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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 2023  
Theme  
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"  
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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**Joshua Haub**  
 will be preaching today.

***We are on week # 22 of our daily Bible reading.***

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

**THIS MONTH:**  
**Examples of Courage: Peter**  
 Matt 26

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

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
**Heb. 10:11-18**

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Mark 12:1-11  
 PM: Daniel 3:8-18

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 2  
 Invites last month: 57  
 Visitors YTD: 10

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Our Theme for 2023...  
**"Courageous Christians!"**  
 1 Cor. 16:13  
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**Lessons from Mark 12**

**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: Mark 12**

**Parable of the Vine-growers**

**True Discipleship**

**Do we know the word?**

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**Joshua Haub**

## Even if [God] Does Not

### Daniel 3

Stand Against Sin

Stand Against Evildoers

God Will Work

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*Joshua Haub*

## Where is the Promise of His Coming?

“. . . knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation’ ” (2 Peter 3:3,4).

**FAITH MEANS BELIEVING THE LORD IS TELLING THE TRUTH WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT THINGS WE CANNOT VERIFY AT THE MOMENT.** Faith is not “blind faith,” for it is based on solid evidence of the Lord’s proven trustworthiness, but nevertheless, faith is faith. It is trust. It is confidence. And one of the principal things the Lord asks us to have confidence in is His second coming.

Peter wrote that there would be “scoffers” who would deny that the Lord would come back or that the world would come to an end at His coming. To scoff is to “mock or treat with derision.” The scoffers Peter spoke of would ridicule the very idea of such things happening as the Lord promised. They would laugh at it.

And this scorning of the Lord’s promise would result from a “uniformitarian” view of history: the view that history always continues uniformly. They would say that if a thing hasn’t happened after all these years, it’s not going to happen: “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” But one-of-a-kind events do take place sometimes, and Peter points to one of the most dramatic: the flood in Noah’s day. Those who scoff at the Lord’s coming make the same mistake that Noah’s neighbors made when they laughed at the improbability of the flood.

But mockery is hard to bear, so Peter prepared his readers for it. By the time 2 Peter was written, enough time had elapsed since the Lord’s ascension that many, even among the faithful, would have been wondering what was happening. “He promised that He would come back. Where is He?” they might have said. Two thousand years later, we need to hear Peter’s reassurance even more than they. “Beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness” (2 Peter 3:8,9). To forget the faithfulness of God is exceedingly foolish.

“God is the God of promise. He keeps His word, even when that seems impossible; even when the circumstances seem to point to the opposite” (Colin Urquhart).

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