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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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**Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022**

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 #50 of our Daily Bible Reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn & Mark Maudlin,  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,  
 Macon Ward, Greg Ward,  
 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:**  
**Obeying God's Commands**  
 Heb 5:8-9 Mt. 7:21, Rev. 22:14

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

**Lord's Supper**  
**Luke 22:14-20**

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Matt. 18:21-35  
 PM: Matt. 14:22-36

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 8  
 Invites last month: 19  
 Visitors YTD: 17

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**Clarksville Beacon**

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Our Theme for 2022...  
**"Being Imitators of Christ"**  
 1 Cor. 11:1  
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**The Unmerciful Servant**

**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.



- TEXT: Matthew 18:21-35**
- How often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him?**  
 - Matthew 18:21; Proverbs 24:16, Amos 1:3-13.
- Forgive your brother up to 490 times?**  
 - Matthew 18:22, Psalm 78:38, Deu. 32:31-36
- Forgiveness will be given to those who ask**  
 - Matthew 18:23-27
- Forgiveness will be given to those who forgive**  
 - Matthew 18:28-30, Matthew 18:35, Ephesians 4:31-32, Mark 11:25-26,
- You are being watched**  
 - Matthew 18:31-34
- How much is your debt?**  
 - Hebrews 10:1-10, Matthew 12:35-37, Romans 2:4-6
- Your debt has been paid**  
 - Hebrews 10:1-10

**Ephesians 4:31-32**  
 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

**Gerald Barr**

## Can You Walk on Water?

### Matthew 14:22-36

**Sometimes life can be contrary** - Matthew 14:24

**Help is on the way**- Matthew 14:25-27

**We have to get out of the boat** - Matthew 14:28, Philippians 4:13

**Don't be distracted by things around you** - Matthew 14:30, Philippians 3:13-15

**Jesus can help you** - Matthew 14:31. Matthew 1:21, I Timothy 1:14-16

**How far would your faith get you out of the boat?** - Matthew 14:31

**Jesus is "certainly God's Son!"** - Matthew 14:32-33, 1 John 4:14-16, 1 John 5:4-6, Acts 8:36-38, John 20:30-31

**Philippians 4:13** *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

*Gerald Barr*

## For the Purpose of Obedience

**"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29).**

**GOD'S WORD IS NOT GIVEN TO US FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDLE SPECULATION BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBEDIENCE.** We misappropriate the truth God has revealed when we make it merely the grist for intellectual debate. The greater design of the Scriptures — requiring more effort and promising a richer reward — is to provide the practical materials for building a better, more obedient life. When we study, we ought to be looking for this "obeyable" information. To study for any other reason is actually dangerous.

In the matter of obedience, one problem is that we delay obeying what we've learned from the Scriptures because we can't see as far down the theoretical road ahead as we'd like. Perhaps we don't fully understand why God would require such a thing as the Scriptures have indicated. Or it may not be clear to us what the consequences would be if we took God at His word. Or we may not see how this or that act of obedience fits into the overall scheme of God's will. There is no shortage of obstacles, more or less theoretical in nature, that can stymie the serious student who wants not only to obey but to understand what is being done. The irony of growth, however, is that understanding comes from moving ahead with our obedience, rather than holding back. In any case, understanding can wait, but obedience cannot.

But another problem related to obedience is that we often delay doing our duty until we feel that we can get it exactly right. We may think we need to make more progress in the realm of spiritual theory before we can do very well in the realm of spiritual practice. And so we linger in our many abstractions, seeking the strength we need for obedient living. Yet solid spiritual progress lies down the clear road of honest obedience to what we presently know is right, not the winding path of theoretical curiosities. We can't seek God without using our minds to the best of our ability, it's true. But neither can we find God without carrying out what our minds have learned already.

"The really important thing in life is not the avoidance of mistakes, but the obedience of faith. By obedience, the man is led step by step to correct his errors, whereas nothing will ever happen to him if he doesn't get going" (Paul Tournier).

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