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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
 Worship.....10:30 AM
 Worship.....6:00 PM

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Goals For 2021
Theme
 A Church with a Mind to Work
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Brian Anderson will be preaching today.

We are now in week #43 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin's father
 Pam Caudill
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas
 Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewellen
 Roseanne Denison, Mark Maudlin

Benevolence: Ps. 112:9, Prov. 14:31, Acts 11:29

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 I Cor. 11:23-28

Scripture Reading
 AM: Matt. 5:13-16
 PM: Jn. 17:1-12

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 8
 Visitors YTD: 14

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Salt of the World

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.

Intro: Our theme is a church with a mind to work. This month we're looking at Benevolence. Benevolence is defined as "The disposition to do good; good will; kindness; charitableness, An act of kindness; a good done; charity given." We are described as "Salt." Let's see how our acts can influence the world.

- I. Salt Is A Preservative**
 I Cor. 12:12, 24, Rom 14:19, Eph. 4:16
 Heb. 10:24; 3:13
- II. Salt Is an Antiseptic**
 I Cor. 12:25-26, 2 Cor. 1:3-4, Prov. 25:11
 Prov. 16:24, I Cor. 15:33
- III. Salt is An Additive For Good**
 Phil. 1:3-4, I Thes. 2:20, I Cor. 16:7-8
- IV. Salt Is A Chemical To Induce Thirst**
 I Pet. 3:1-2, Phil. 3:1; 4:4, Jn 14:27
 Jn 16:33, Phil. 4:7
- V. Salt Is an Irritant**
 I Jn 3:12, Mt 5:10-12, I Pet. 2:11-12
 Jn 15:18-20, I Pet. 4:4, 2 Tim. 3:12

Make Your Life Benevolent

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I. We Need To Make _____ Known

Jn 17:6, Rom. 8:29, I Jn 2:6

II. Treat _____ Like They Are A Gift

Jn 17:6, 2, 9, 11-12, Ps 127:3ff
Prov. 18:22, Phil 1:3, Eph. 4:32

III. _____ Them You Are A Steward

Jn 17:7, Js 1:17, I Cor. 4:7, 2
I Tim. 6:7, Eph. 4:28

IV. Give _____ To Those Around

Jn 17:8, 2 Tim. 2:15, Eph. 6:4,
I Pet 4:11, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Deut 4:2 Prov. 30:6, Gal. 1:8-9, Rev. 22:18ff
II Pet. 1:3

V. _____ For Them

John 17:9 Col. 1:3, 2 Tim. 1:3
Col. 4:3

The Case of Macedonia and Achaia

Macedonia and Achaia

Paul gave instructions to the church at Corinth "concerning the collection for the saints" (I Corinthians 16:1-4). The same teaching had been given already to the churches of Galatia. The manner of raising the collection was by each one's giving as prospered on the first day of the week. The recipients were to be the saints at Jerusalem.

How was the collection to be delivered? "... Whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality to Jerusalem." The church would select its own messengers, or messenger, to bear its gift. If it seemed suitable, Paul would go also.

Later, in another letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminded them of the collection for the saints (II Corinthians 8; 9), and urged them to give liberally. He used the churches of Macedonia as an example to stir them to action. Although in deep poverty, the Macedonian churches had shown rich liberality. Paul's incentives for generous giving set forth principles that all Christians need in our time.

Another reference to this collection for the needy saints at Jerusalem is found in Paul's letter to the Romans. "But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem" (Romans 15:25, 26). These churches were made up mostly of Gentiles. It was fitting that they help their Jewish brethren in Jerusalem. "For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things." Such sharing would help to cement better relations between Jews and Gentiles in the body of Christ.

No effort was made in the apostolic age to form a Christian Benevolent Society through which churches could funnel their relief to the poor saints in Jerusalem. No congregation acted as a "sponsoring church" or centralized agency through which many churches could relieve the distressed. There were no church auxiliaries, such as Dorcas Clubs, Ladies' Aid Societies, or Mite Societies. The congregations were autonomous. Each local church did its own work in benevolence. When another congregation was given assistance, it was because there was a genuine need. This plan of operation is scriptural, practical, and designed to bring honor to God.