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**Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023**

**GOALS FOR 2024**  
**Theme**  
**“Respecting Bible Authority!”**

- Giving:** Meet Our Yearly Budget
- Invitations:** 130
- Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading
- Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer
- Every Member Committed To Each Assembly
- Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
- Hold A Men’s Training Class
- Hold A Gospel Meeting
- Converting 10 People Per Month

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Luke Capps  
 will be preaching today.

**We are on week # 43 of our daily Bible reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Paige and Elaine Capps, Luann Metcalf is still recovering, Ivan Rochner, Sharon Thompson, Peter Hunt, Mary McAfee, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna’s sis), Pam Caudill, Brooke Thomas, Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewelle, Jimmy Wilson

**THEME THIS MONTH: Authority in the World (Our Jobs/Occupation)**  
 Ephesians 6:5-9; Hebrews 10:24-29

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

**Lord’s Supper Reading**  
**1 Corinthians 10:16-21**

**Scripture Reading**  
**AM: Acts 2:41-47**  
**PM: Psalm 51:16-17**

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month  
 Invites last month: 18  
 Visitors YTD:

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Our Theme for 2024...  
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**Expectations of Church Members**

Acts 2:41-47

**I. The Responsibility of the Congregation**

- A. Consider who comes “among us” (Acts 9:26-27; 18:27).**
- B. Reject those who disobeyed Christ (Acts 20:28-30; 2 Jn. 9-11).**
- C. Accept those who obey Christ (Acts 15:6-11; 3 Jn. 10).**

**II. The Responsibility of the Member**

- A. There are many reasons why people don’t want to become a member — none are acceptable.**
- B. When one becomes a member of a local church, such a one is promising:**
  - (1) To assemble — Acts 2:41-47**
  - (2) To be of the same mind — Phil. 2:1-2; cf. Rom. 12:16; 15:5-6**
  - (3) To engage in the work — Acts 2:46; 6:3-6; 1 Tim. 3:15**

**Luke Capps**

**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, 1 Pet. 4:11.

**VISITORS**  
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# A Broken Spirit

Psalm 51

## I. Sin Is Worse Than A Trivial Wrong

**A. Sin hurts many people, but it hurts God the most (Ps. 51:4).**

**B. Receiving mercy doesn't mean there will be no consequences at all (2 Sam. 12:9-15).**

**C. In the eyes of God, sin is never "small" (Ps. 51:1, 16-17).**

## II. Sin Does More Damage Than We Realize

**A. Sin does serious damage to our hearts, so what it takes to remedy that is...**

(1) A painful washing (Ps. 51:2, 7; cf. Lev. 13:6, 34, 54-56).

(2) A painful process — it's not easy (Ps. 51:2, 7; cf. Jer. 2:22).

## III. So, Are We Willing To Do What's Necessary?

**A. If we are not willing to do the (admittedly) difficult and uncomfortable things to be made right in God's sight again, then we will not be saved by Him.**

**Luke Capps**

**Last Weeks' Answer:** Nicodemus

*Good job: Linda Kelly, Elbert Metcalf, Steve Nale, Marilyn Morris*

(Submit your answers before the next bulletin is published revealing the answer)

### WHO AM I IN THE BIBLE?

- My real name is Joseph but I have a nickname that I am more known by
- I am a Levite
- I was a preacher of the Gospel

# Spiritual Food for Spiritual Thought Defeating Compromise

Some years back as a young married man with, at the time, two small children, I made a decision altering my life, to attend a church of Christ. After several more "visits" and a few home Bible studies, I was baptized.

At the time of my baptism, I was an active member of the Church of the Nazarene. I was a "Sunday School" teacher, active in the Nazarene Young People's Society (NYPS); involved in youth ministries and a member of the choir. Upon my obedience to the gospel, I severed my association with the Church of the Nazarene because I had become convinced that I was believing, teaching and practicing error.

Hearing sermons, reading religious articles, attending Bible studies and especially reading my Bible I concluded that I must believe, teach and practice Truth (Jn. 8:31-32).

Also as a novice Christian I soon learned the warning issued by the apostle John in 2 Jn. 9-11. **Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.**

Concluding that many things I formally believed to be true were in-fact false meant I had to rearrange my belief system and actions. At this point in my spiritual life I firmly believed some things were wrong and some things were right. Those firmly held beliefs were not unique with me, but brethren commonly united upon what was right and what was wrong. That was then, this is now.

Today, if I were an active member in the Church of the Nazarene and visited some "churches of Christ" I might not learn that a change was needed in my life. Today, instead of portraying the church as **the pillar and ground of the truth**, (1 Tim. 3:15), many are working diligently to present the church as tolerant to a diverse array of religious thoughts and practices. Some churches have become repositories of false beliefs. Consequently, some local churches of Christ are becoming no different from many denominations.

To illustrate this let me invite you to read a paragraph I lifted from an article written by some "gospel preachers" about grace. They claimed not to be "ecumenical" (willing to accept anything and everyone). However, their writing contradicts their claim: *"There are truths that are not subject to compromise. The first level core gospel issues (Eph. 4:5), are simply non-negotiable. Theories on Premillennialism, apostasy, miracles, discipleship - (dancing, drinking, etc.) and church government (name of the church, eldership) are not salvation issues... Our salvation is not based on the decisions of the church, it is between you and God (or God and I). My salvation is not in question due to the actions of others, or the actions or decisions of members who worship where I do."*

According to this article, the only things *non-negotiable* in all the Bible are listed in Eph. 4:5, **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**. Seems to me God wasted a lot of time and effort including a lot of insignificant teaching. So long as one believes in these core elements of **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**, then anything else one believes, teaches or practices are *not salvation issues*.

Therefore, if a church becomes premillennial, uses instruments of music, has a choir, has a basketball team, selects women elders, serves coffee at the Lord's Supper, provides dancing for its members and serves alcoholic beverages to its "mature" adults and is called the "All Saints Church," it is still in fellowship with Christ. That is precisely what this quote is advocating. So, I raise this question. If I were in the Nazarene Church today, and I came into an assembly where the above was being championed, or where things were being said that accommodated these conclusions. What would prompt me to make a change?

Some might believe that the best thing we can do to reach the world is to — in the words of politicians — "broaden our tent." This is simply a lie spun by the devil. Satan is determined to remake the church to reflect the world. Local churches, local elderships and gospel preachers and **you** better gird up for battle. There is a fight underway for the "life" of the church. Some are bent on ripping it from the parameters of truth and planting it squarely in the midst of denominationalism. Each believer must enter this spiritual warfare. There can be no bystanders.

Paul wrote in 2 Tim. 4:2-4, **Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.**

We must defeat the godless attitude of compromise.

**J.R. Bronger**