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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
 Worship.....10:30 AM
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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 45th 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 recovery
 Nale's Traveling

Lord's Supper Reading
 Matt 26:26-29

Scripture Reading
 AM: Eccl. 1
 PM: I Cor. 10:12-13

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 2
 Invites last month: 100
 Visitors YTD: 39

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Ecclesiastes 1 (Vanities)

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 Eccl. 1. Solomon said that all was vanity "under the sun." Let's take a look at the vanities of the world.

I. Worldly Pursuits
 Eccl. 1:2-3, 14, Mk 8:36, I Jn 2:15ff, Lk 12:15, Mt 6:19-21

II. The Things of This World Do Not Satisfy
 Eccl. 1:5-8; 5:10, Prov. 23:29-35, I Tim. 6:6

III. Dangers of Searching For New Things
 Eccl. 1:9-10, I Cor. 7:17, Gal. 1:8-9, I Tim. 4:6, II Pet. 1:12, Jer 6:16

IV. No Remembrance
 Eccl. 1:11, III Jn 9, Phil 2:3, Gal. 6:3, I Pet. 5:6, I Cor. 11:26

V. This Life Is A Test From God
 Rom. 8:20-25, Acts 17:25-27, Mt 11:28, I Tim. 2:3-4, 2 Pet. 3:9
 Ps 119:71, Eph. 1:7, .Acts 17:31, 2 Cor. 5:10

VI. This World Is Cursed
 Eccl. 1:15, Gen 1:31, Gen. 3:17-19

VII. Folly of Man/Terribleness of Sin
 Eccl 1:15, Gen. 2:16-17; 3:16, Is 55:8-9, Prov. 14:12
 Jer 10:23, Mt 4:4, I Pet. 2:2, Prov. 13:15, Rom. 6:23

Preaching the “Noes”

The story is told of a congregation that had long been known for teaching the truth. However, this congregation got a new preacher, and within a couple of years had descended into total and fatal error. The previous preacher had been there for three decades, and the faithful respected him for preaching nothing but the truth. Everybody wondered, “What happened?”, “How did this happen?” One person, who knew the congregation well, explained it this way: “The previous preacher told them the truth all those years. What he didn’t tell them was what wasn’t the truth.” By not being warned against specific error, the congregation was left an essentially untaught congregation, and an easy target for a change agent seeking to take over a church.

This story has unfortunately been repeated countless times with slight variations. Elders have demanded the truth be taught from their pulpits, at the same time telling preachers, “Don’t preach against that error—it’s not a problem here.” So when that problem finally arrives, no one is prepared for it. “Conservative” congregations are too often what one writer described, “Conservative in an ignorant, non-polemic, sweetness-and-light kind of way, which is just meat for the wolves.”

“No” is not a very popular thing to say, and not a pleasant thing to hear. In today’s pluralistic “no one way is better than another” mind-set, even people who nod their head aggressively to the firm “yesses” of the Gospel cringe whenever they hear the “noes.”

Preaching the “Noes”

The negative plays a crucial role in preaching. Two-thirds of the Lord’s commission to Jeremiah was negative (Jer. 1:10). Gospel preachers are charged to “reprove, rebuke, exhort,” again, two-thirds negative (2 Tim. 4:2). Faithful Gospel preachers preach the “noes.”

A common compliment given preachers is, “I’ve never heard him preach error.” But has he addressed the marriage, divorce, and remarriage issues that ensnare so many brethren today? Has he preached against “social” drinking and immodest attire? Has he preached against liberalism? Has he addressed any of the fellowship issues the church faces today?

One cannot preach the truth without preaching against error. One cannot live righteously without being warned against sin. A congregation cannot long remain faithful without deliberately avoiding the missteps of the faithless.

Let us never be afraid or ashamed to preach God’s “noes.”