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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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**Gerald Barr**  
 will be preaching today.

**We are on week # 33 of our daily Bible reading.**

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

**THIS MONTH:**  
 Courage in Action: Physical Courage

**Heb 11:32-38**

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

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 1 Cor. 11:23-26

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Mark 5:25-34  
 PM: Jonah 3: 1-10

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

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**Reminder!**

**Next Sunday, August 20th, Jacob Jordan, his wife, Jeanetta, and children, Lucas and Lily will be visiting with us. Jacob will be teaching the Bible class and preaching both Sunday services. He is looking to relocate from his current work with the Lyons Chapel church of Christ in Tompkinsville, KY and will be discussing this possibility with the elders.**

*A pitch-in lunch will follow the morning service at Jeff and Susan Hunt's home. Check with Susan regarding what food or drink items you should bring. Check with Jeff if transportation or directions needed.*



**The  
 Clarksville Beacon**

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Our Theme for 2023...  
**"Courageous Christians!"**  
 1 Cor. 16:13  
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**Faith's Touch**

**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 5:25-34**
- I. The frailties of life. Mark 5:25; Matthew 6:25-34
  - II. Looking for answers in all the wrong places. Mark 5:26
  - III. The plan of last resort. Mark 5:27
  - IV. Faith's Touch. Mark 5:28-29; Philippians 4:10-14
  - V. Jesus acknowledges her faith. Mark 5:30-34; Hebrews 11:1; Romans 10:17
- Hebrews 11:1
- Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

**Gerald Barr**

## The Great Sermon in Nineveh

Jonah 1:4

I. Jonah tried to flee God. Jonah 1

II. Jonah came to his senses. Jonah 2

III. Nineveh repents after hearing the great sermon from Jonah. Jonah 3

IV. Jonah is upset. Jonah 4

### Application:

We must obey God. Acts 5:29; John 3:35-36

We can't run from God. Jonah 1, John 1:1

GOD will provide for us. Matthew 6:33

Pray. Philippians 4:6

GOD's word is very powerful. Hebrews 4:12

GOD is very merciful. Ephesians 2:3-5

We must love everyone. Matthew 22:36-40

Hebrews 4:12

**For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

Gerald Barr

## What is the Obedience of Faith?

In the New Testament, the idea of "obedience" is clearly important. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). And faith, that critical element in the "righteousness of faith," is always presented as an active response to God rather than mere belief. "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:26).

In Romans 1:5 (and also 16:26), Paul wrote that the preaching of the gospel of Christ was "to bring about the obedience of faith." **What would obedience be if it was "of faith," and how would that be different from any other kind of obedience?** To start with, we should note that some translations of Romans 1:5 and 16:26 render the phrase "obedience TO the faith." If this is the correct rendering, the thought is certainly consistent with the teaching of the New Testament. The gospel, or "the faith," must be responded to; it must be obeyed (Romans 10:15,16). So, for example, we hear in Acts 6:7 that "a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith."

But most translations present Romans 1:5 as the ESV does: "the obedience OF faith." Taking it this way, the idea is that *our obedience has faith as its source*. In other words, what God desires from us is not a mechanical or ritualistic obedience, much less a grudging obedience or one that is hypocritical. The obedience of faith is a submission to God's will that springs from faith in God Himself. *We follow God's instructions because we trust Him.*

If we wish our response to the gospel to be a right response, it must take into account the *vital connection between faith and obedience*. Neither of these without the other is what God desires. Our **faith** must show up in obedience or it is not saving faith (Luke 6:46), and if our **obedience** is not "of faith," it is not pleasing to God either (Hebrews 11:6). Faith without obedience is useless, but so is obedience without faith. What's in our hearts and what's in our actions must match up.

The "obedience of faith" is a powerful expression in the New Testament. In contrast to much that is preached today, the obedience of faith is different in two directions. On the one hand, it is different from the "faith only" doctrine, which teaches that our response to the gospel doesn't require any obedience at all. But on the other hand, it is different from the view of those who suppose that as long as one does what God says, it doesn't matter why one does it. In the Scriptures, what God wants is not just faith but the OBEEDIENCE of faith — and what He wants is not just obedience but the obedience OF FAITH.

The "faith" required by the gospel is more than merely agreeing to the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. Believing this truth is certainly required (John 8:24; Romans 10:9,10; etc.), and we must not only believe it but be honest enough to confess it (John 12:42,43). Yet the faith that produces the "obedience of faith" goes deeper than the intellectual acceptance of the facts. It involves *trust* as well as belief.

In 2 Timothy 1:12, notice how Paul expressed his faith. After alluding to his persecutions and the prospect of being put to death by the Roman government, he said, "But I am not ashamed, *for I know whom I have believed*, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me" (2 Timothy 1:12). Paul certainly accepted the truths of the Christian faith, but he also trusted the God those truths were about. "I know *whom* I have believed," he said.

James Dobson colorfully distinguished trust from mere belief when he said, "Faith in God is like believing a man can walk over Niagara Falls on a tightrope while pushing a wheelbarrow. Trust in God is like getting into the wheelbarrow." This courageous willingness to "get in the wheelbarrow" is what produces the "obedience of faith," and it is at the very heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the Scriptures, Abraham is a good example of how genuine trust in God results in obedience. "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going" (Hebrews 11:8). Like all the other examples of faith in Hebrews 11, Abraham's actions were based on a confidence that God can always be trusted, even when from a human standpoint there seems to be no way God's promises can come to pass. Unlike mere belief, trust is willing to take risks.

Life frequently confronts us with situations that test our trust in God. It is in those circumstances that we often find out whether our faith is anything more than mere belief. Despite our motto "In God We Trust," we often don't trust Him very much, at least not when it really counts. So I recommend to you the definition of trust in God that I heard from Adam Litner, a friend of mine: "unwavering belief that God's way is always the right way, without exception . . . and that our lives will always be best lived when lived for His glory."

Where are you in regard to God's plan of salvation in Jesus Christ?

1. Do you **believe** the truth about Jesus enough to **trust** Him?
2. Would you have the courage to **confess** your faith openly?
3. Do you trust God enough to **repent** of your sins and turn away from the sinful habits that have been your security?
4. And are you willing to **be baptized** into Christ? Baptism is an act of trust, a placing of our faith in the promise of God to save us. It is in baptism that we are "raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead" (Colossians 2:12).

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**These are the initial steps by which we begin living in obedience to the gospel — giving to God the obedience of our faith.**

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