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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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**Gary Henry & Allen Morris**  
 will be preaching today.

**We are on week # 36 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: God's Triumph

**John 14:27**

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

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

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: 1 Pet. 1:13-17  
 PM: John 1: 35-42

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

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Our Theme for 2023...  
**"Courageous Christians!"**  
 1 Cor. 16:13  
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**Radical Respect for God**

**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: 1 Peter 1:13-17**  
**WE CANNOT BE INDIFFERENT TO GOD**  
 In a "secular" society most people will feel that religion simply does not matter — the average person will not take God into account as an active, practical concern.

**WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE GOD TO OURSELVES**  
 We may try to adjust or fit God to ourselves — to "domesticate" God, or "cut Him down to size." If we find God and His will intrusive on our "lifestyle" or an embarrassment before our friends, we may try to moderate them and make them convenient, respectable. Cf. **Mk. 8:34-38.**

**WE CANNOT CONFINE GOD TO ONE COMPARTMENT OF LIFE**  
 By its nature, the commitment we make to God is all-encompassing.  
 We cannot know what the full ramifications of our faith will turn out to be or how much sacrifice the Lord's service will end up requiring.  
 We sign a blank contract with God when we obey the gospel.

**WE CANNOT MOCK GOD**  
 Mock = "to treat with ridicule or contempt; deride" (AHD).  
 Children — if they know "Now don't do that" is an empty threat — will often do as they please with a contemptuous mockery toward their parents.  
 We can ill afford to take this disrespectful approach with God - **Gal. 6:7,8.**

**CONCLUSION**  
 Jesus sifted those who only wanted a superficial attachment to Him from those who wanted a serious involvement. Cf. **Lk. 9:57-62.**

**Gary Henry**

## Peter's Brother

Text: John 11: 35-42

### I. Andrew's Family

### II. His Name

### III. Andrew's Occupation

### IV. First Call to Andrew

### V. Who Did Andrew Call?

### VI. What we Learn from Andrew

### VII. Even if We are Not "Important" We Can Lead Others to Christ!

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*Allen Morris*

## When We Reach God's Goal

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

**IF WE ARE IN CHRIST, WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED.** Beginning with our initial obedience to the gospel and the forgiveness of our past sins, we are being renovated and rehabilitated. When we reach the place that Christ has gone to prepare for us (John 14:1-4), we will enjoy an absolutely perfect relationship with God forever. The damage of our sins will have been totally repaired, the flaws in our character removed, and even our innermost thoughts and motives completely conformed to our Father's holiness.

The apostle John envisioned the completion of this process of character growth when he said, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure" (1 John 3:2,3). What a glorious vision of what we can be! At present, however, we are still in "rehab." We ought to be powerfully pulled toward God by the vision of what we will be when the process is finished, but the fact is, we're not there yet. Paul put it in the present tense when he said that we "are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." As long as this life lasts, we'll always be works in progress.

But it is critically important to keep one thing in mind: *God will not be content until He has finished doing what He has begun to do with us.* Although His scheme of redemption obviously benefits us personally, the plan is primarily about God and His intention to redeem His creation from the ravages of sin. In Christ, He is transforming us into the sons and daughters that human beings were meant to be. He is, in effect, restoring our humanity to us.

Sin marred God's creation, taking creatures made in His image and defacing that image. As a result, we have never experienced what it is to be a human being — not fully and perfectly. At best, we have been stumbling along with lives that are only a faint echo of real life. But God does not plan to leave His masterpiece broken. In Christ, He proposes to bring us all the way back to life.

"The glory of God is man fully alive" (Irenaeus).

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