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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
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 Worship..... 6:00 PM

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Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023

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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James Hahn
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 4 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna's sis) Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson Beth McFarland, Pam Caudill Brooke Thomas, Cathie Hall Debbie Lewellen, Ronnie Kahl John Kelly (Rob's brother), Peter Hunt, Capps family Condolences to Metcalf family

THIS MONTH: Importance & Establishing
Matt. 28:18, Heb. 1:1,2

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
Matt. 26:17-29

Scripture Reading
 AM: Eph. 4:16
 PM: 1 John 3:1-3

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 4
 Invites last month: 8
 Visitors YTD:

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Our Theme for 2024...
"Respecting Bible Authority"
 Matt. 28:18
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Being Involved

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
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Text: Ephesians 4:16

Failure of all to be involved results in failure to accomplish all that could be accomplished and is a discouragement to those who are actively involved in the work of the Lord.

Why are many not involved?

False Views of Local Church

- View church as an agency that:
 - Hires someone to do my work
 - Preacher teaches; deacons serve; elders tend to wayward
 - Others attend and support financially
 - Exists to serve its members
 - Exists only when it assembles
 - Only "involvement" is in public assembly

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- ▶ Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ▶ Believe Jesus is Christ (Acts 8:37)
- ▶ Repent of your sins (Acts 17:30)
- ▶ Confess your faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32)
- ▶ Baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- ▶ Be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10)

Lack of Conversion

- Conversion involves change
 - Of heart; will and conduct
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - Romans 6:1-4
 - Of relationship
 - Servants – Romans 6:17,18
 - Children – Galatians 3:26,27

Lack of Individual Responsibility

- Some say, "I don't want to get involved"
 - Being a Christian is getting involved
 - Romans 6:16-18; Joshua 24:15
 - Involvement of every member a must
 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
 - Success of church depends on individuals
 - Dedication & commitment lacking in many

James Hahn

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHILD OF GOD

1 John 3:1-3

Becoming Such Referred To As:

- Birth – John 3:3-5
- Adoption – Ephesians 1:5
- This is not a lesson on **BECOMING**, but on **BEING** a child of God

God Is My Father

- 2 Corinthians 6:17,18
- Matthew 6:25-33
 - Cares for
 - Provides for
 - Protects

House of God is My House

- 1 Timothy 3:15
 - “house” means “household” or “family”
- Luke 2:49
 - “business” (KJV)
 - “Father’s house” (ASV)
- Church is “our” Father’s house (“business”)

Are You A Child of God?

- You **SHOULD** Be!
- You **CAN** Be!

One sense in which all are children of God:

- By origin – Acts 17:28,29
 - We’re talking about what we **ARE**, not where we came from
- Use of word “children”
 - 1 John 3:10

All His children are my brothers

- Care for and watch for each other
 - May involve rebuke
 - Be “brother’s keeper”
 - Need to allow brothers to help

Heaven is My Inheritance

- Romans 8:15-17
- 1 Peter 1:3,4
 - If we want inheritance we must live as child in this life
- 1 John 3:2 – We can’t really describe or know what we shall be or receive
 - Revelation 21:18 – “city was pure gold, like unto clear glass”

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Hahn**

We should study the Bible every day

Most of us recognize the need for regular Bible study. Our spiritual health requires regular nourishment from God’s word. But in our private lives we often do not study as regularly as we should. This week, let’s remind ourselves that we should study the Bible every day.

It is easy to overestimate how well we know the Bible. Many of us have heard the Bible preached and taught all our lives. Certain phrases, passages, and stories are so familiar they are second nature to us. But the familiarity with which we recognize certain things as being from the Bible is not the same thing as an actual working knowledge of the Bible itself. No matter how familiar the sound of certain things is to us, if we are not able to use the Bible daily in the ways God wants us to use it, then we need to study it more.

Paul spoke about “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15 NKJV). “Rightly dividing” means more than correctly distinguishing the Old Testament from the New. It means being able to use the Scriptures accurately and skillfully to meet the needs of real life. The Bible is not a museum relic to be put on a shelf and admired. It is a working utensil meant to be used every day. Time spent each day developing our working knowledge of God’s truth is time very well spent.

High-quality study of the Bible is as pleasurable as it is profitable. Just as a hungry person relishes good food, the person who deeply feels his need for God — that is, the person who hungers and thirsts for righteousness (Mt. 5:6) — finds meditation on the word of God deeply satisfying. To the one who loves God deeply, the precepts of God are more to be desired than “gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb” (Psa. 19:10). The Scriptures are not only for “reviving the soul” (Psa. 19:7), but they are for “rejoicing the heart” (Psa. 19:8).

Life is rough. The negative pressures on our spiritual lives are heavy almost beyond our ability to bear. We need the Bible — and we need to see our need for the Bible! In our families, there is no greater work than helping our children form strong habits of daily Bible study. They will not be likely to develop those habits, however, if they do not see their fathers and mothers engaged in the work of digesting the Scriptures. This week, let’s make it our aim to study the Bible more, recognizing not only the importance but the blessing of doing so. Bible study is good for us.

Gary Henry