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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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**Goals For 2017**

Theme  
 Sowing The Seed

Attendance  
 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 38th 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)  
 Jerry Maudlin (Mark's Dad)  
 Allen Morris

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
**Heb. 9:22-28**

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: I Cor. 14:22-25  
 PM: I Tim. 3:15-16

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 20  
 Invites last month: 104  
 Visitors YTD: 33

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**God Is Among You**

**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.

**Read I Cor. 14:25.** When someone comes into our assembly, can they tell that God is among us? Let's take a look at some ways that they will know this assuredly.

**I. Interest and Respect In God's Words**

Jn 8:47;6:68, I Thes. 2:13, Mk 8:38, I Pet. 2:2, Js 1:21  
 2 Tim. 3:16ff, Jn 12:48, Acts 17:11

**II. Worship In Spirit and Truth**

Jn 4:24, I Cor. 14:40, Jn 17:17, I Cor. 16:1-2  
 I Cor. 11:23ff, Acts 20:7, I Tim. 2:8, Eph. 5:19

**III. How We Treat Our Visitors**

Heb. 13:2, I Pet. 2:7, Mt 7:12, Js 2:1-4

**IV. How We Treat One Another**

Jn 13:34-35, Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13, Gal. 6:10; 5:15

**V. How Our Families Behave**

Eph. 5:22, 25-28, I Pet. 3:7, Titus 2:4, Eph. 6:1-3

**VI. When We Obey the Commands of God**

Jn 14:23, I Cor. 11:2, Acts 16:2, Mt 28:19-20, Jn 14:15  
 I Tim. 4:12

## Two Men Seek Faith

Two men seek faith. The first man's approach is to try to find solutions to all the problems. He has delved deeply into the difficult questions relating to the Genesis account of creation. He has read volumes on the flood. He finds the story of Jonah particularly challenging. He relies heavily on archaeology and secular history for confirmation of his solutions. He believes because he is satisfied with his own answers to the problems of faith.

The second man's approach centers upon Jesus Christ. He too has had to consider evidences and struggle with certain problems, but he is fully persuaded that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and has confessed that he believes that fact with all his heart. Believing in Jesus as the infallible Son of God, he does not question anything Jesus believed, anything Jesus said, or anything Jesus authorized to be said.

He, too, wondered about the Genesis account of creation, but his questions ceased when he read the words of Jesus: "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" (Matt. 19:4,5). If Jesus' stamp of approval was on the creation story, that was good enough for him. He didn't have the solution to all the problems, but he believed because Jesus believed it, and he believed in Jesus.

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His faith in other Old Testament accounts was similarly established. He found Jesus' stamp of approval on the flood (Matthew 24:37-39) and the story of Jonah (Matt. 12:40), and, in fact, on all the Old Testament record in one sweeping statement recorded in Luke 24:44: "And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. "

Since the New Testament contains what Jesus said combined with what He authorized to be said, he had no trouble believing the New Testament. His faith in the whole Bible simply rests upon his faith in Christ as the in-fallible Son of God. He too finds the study of the problems of faith intriguing and challenging, but his own personal faith is not dependent on finding solutions to all the problems.

The first man's faith stands on shaky ground, for it is founded on human wisdom. Should some later archaeological discovery or other bit of evidence not now known prove his solutions to be false, the very foundation of his faith would be gone. He would have to seek new solutions or lose his faith entirely.

The second man's faith may not appeal to the highly sophisticated, but it is founded on the rock - on the One who is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8).

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom 10:17)