### **Clarksville Church of Christ**

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### Sundays

Bible Study	9:30	ΑM
Worship	10:30	ΑM
Worship	6:00	РМ

### Wednesdays

Bible Study......7:30 PM

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### Goals For 2017

**Theme** Sowing The Seed <u>Attendance</u> Sunday Bible Study: 40 Sunday AM: 50 Sunday PM: 40 Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 100

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In Home Bible Study

Bible Classes For All Ages

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We are now in the 40th week of our Bible Reading.

### **Prayer List**

Harry & Martha Croninger Sharon Nale Les & Novema Dunn Mary McAfee Jean Hume (Anita's Sister) Betty Adams (Don's Sister) Shirley Mitchel (Don's Sister) Debby Spears (Roseann's sis) Sharon Thompson Sandra Anderson (Brian's Mom) Allen Morris—Surgery The Maudlin Family (Death of Mark's Father, Jerry Maudlin)

### Lord's Supper Reading Rom. 5:6-10

### **Scripture Reading**

AM: Jeremiah 51:15 PM: Heb. 12:1-3

### **Encouragement Tally**

Invites this month: 1 Invites last month: 100 Visitors YTD: 33

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### In His Own Way

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 every-

thing that we do may bring glory unto God, I

Pet. 4:11.

Read Jer. 51:15. God has always demanded things in His ownway. This has given rise to such lyrics in song of #175 "The Breaking of Bread," in the second verse. Let's look at this concept this morning.

### I. A Scriptural Concept

Jer. 51:15, Ps 143:10, Mt 7:21, Eph. 5:17

### II. The Lord's Supper

I Cor. 11:23-26, Mt 26:26-29, Acts 20:7

### III. God's Will About Salvation

Mk 16:16, Acts 2:38; 22:16, I Pet. 3:21, Js 2:24

### IV. God's Will About Baptism As Immersion

Rom. 6:3-4, Col. 2:12

### V. The Subject of Bible Baptism

Mk 16:16, Acts 2:38; 8:36-37, Rom. 10:10

### VI. God's Will About Music In Assembly

Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16, Ps 81:1-4, 2 Chron. 29:25

### VII. God's Will About Giving

I Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 9:7

### VIII. God's Will About Fellowship Halls

I Cor. 11:22, 34

### IX. God's Will Regarding The New Testament Scripture

Mk 16:15, Rom. 1:16, 2 Tim. 4:2, 2 Tim. 3:16ff, Eph. 3:3-5, 2 Pet. 1:3, Jude 3

# We Love The Souls of Everyone

"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3–4).

Because we love the souls of men and want them to go to heaven, we preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul knew this burden and said, "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:14–16).

Because we love the souls of men, we are not afraid to speak out against sin. We know that passions of the flesh "wage war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11).

Because we love the souls of men, we preach the need to follow Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. "No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Because we love the souls of men, we point people to what is best. The Lord Jesus came to bring us an abundant life (John 10:10). His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30). He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He is "our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). We can do no better than to preach Jesus and Him crucified to every soul in every place who will hear.

-Phil Sanders

## Faith

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Heb 11:1-6 (ESV)

The common, secular, explanation for the existence of the world is that the universe is billions of years old and that all that exists came into existence through natural processes.

Sadly, some in the church have attempted to accommodate this godless outlook by twisting Scripture to allow for the "days" described in Genesis to not be "days" but something other than what the text describes.

In contrast to this secular approach which is borne of disbelief, the Bible calls us to understand, through faith, "that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

Faith is essential to our spiritual lives, for "without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Heb. 11:6

Believing God requires a commitment that whatever Scripture says — about baptism, about marriage, or about the creation of the world — is exactly true. We must not find ourselves in the position of second guessing God.

The Lord, in His grace, has provided us all spiritual guidance we need through the work of the apostles and prophets — ultimately providing His complete revelation in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian requires an attitude of repentance, placing God's truth as the guiding principle of our lives. Following the teachings of Scripture, we can be sure of pleasing God and of being the people He wants us to be.

-Gregory Alan Tidwel