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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 # 41 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**  
 Acts 2:22-36

**Scripture Reading**  
**AM:** Genesis 4:1-12  
**PM:** Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month 13  
 Invites last month: 12  
 Visitors YTD:

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Our Theme for 2024...  
**“Respecting Bible Authority”**  
 Matt. 28:18  
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**Sin Is Crouching At The Door**

Genesis 4:7

**I. You Must Master Over It**

- A. This is a commandment God gives to His creation (Gen. 4:7).**
- B. Yet, there are many who claim we have no choice in the matter and that we are inherently sinful by nature (Deut. 30:11-4; 2 Chron. 20:6; Ps. 103:19).**
- C. But God definitively states that we are not inherently sinful and therefore have the choice to be better (Jas. 1:13-15).**

**II. It’s Desire Is For You...**

- A....To succumb to spiritual fatigue (Prov. 5:3; cf. Judges 16:26).**
- B. ... To be deceived (2 Cor. 11:3).**
- C. ... To be damned (1 Pet. 5:8; cf. Prov. 5:3-6).**

**III. How Do I Master Over It?**

- A. Eradicate temptation to the best of your ability (Mt. 5:29-30).**
- B. Don’t entertain sin (Prov. 7:24-27).**
- C. Flee from sin—whatever its form (1 Cor. 6:18).**
- D. Draw nearer to God (Jas. 4:7-8).**

**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**  
 Please fill out a visitor’s card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



## The Conclusion...

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

### I. Solomon: The Best Test Subject

- A. Solomon puts life “under the sun” to the test (Ecc. 1:1, 12-14).
- B. Being the king of Israel at its national, political and financial peak, he is the only person who could put this to the test.
- C. Being the wisest man to ever live (besides Jesus), no one could possibly do this better than he or find better answers (Ecc. 2:9-12).

### II. Put To The Test

- A. Education (Ecc. 2:12-16, 26; 8:16-17).
- B. Materialism—”stuff/toys” (Ecc. 2:17-23; 5:16-17).
- C. Pleasure/Hedonism (Ecc. 2:3-8, 11).
- D. A God-less existence (Ecc. 8:8-13).
- E. A God-less beginning (Ecc. 11:9-12:1).

**Luke Capps**

**Last Weeks' Answer:** Sarah

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

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

### WHO AM I IN THE BIBLE?

- I am a Roman
- I am a tax-collector
- I left my citizenship and job behind for Jesus

## Spiritual Food for Spiritual Thought Fellowship Illustrated (Acts 11)

The eleventh chapter of Acts offers a unique look at different aspects of fellowship. The first part of the chapter primarily consists of Peter's explanation and justification of the conversion of Cornelius in Acts 10. Peter's report shows us that fellowship is available to everyone who would repent and turn to Jesus. At its core, fellowship is about enjoying salvation. However, the significance of biblical fellowship in the lives of Christians goes far beyond sharing a saved spiritual condition. The last part of Acts 11 illustrates for us how our fellowship ought to manifest itself in our daily lives.

Fellowship thrives on encouragement. When the Christians in Jerusalem heard about the new converts in Antioch, they sent Barnabas (the “Son of Encouragement,” [Acts 4:36](#)), to “encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;” ([Acts 11:23](#)). In the world we live in, Christians need constant encouragement to continue living faithfully. Temptations abound. Often times, the encouragement of a brother or sister in Christ makes all the difference.

We are also told that Barnabas “rejoiced” at the opportunity to encourage the Christians in Antioch when he saw their faith (v. 23). It's hard to be an encourager with a bad attitude. People like Barnabas don't just sit around waiting for an opportunity to encourage someone. Rather, they go out of their way to encourage those with whom they are in fellowship. [Hebrews 10:24-25](#) tells Christians, “let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” It takes intentionality and a good attitude to be a good encourager. The better we are at encouraging one another, the stronger our bonds of fellowship will be.

Fellowship also involves sharing. [Acts 11:28](#) tells of a prophet named Agabus who foretells of an upcoming famine. Look at the Christians' response in [Acts 11:29](#), “And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.” When we are in fellowship, your burdens become my burdens, and my blessings become your blessings. Those who were blessed with the ability to help took on the burden of those less fortunate. Those burdened with a scarcity of resources were blessed by those who were able to contribute. This is what happens when Christians are in fellowship with one another.

While fellowship starts with sharing our mutual faith in Jesus Christ and being in a saved spiritual condition, genuine fellowship is demonstrated in more tangible ways. Christians share the highs and lows of life together. [Romans 12:15](#) says “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” Such emotional responses must extend beyond the pew. Consider what Paul wrote in [II Corinthians 1:3-4](#) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in an affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” Such fellowship is only possible with deep, personal relationships. These shared blessings and burdens of life are demonstrations of humble hearts that put the interests of those in their church family ahead of their own ([Philippians 2:4](#)).

It's amazing to see the work of the Lord in the hearts and lives of His people. He has left us with a glorious church that shares the wonderful blessing of fellowship. The New Testament offers us some beautiful illustrations of fellowship enjoyed by the Christians in the first century. If we would just follow their example, and serve the Lord “with resolute heart” ([Acts 11:23](#)), then we, too, would provide an illustration of fellowship for others to follow.

**Dustin Russell**