad description, considering how very practical the teachings of its 108 verses are for our lives today. Especially refreshing and informative are its teachings on the subject of prayer. Take time to study the following notes.

James tells us the most fundamental principle of prayer. “Let him ask of God” (1:5). Prayer is not an empty communication into the air; it is speaking directly to the Creator and Sustainer of this universe (who is my Father!). How simple the thought—“You do not have because you do not ask” (4:2). But, prayer is more than just asking for things. It is my greatest opportunity to “draw near to God” (4:8) and to “bless our God” (3:9). Oh, what a blessing!

James tells us when and for what we should pray. At the very beginning of his letter, James encourages us, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God” (1:5). There’s not a single one of us who does not need to beg for “the wisdom that is from above” (3:17). “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray” (5:13). While we might think our suffering is ever-present, it really is not. But God is ever-present, ready to be there with us and to strengthen us. Oh, what a blessing!

James tells us that our prayers should look beyond ourselves. Oh, how the church would benefit tremendously today if we would each practice these four words—“Pray for one another” (5:16). This verse is especially addressing the need to pray for one another’s spiritual condition (“your trespasses”), but two verses earlier also addressed the need to pray for physical conditions and illnesses (“anyone among you is sick,” 5:14). Praying for one another—oh, what a blessing!

James tells us how we should pray. After telling us to ask of God, he says, “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting” (1:6). We need to put our unwavering trust in God. We do this when we “submit to God” (4:7), “humble [ourselves] in the sight of the Lord” (4:10), and pray with a heart that says, “If the Lord wills...” (4:15). If you do not approach the throne of grace in this manner, consider these words, “You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss” (4:3). Asking in faith—oh, what a blessing!

James tells us that prayer is powerful. The prophet Elijah is set forth as a great example of the power of prayer in the life of an ordinary man of God who “prayed earnestly” (5:17). The account of Elijah is used to illustrate this great point: “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (5:16). Prayer—oh, what a blessing!