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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 2022  
Theme  
Be Ye Imitators of Christ  
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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**Gerald Barr**  
*is preaching today*

**We are now in week #26 of our Daily Bible Reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn Maudlin, Sharon Maudlin, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland  
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill  
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

**THIS MONTH: "Became a Servant"**  
 Mk. 10:45; Jn. 13:14-17; Mt. 23:11

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

**Lord's Supper**  
 Isa. 53:4-12

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Matt. 26:31-35  
 PM: John 18:33-35

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 14  
 Invites last month: 13  
 Visitors YTD: 9

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Our Theme for 2022...  
**"Being Imitators of Christ"**  
 1 Cor. 11:1  
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**Two Paths**

**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.

**VISITORS**  
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.

**Judas**  
 The Price - Matthew 26:14  
 The Denial - Matthew 26:17-30  
 The Betrayal - Matthew 26:47-51  
 The Remorse - Matthew 27:1-10

**Peter**  
 The Price - Matthew 26:31-35  
 The Denial - Matthew 26:31-35  
 The Betrayal - Matthew 26:69-74  
 The Remorse - Matthew 26:75  
 The Repentance - John 20:1-10, John 21:1-17 Acts 2:14-35

**What will your path be?**  
 Continue down the path of destruction  
 or  
 To Repent and Follow Christ

**Gerald Barr**

## The Bible As God's Standard

### Reading: John 18:33-35

#### From GOD To You Inspiration and Revelation

-Inspired Word of GOD: 2 Timothy 3:16  
-Prophets: Amos 3:8  
-The Apostles: Ephesians 3:4-5, 2 Peter 1:20-21, (Paul) Acts 9: 1-19; 22:6-16; 26:12-18, 1 Corinthians 15:6-11, Romans 15:18-19 Galatians 3:1-5  
Corinthians 12:11-13, 2 Peter 3:14-16  
-God's Revelation to Humanity: Jude 3

#### The Canon of the Bible

##### Old Testament

Torah: First five books of Moses

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

Prophets:

Former Prophets- historical books  
Latter Prophets- writing prophets

Writings:

1-2 Chronicles  
Daniel  
Lamentations  
Ruth  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Songs  
Psalms

Is Jesus the Truth?  
If so, the Old Testament is the Truth.

##### The New Testament

Role of the Apostles

-They were handpicked: Matthew 10:2-4  
-These men were empowered by the Holy Spirit: John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13  
-Their role was to make GOD's mystery known: Ephesians 1:9-14

The NT canon carried out the Apostles' mission

-Through preaching: 1 Thessalonians 2:12-13  
-Through letter writing: 2 Thessalonians  
-Through the collection and circulation of Apostolic letters by early Christians: Col 4:16; 2 Peter 3:14-16

The Gospels were all written by Apostles (Matthew and John) or by their associates

-To not accept the apostles is to not accept Jesus himself: Luke 10:16; John 13:20

Conclusion: The Word of GOD, The Bible is Truth

**2 Timothy 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

Gerald Barr

## *Doing Good in the Dark*

Sometimes we have to go ahead and do the best that we know to do, even though we can't foresee how matters are going to turn out. Our faith never has a finer moment than when we find ourselves "in the dark" but we go ahead and do what is right anyway.

I am absolutely convinced that it "does good to do good." The law of reaping and sowing can be counted on just as surely as the law of gravity (Galatians 6:7,8). But it may not be given to us to KNOW the good that is produced by our actions. For one thing, it may not take place until after we are dead and gone, but even if it happens in our lifetime, it may not come to our personal attention.

Faith says, "Go ahead and act in the direction of goodness and truth, even if it may not be clear to you how God will use those actions to accomplish His purposes. Just act in the confidence that He will use them." Anything less than that is not faith in God but a reliance on human understanding and foresight.

"Conservatism" is sometimes a good word, but I'm afraid most of us are far too conservative when it comes to acts of goodness. Before we act, we want assurances, guarantees, and promises up front. We refuse to act until we can see all the way to the end of the road.

But in the real world, such information is rarely available to us. Much of the good that we do has to be done in the dark.

If Abraham had thought as we do, he would never have left his home in Ur (Hebrews 11:8-10). Without being told exactly where he was going and precisely how the Lord was going to use that journey to accomplish His purposes, Abraham would have stayed at home. Fortunately, however, he trusted God. The only assurance he needed was that leaving Ur was God's will — he didn't need to know what "good" it would do.

In Ecclesiastes, we are given this good advice: "In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good" (11:6). God has given us no specific guarantees. He has simply said, "Do the best you can and leave the results to Me."

So good deeds can't wait for perfect operating conditions. And they can't wait until we completely understand how a certain action is going to produce a certain result. When it comes to doing good, ALL WE NEED TO KNOW IS THAT A PARTICULAR DEED IS THE BEST THAT WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW, BASED ON OUR MOST HONEST APPRAISAL OF GOD'S WILL.

So let's leave the future in God's hands and just patiently continue to do the best we know to do. That's the meaning of faith.

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